

# Program

European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

## A Climate of Peace: Can a Green Blue Deal unite the Middle East to tackle the climate crisis?

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

04:00-05:30 p.m. (CET)

Online-Event

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In December 2020, EcoPeace Middle East, the only transnational organisation that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists, launched its report "The Green Blue Deal for the Middle East". The report not only offers a practical, feasible and effective policy approach to an urgent challenge in one of the world's most water-scarce areas. Further, it proposes a framework of interdependencies in the Middle East to utilize climate change as an opportunity for creating cooperation in the region. EcoPeace's policy strategies do not only contribute to resource security, sustainable regional development and cooperation in the Middle East, but also include a security policy dimension in the conflict-laden region.

The question of equitable water supply is an integral part of peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. The climate crisis, and particular the need for action on water is a unique window of opportunity to bring all parties to the negotiation table. In addition to the joint efforts in the region, cooperation goes beyond regions and states. The European Green Deal's external action will have a decisive impact on global climate policy. One year after the launch of Europe's Green Deal, many questions remain open: How can the European Union meet its aspiration to be a global leader in climate action and how can the Green Deal diplomacy contribute to the global effort to stop climate change? How can the EU promote integrated climate change adaptation and peacebuilding measures?

The European Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and EcoPeace Middle East invite you to the presentation of the Green Blue Deal in the Middle East as an unofficial event in the framework of the COP26, currently taking place in Glasgow. We will have an ensuing discussion and try to figure out how to better align EU foreign policy with goals of the Green Blue Deal in the Middle East. How can the Middle East be supported in developing and implementing this ambitious strategy? We are delighted to welcome **Yana Abu Taleb**, Jordanian Director, EcoPeace Middle East, **Gidon Bromberg**, Israeli Director, EcoPeace Middle, and **Nada Majdalani**, Palestinian Director, EcoPeace Middle East. In the beginning, we envisage to present EcoPeace's report on a "Green Blue Deal for the Middle East". In a second step, we will hear high level remarks from the Region by **Dr. Shaddad Atilli**, Advisor ranking Minister at the Negotiations Support Department – PLO as well as Former Water minister and by **Prof. Alon Tal**, Israeli Member of Knesset. Then, we will learn about the European Perspective from **Andrea Carignani di Novoli**, Minister Counsellor, Head of Research & Innovation Section at the Delegation of the EU to the State of Israel. The Online-Event taking place on **Thursday, 10th November 2021 from 04:00-05:30 p.m. (CET)** will be moderated by **Yana Abu Taleb** and **Nada Majdalani**.

We are looking forward to your participation, interesting remarks and fruitful discussions.

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- 16:00 – 16:05 h      **Opening remarks**
- Dr. Hardy Ostry**  
Head of office of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Brussels
- Yana Abu Taleb**  
Jordanian Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- 16:05 - 16:20 h      **Presentation – EcoPeace’s Report on a Green-Blue-Deal for the Middle East**
- Gidon Bromberg**  
Israeli Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- 16:20-16:50 h      **High Level Remarks from the Region**
- Moderated by **Yana Abu Taleb**  
Jordanian Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- Dr. Shaddad Atili**  
Advisor ranking Minister at the Negotiations Support Department - PLO /  
Former Water Minister
- Prof. Alon Tal**  
Israeli Member of Knesset
- 16:50-17:20 h      **The European Perspective**
- Moderated by **Nada Majdalani**  
Palestine Director EcoPeace
- Andrea Carignani di Novoli**  
Head of Research & Innovation Section at the EU Delegation to Israel
- 17:20-17:30 h      **Closing remarks**
- Dr. Hardy Ostry**  
Head of office of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Brussels
- Nada Majdalani**  
Palestinian Director, EcoPeace Middle East