

**E-MAIL from  
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Dear Miriam

I am really so sorry that Abed and myself could not make it to Geneva. Indeed I can say that both of us lost a very big opportunity. The conference was a very magnificent opportunity for us to discuss with an open mind with other partners and in the presence of key stakeholders from the international community (Japan, France, Italy) the promising perspectives of the Red–Dead Sea project. However I always consider myself an optimist. Therefore I hope next time the situation will be better.

Since we lost this opportunity, I would like to propose to all our partners to find the possibility to organize another meeting in the region where we can invite Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis together with key persons in the private sector to explore future cooperation and forms of alliance among them to invest not only in desalination but also in cooperation on different projects related to the Red–Dead Sea project such as tourism, services and transport.

Abed and I were planning to discuss with our partners and the other key stakeholders attending the conference ways to encourage the private sector in the region to be first to take this great opportunity that this project presents to invest in it together with the international community and to help in its management. We would like to discuss with all of you a Palestinian proposal to assist us in the creation of a national unit for the principle of Public Private Partnership (PPP), mainly for desalination and in the meantime also a practical solution for the increasingly acute water shortages that the region is facing.

The unit will be responsible for organizing workshops and training courses, mainly targeting the private sector in order to improve their awareness of the water desalination and water reuse sector and the options to invest in it to provide the infrastructure and services for water delivery, supply, and marketing.

I know that by e-mail it will be so difficult to me to explain the idea but we look forward to the next meeting where we will make every effort to be present.

Looking forward to see you in the near future.

Yours  
Yousef and Abed