

# Sustainable Engineering in the Eastern Mediterranean: Second Annual Meeting

Palm Beach Hotel and Bungalows, Larnaca, Cyprus  
March 3-6, 2010

## AGENDA

### WORKSHOP GOALS

- To *update* one another on community development projects and initiatives discussed/initiated at the 2009 meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus (<http://ewb-international.org/larnaca09.htm>)
- To *learn* from existing initiatives in the region, build on those initiatives, and create new initiatives
- To *experience* through discussion and hands-on workshops replicable projects and technologies
- To continue to *strengthen and build* upon the collaboration between network members through joint projects and information sharing

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 3:** Evening Reception 17:00-19:00

### THURSDAY MARCH 4

1. Welcome, Introductions 9:00-10:00

- a. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review Objectives, Agenda, etc.
- b. Introductions (Facilitator: Bernard Amadei)

Names, Affiliations

Workshop Goals

Personal or professional high point in the last year

Agenda review

Guidelines for a great meeting

- c. Logistics (Sarah Rosenberg)

2. Keynote Presentation (Moderator: Bernard Amadei) 10:00-10:45

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| 3. <b>Break</b>  | 10:45-11:00 |
| 4. Recap of last year's meeting, and project updates<br>(Moderator: Mark Talesnick)  | 11:00-12:00 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Arial Home Construction in Beit Sahour</i>: Amer Rabayah, EWB-Palestine</li> <li>• <i>Kalandia Vocational Training</i>: Muhannad Beidas, UNRWA</li> <li>• <i>Solar Energy Project in the Balkans</i>: Oliver Nacevski, EWB-(FYRo) Macedonia</li> <li>• <i>Renewable Energy in Post-Conflict Reconstruction</i>: Cody Valdes and Hanna Flamm, Tufts University</li> <li>• <i>The Agia Skepi Project</i>: Emily Markides, University of Maine</li> </ul> |             |
| 5. Lunch   | 12:00-13:30 |
| 6. Engineers Without Borders Session<br>(Moderator: Moderator: Vered Doctori Blass)  | 13:30-16:00 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EWB-Palestine: Amer Rabaya</li> <li>• EWB Israel: Mark Talesnick, Vered Doctori-Bass, Liad Deri</li> <li>• EWB-Jordan: Hayel Al-Amoush and Manar Talhouni</li> <li>• EWB-Egypt: Hany Sindhom</li> <li>• EWB-Lebanon: Nader Hajj Shehadeh</li> <li>• EWB-Greece: Michail Chatzis and Ruya Schwabedissen</li> <li>• EWB-(FYRo) Macedonia: Oliver Nacevski</li> </ul>  |             |
| 7. Discussion: How can network support one another in these initiatives?   | 16:00-16:45 |
| 8. Closing remarks, announcements, process check in  | 16:45-17:00 |

**FRIDAY MARCH 5**

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| 1. Welcome back, check in and agenda review  | 9:00-9:10  |
| 2. Keynote Presentation (Moderator: Cody Valdes)   | 9:10-9:45  |
| <i>The Kidron River Restoration Project</i> : Vered Doctori-Blass (Milken Institute) and Avner Goren |            |
| 3. Projects Across Borders<br>(Moderator: Muhannad Beidas)   | 9:45-10:45 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARAVA Institute: Mazen Zoabi and Shira Kronich</li> </ul>   |            |

- *Connecting the Science of Complex Systems to the Art of Diplomacy*, Merle Lefkoff, Madrona Institute, Santa Fe, NM
- *Peace E-Learning and Beyond*, Fouad El-Harazin, National Research Center, Gaza Strip

3. Break 10:45-11:00

4. Discussion: What can this network learn from these existing initiatives? 11:00-12:00

5. Lunch 12:00-13:30

6. Abraham Path Initiative Session: Review existing API initiative and future plans. How can we develop collaboration across API groups and involve non-API stakeholders  
(Moderator: Bernard Amadei) 13:30-15:00

- API Jordan: Ramez Habash and Hayel Amoush: Al Ayoun Lodge project and other activities
- API Israel: Avner Goren

7. Break 15:00-15:15

8. API Session (continued), discussion, EWB-API collaboration 15:15-16:00

9. Workshops/Case Studies 16:00-17:30

- *Alleviating Poverty Through Sustainable Technology*, Sanu Kaji Shrestha, Foundation for Sustainable Technology (FoST) Nepal
- COMET-ME: Elad Orian

## **SATURDAY MARCH 6**

1. Opening comments 9:00-9:10

2. Keynote Presentation (Moderator: Bernard Amadei) 9:10-9:45

*Sustainable Community Development Engineering*, Steve Forbes, Executive Director of SUDEX (Sustainable Development Extension Services), San Antonio, TX

3. Where do we go from here? 9:45-12:00  
(Moderator: SEEM Executive Committee Members)

- What does our collaboration look like going forward?
- How to continue sharing information and resources
- Develop metrics for monitoring and evaluation

- Discuss potential funding sources
- Identify potential roadblocks and how to deal with them
- Define next steps, specifically defining who, what, when and where
- Define joint committees
- Others

3. Meeting evaluation/feedback	12:00-12:15
4. Closing remarks, etc	12:15-12:30
4. Lunch	12:30-14:00
5. Possible Field Trip	14:00 -