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Protecting the Mountain Aquifer Symposium

17th December, 16:00-19:00
Ofar Hall, School of Economics
Building, Tel Aviv University
Entrance from gate 4



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The Mountain Aquifer is the largest and best quality source of water between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

Israelis and Palestinians share its waters. The aquifer is under threat of pollution, primarily from large quantities of untreated sewage.

This important meeting aims to identify ways to better protect this valuable resource. The meeting will bring together government officials, representatives of donor countries, academics and NGO's, who share the interest of protecting the Mountain Aquifer.



15:30 Registration

16:00 **Opening**

Prof. Shimon Yankielowicz, Rector, Tel Aviv University
Prof. Zev Levin, Head, Porter School of Environmental Studies

Greetings:

Dr. Yosef Dreizin, Director Planning Division, Water Commission

H.E. Lawrence J. Gumbiner, Attache Environment, Science, Technology & Health, U.S Embassy to Israel

H. E. von Wittke, Commercial Attach, Embassy of German Federal Republic to Israel (Invited)

Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East

16:30 **Threats facing the Mountain Aquifer**

Moderator: Dr. Arie Neshet, Professional Director of the Porter School of Environmental Studies, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Nurit Kliot, Haifa University, - Transboundary Sewage Pollution

Dr. Yeshayahu Bar-Or, Israel Ministry of the Environment, - Impact of Transboundary Sewage on Israel's Rivers and Streams

Prof. Gedeon Dagan, Tel-Aviv University Salinization Processes in the Western Mountain Aquifer (Yarkon - Taninim)

Prof. Akiva Flexer, The Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel-Aviv University, The Anatomy of the Mountain Aquifer - Anthropogenic Pollution and Natural Salination - Quo Vadis?

Coffee Break

18:00 **Panel: The Way Ahead**

Moderator: Gidon Bromberg, Friends of the Earth Middle East

Zach Tagar, Friends of the Earth Middle East, Findings and Recommendations of Mountain Aquifer Pollution Report

Dr. Yosef Dreizin, Director Planning Division, Water Commission

Larry Garber, Director, USAID West Bank Gaza Mission

H. E. von Wittke, Commercial Attach, Embassy of German Federal Republic to Israel (Invited)

Maj. Gen. Yossef Mishlav, Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (Invited)

Yaakov Keidar, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

By Invitation Only.

Seating is limited. Pre-Registration is a must.