

Call For Papers Save the Tigris and The Iraqi Marshes Campaign

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Iraqi marshlands, Photo by: Terry kay Rockefeller October 2012

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[Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative](#) (ICSSI), a member in Save the Tigris and The Iraqi Marshes Campaign, is presently soliciting contributions for Baghdad Workshop on the Impact of Ilisu Dam on Iraq. The Workshop will take place in Baghdad with the participation of Iraqi and international experts, between March- April 2013. The purpose of this call for papers is to strengthen the quality of technical information available to tackle the issue of Ilisu Dam effects on Iraqi water resources. Papers for Baghdad workshop are invited for submission according to the thematic areas and submission procedures listed below. Deadline for Abstract Submission is January 1st 2013.

I. Thematic Areas of the Papers

Applicants must choose one of these three thematic areas for each paper:

- A. Impact of Ilisu Dam on Iraq,
Area of intervention: right to water; socio-economical, environmental and cultural impacts.
- B. Legal actions to protect Iraqi's right to water,
Area of intervention: International law, trans-boundary water and Iraqi relevant legislations.

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- C. Role and responsibility of the Iraqi government towards the Ilisu Dam,
Area of intervention: politics and trans-boundary water

II. Submission Procedures

Iraqi experts, academics, lawyers, and professionals are invited to present a paper or poster; they should submit an abstract of 500-700 words in Arabic and or English highlighting the thematic area they deal with. Submissions should be sending by e-mail and by Tuesday day 1st of January 2013.

Authors will be notified of acceptance of their papers by January 15th, 2013 and full papers should be submitted by February 28th, 2013. The manuscripts will be peer reviewed by a special scientific committee (including academics, experts and civil society working on this topic in Iraq) before the publication process.

E-mails should be send to: icssi.project@gmail.com

III. Background Information

Save the Tigris and the Iraqi Marshes is an advocacy campaign that started in March 2012 by a coalition of civil society organizations from Iraq, Turkey and Iran. It is part of an international effort to save the world heritage on the Tigris River in Mesopotamia from the impacts of the Ilisu Dam- project constructed on the Tigris River by the Turkish government- particularly the protection of the marshlands of Mesopotamia in south Iraq. The campaign works to draw attention on the negative impact of the Ilisu Dam on the Iraqi water resources and restoration of the Iraqi marshes and as well as on advocacy events that involve all relevant actors (local communities; civil society organizations; media; national and local institutions; society of experts and intellectuals, research centers and universities and others). Our objectives for Baghdad workshop are: (1)To introduce Save the Tigris Campaign goals and objectives and to consolidate and further develop the campaign efforts in Iraq; (2)To evaluate the impacts of Ilisu dam on Iraq's socio-economical, environmental, cultural, human rights; (3)Explore legal avenues to protect the right of Iraqis to water, cultural and environmental heritage of the Tigris; (4) Explore challenges on the process to submit the marshes to UNESCO World Heritage Committee; (5)Introduce the idea about the global scope of the campaign and (6) A call for the responsibility of the Iraqi government towards the issue of Ilisu Tigris in terms of this include : challenges facing the negotiations with riparian states (Turkey/Syria/Iran) regarding Tigris River trans-boundary water; challenges facing the implementation of a National Water Policy ; challenges facing the plans to implement integrated water resource management (IWRM) and challenges facing the implementation of environmental laws .

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