



## PARIS DECLARATION

At the 5th World Water Forum which took place in Istanbul March 2009, the Young Water Ambassadors in the Mediterranean launched the Istanbul Appeal that aimed at urging for “the clean up–of the Mediterranean“, by national and local governments, regional and international organizations. Thus, singling the Mediterranean youth desire to be associated in the Union for the Mediterranean process.

The Mediterranean youth believes in a harmonious development of the Mediterranean region. This requires youth contribution with enthusiasm urging to put a lot of effort, to realize and advance projects on the ground.

As a matter of fact, the hope is that elected officials, teachers and students of the Mediterranean region, would unite around the Water Embassy under the “Union Mediterranean of Young Water Ambassadors”, to utilize the good will and all means of effective actions.

On 9 February 2011 at the Paris meeting : Elected officials, officials of political authorities, major players in the water policy, joined with the Young Water Ambassadors and their teachers requested the initiation of concrete projects development. The contribution of youth will be at the highest ambitions and hopes defended by the Union for the Mediterranean.

We:

Representatives of the General Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Representatives of the Water Ministries,

Agency representatives basin,

Representatives of NGO partners UMJAE. REMI officials and independent universities partners UMJAE.

Representatives of financial institutions.

Considering that the pilot water classes held in our country has found such a concrete result, presented at the World Water Forum in Istanbul; considering the experience shows the relevance of cooperation between students, teachers, government officials, engineers and elected Mediterranean countries within the Water Embassy; considering that it should be noted that some projects are achievable immediately, such as:

*Casablanca: LYDEC, DEA, Hydraulic Basin Agency of Bouregreg and Chaouia, rural commune of Dar Bouazza, ONEP Area Association Starting Point (ESPOD), Department of Environment, Ministry of Health, Region of Great Casablanca urban commune Casablanca.*

*Sfax: National Sanitation Office (ONAS), Regional Centre of Agricultural Development of Sfax (CRDA), Department of Hygiene of Sfax, National Agency for Environmental Protection (ANPE) and the Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs Sfax (ENIS),*

*Gaza: the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) & the Coastal Municipalities Water Utilities (CMWU) , Islamic University of Gaza, Environmental Engineering Department, Ministry of Education, in Gaza Strip.*

*Deir El Ahmar: Ministry of Energy and Water and Municipality of Deir El Ahmar, Baalbek-Btedhi District*

We declare that all our knowledge, our experience, our advice and funding service can be applied to projects designed by the Young Water Ambassadors. We will intervene with national and local governments, regional organizations and international for the quick implementation of these projects, for this type of partnership action can continue for years to come thanks to the combination of Water Embassy with the Union for the Mediterranean.