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## Committee on Middle East Questions

# Second Roundtable on Water: *From words to actions*

6 - 7 July 2017  
IPU Headquarters  
Geneva, Switzerland

### Annotated Programme

#### Thursday, 6 July

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and introduction**
- Opening addresses by:
    - o *Ms. Denise Pascal Allende, President of the Committee*
    - o *Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General*
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Session 1: Science for Peace**
- Presentation by Dr. Herwig Schopper: Science as a tool for bringing nations together  
Discussion on regional scientific initiatives aimed at promoting peace and co-existence
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Session 2: Water and peace**
- The former President of Slovenia and Chair of the Global High-level Panel on Water and Peace, *Mr. Danilo Türk*  
The nexus between water and peace processes presented by: Director of the Geneva-based WaterHub, *Mr. François Mürger*  
Q&A
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 3: The role of parliaments and parliamentarians in the implementation of SDG 6**
- Follow-up of the proposed programme of action presented in October 2016
- *Ms. Amanda Loeffen, Director General at WaterLex*
- 13:00 – 14:45 **Lunch hosted by the IPU Secretary General at IPU Headquarters**
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Group photo**
- 15:00 – 17:00 **Session 4: New and renewable water**
- “Making the water pie bigger”:  
*Presentation on addressing water scarcity by Ms. Natasha Carmi*
  - Existing technologies:  
*WaterLex will provide examples of realistic and affordable technologies available to renew and re-use water and practices of good governance, making these technologies sustainable*
  - New technologies:  
*Experts will provide examples of national desalination techniques and the role of science and technology in water management*

## Friday, 7 July

- 10:00 – 11:00 **Session 5: Science models to promote the dialogue and Science for Peace School**
- Presentation on the models offered by the world of science to foster intercultural dialogue and on the “Science for Peace School” programme by Dr. Maurizio Bona, Senior Advisor in charge of Relations with Parliaments and Science for Policy at CERN
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Session 6: Pilot country mapping**
- Presentation of case studies by WaterLex Programme Director, Africa Region, *Ms. Rose Osinde Alabaster*
  - Discussion on possible pilot countries
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 7: National experiences**
- Participants will be invited to share their national experiences in the field of water initiatives
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break**
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Session 8: Parliamentary Network on Water (PNoW): objectives and working modalities and next steps for the roundtable**
- Presentation on PNoW
  - Development of programme implementation and action points
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Session 9: Next steps**
- Finalization of draft recommendations for the next Roundtable