



# Friends of the Earth

## *Middle East*



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### **The BIG JUMP TO SAVE THE LOWER JORDAN RIVER**

**Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2005, Yardenit, Jordan River**

**Agenda:**

**14:30 – Registration and refreshments**

Arrival of Palestinian and Jordanian guests and other VIPs.

**15:00 – Welcome presentations**

- Munqeth Mehyar – FoEME Chairman Jordan- opening remarks
- Roberto Epple – European River's Network, BIG JUMP Europe
- Yossi Vardi – Mayor of Jordan Valley Regional Council, Israel
- Hassan Saleh - Mayor of Jericho, Palestinian Authority
- Nayef Al Momani – Mayor of North Shouneh, Jordan
- Gianmatteo Arena - EU delegation to Israel

**16:00 – Drinking ceremony** – A call for the clean up of the lower Jordan River by toasting for clean water with spring waters of European Rivers and upper Jordan River.

**Water Color ceremony** - a joint call to clean up the lower Jordan River written with water colors in Hebrew, Arabic and English on a large sheet of paper and watching the writing dissolve into the Jordan.

**BIG JUMP!** (all 3 Mayors JUMP into the river together!!) Others invited to join.

**17:00 – Dinner for VIPs** (in the restaurant at Yardenit site)

**18:00 – Departure**

The Yardenit site is near the Tzemach junction off the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the left of the Degania Bridge.

From Yardenit please follow the Big Jump signs to the parking area for the event. All participants are invited to jump into the Jordan River.

Please bring your swimsuits and towels. Changing rooms are available at Yardenit.

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