



**The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Israel and the Moshe Dayan Center (MDC) for Middle Eastern and African Studies**

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# Hiwar

A KAS-MDC Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue

## “ISRAEL AND JORDAN: A NEW BEGINNING?”

WITH **CLIVE LIPCHIN** (Israel)

Director of Arava Institute’s Center for Transboundary Water Management, CEO of Laguna Innovation

**YANA ABU TALEB** (Jordan)  
Jordanian Director of EcoPeace Middle East

**GHAITH AL-OMARI** (U.S.)  
Senior Fellow, The Washington Institute

Moderator: **NIR BOMS**

**MONDAY, 09 MAY 2022**  
**16:00 - 17:30 (ISRAEL STANDARD TIME)**  
**9:00 - 10:30 (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)**

**PROGRAM:**  
This meeting will be conducted in English.

16:00-16:05	Opening remarks and brief introduction from Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and Moshe Dayan Center Hiwar staff
16:05-16:10	Dr. Nir Boms introduces discussion and speakers.
16:10-16:50	Discussion between moderator and speakers.
16:50-17:30	Q&A from audience to speakers.

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\*This event is being held under the [Chatham House Rule](#).

In November 2021, Israel and Jordan agreed to a water and solar energy cooperation deal that was brokered by the UAE. This deal, coming on the heels of the Abraham Accords and the formation of a new government in Israel, suggests that Israel and Jordan may be able to reset their relationship, after several years of tension. In this month’s Hiwar, experts will address the way this new deal may jumpstart relations between the parties involved and the role environmental issues play in regional cooperation.

**PANELISTS:**

**Dr. Clive Lipchin** currently serves as the Director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies’ Center for Transboundary Water Management as well as CEO of Laguna Innovation. In his role at the Arava institute, Dr Lipchin oversees research and development projects, workshops, and conferences that focus on transboundary water and environmental problems facing Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority. Dr. Lipchin also serves as the Israeli partner for the USDA funded project, CONSERVE (Cordination Nontraditional Sustainable Water Use in Variable Climates). He received his PhD in resource ecology management from the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. Dr. Lipchin specializes in water resources management and policy and has conducted research for a number of international water agencies such as the World Bank, EU, UNDP, and USAID. Currently, his research and development work is focused on cross-border stream restoration and waste water management issues between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and on integrated food, energy, and water systems for off-grid communities in Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and the developing world.

**Yana Abu Taled** is the Jordanian Director of EcoPeace Middle East, which is a unique regional organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists to promote sustainable development and advance peace efforts in the Middle East. The organization has offices

in Amman, Ramallah, and Tel Aviv. As Jordanian Director, Ms. Abu Taleb leads EcoPeace activities concerning the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the Good Water Neighbors and the Water Energy Nexus Projects. Her responsibilities include supervising international project development and management, serving as a liaison to and lobbying of governmental and private sector figures and organizations on major regional policy issues relevant to environmental protection and transboundary water. She is heavily involved in promoting and facilitating national and regional dialogue to advance policy processes needed for sustaining peace. She has co-authored many reports and policy papers and speaks regularly at local and international conferences related to her work.

**Ghaith Al-Omari** is a senior fellow in The Washington Institute's Irwin Levy Family Program on the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship and is the former executive director of the American Task Force on Palestine. He served as the advisor to the negotiation team during the 1999-2001 permanent status talks in addition to holding various other positions within the Palestinian Authority.

**Moderator: Dr. Nir Boms** is a research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University. He is the Chairman of the Syria Research Forum and the Gulf-Israel Policy Forum, as well as the coordinator of the TAU Workshop on Israel and the Middle East and the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue. He received his doctorate from the University of Haifa. His recent book, *The Syrian War: Between Justice and Political Reality* (Cambridge University Press, 2020) is an edited volume on the Syrian War (2011-2019).

## PLEASE NOTE

We cordially invite the audience to participate in forty minutes of Q&A with the speakers following a round of opening remarks.