

The International Arid Lands Consortium Virtual Conference

Addressing the Environmental Challenges of Arid Lands

To commemorate 30 years of collaboration on arid lands issues, the International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) is hosting a three-day international conference on arid lands. A key goal of the conference is to underscore the value of the IALC mission: promoting peace through collaborative research and demonstration projects in the arid lands of the world. Keynote presentations and panel discussions will emphasize the broader value of collaborative-multinational research and problem-solving to address issues that confront the sustainable use and management of arid lands globally. Graduate students are encouraged to [submit a Lightning Talk](#) to share their creative contributions about conference themes.



24-26 May 2021

Daily schedule: 8:00-11:00 PDT, 11:00-14:00 EDT, 18:00-21:00 Israel/Jordan

Free Registration: tinyurl.com/IALC-2021-Conference

Day 1: Water and Agriculture

Management of water for sustainable use in the agriculture, municipal and industrial sectors and by nature.

Day 2: Land & Natural Environment

Management of land for sustainable use and conservation.

Day 3: Forests & Fire

Management of forests for sustainable use and conservation.

Keynote Speakers



Alon Tal

Alon Tal is a Professor in the Department of Public Policy at Tel Aviv University and Deputy Chair, KKL-JNF, Israel



Ibrahim Thiaw

Ibrahim Thiaw is Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification, Germany



Alexander L. Friend

Alexander L. Friend is Deputy Chief for Research and Development for the U.S. Forest Service, USA

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Agenda

Day 1 Water and agriculture

24 May 2021

8:00-11:00 PDT, 11:00-14:00 EDT, 18:00-21:00 Israel/Jordan

PDT	EDT	Isr/Jor	
8:00	11:00	18:00	Welcome
8:10	11:10	18:10	IALC history and successes
8:20	11:20	18:20	Opening Keynote Alon Tal, <i>Professor, Tel Aviv University and Deputy Chair, KKL-JNF, Israel</i>
8:55	11:55	18:55	Break
9:00	12:00	19:00	Panel Discussion Nizar Haddad, <i>National Agricultural Research Center, Jordan</i> Uri Shani, <i>N-Drip, Israel</i> Anne Castle, <i>University of Colorado Law School, USA</i> Moderators: Sharon B. Megdal, <i>University of Arizona</i> , assisted by Manoj Shukla, <i>New Mexico State University, USA</i>

10:30 13:30 20:30 **Networking**

Day 2 Land and natural environment

25 May 2021

8:00-11:00 PDT, 11:00-14:00 EDT, 18:00-21:00 Israel/Jordan

PDT	EDT	Isr/Jor	
8:00	11:00	18:00	Welcome
8:05	11:05	18:05	IALC history and successes
8:10	11:10	18:10	Keynote Ibrahim Thiaw, <i>Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification, Germany</i>
8:35	11:35	18:35	Break
8:40	11:40	18:40	Panel Discussion Eid Al-Tarazi, <i>Hashemite University, Jordan</i> Moshe Shachak, <i>Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel</i> Barron Orr, <i>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Germany</i> Maryam Niamir-Fuller, <i>Private Consultant, USA</i> Moderators: Benjamin Turner, <i>Texas A&M University-Kingsville, USA</i> , assisted by Charles Hutchinson, <i>University of Arizona, USA</i>

10:10 13:10 20:10 **Student presentations**

10:30 13:30 20:30 **Networking**

Day 3 Forests and fire management

26 May 2021

8:00-11:00 PDT, 11:00-14:00 EDT, 18:00-21:00 Israel/Jordan

PDT	EDT	Isr/Jor	
8:00	11:00	18:00	Welcome
8:05	11:05	18:05	IALC history and successes
8:10	11:10	18:10	Keynote Alexander L. Friend, <i>Deputy Chief for Research and Development, U.S. Forest Service, USA</i>
8:35	11:35	18:35	Break
8:40	11:40	18:40	Panel Discussion Alaa Wahbeh, <i>National Agricultural Research Center, Jordan</i> Omri Bonne, <i>KKL-JNF, Israel</i> Dan Yakir, <i>Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel</i> Don Falk, <i>University of Arizona, USA</i> Moderators: Alan Gertler, <i>Desert Research Institute, USA</i> , assisted by Barbara Hutchinson, <i>University of Arizona, USA</i>

10:10 13:10 20:10 **IALC Declaration on addressing the environmental challenges of arid lands**

10:30 13:30 20:30 **Networking**