



**Ambassador (Ret) Ram Aviram**

Ambassador Aviram specializes in Hydro-Diplomacy.

His experience is based on over 35 years of multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, while serving in high ranking positions at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs also as Chief of Staff of H.E. Shimon Peres and Ambassador to Greece.

His career at the Ministry was highly connected to hydro politics and water related issues. His responsibilities included Director of Water and Environment Department and Head of Israel's negotiating team on water issues within the framework of the multi-lateral peace process. He participated in numerous international forums and multilateral negotiations on environment and water issues between Israel and its neighbors.

He retired in 2006 and established BIT–Consultancy which is providing Hydro-Diplomacy consulting services. BIT is the geo-political consultant for the Rehabilitation Administration of the Lower Jordan River. BIT has given services among others to: multinationals like Tetra-Tech in the context of the Red Sea- Dead Sea Water Project; NGOs like SIWI in building capacity on cross-boundary negotiations strategies for governments like Namibia; think-tanks like AIX in establishing novel ideas for Palestinian-Israeli water conflict resolution.

He is a guest lecturer at Athens University, Tel-Hai Academic College at the post-graduate program, at the Kinnert Academic College. He lectures often in other forums (among others): The Institute for Foreign Relations of Athens ("*21<sup>st</sup> Century a century of war over water?*"), Virginia U. Darden Business School (*Hydro-politics in the Jordan Basin*), Texas A&M U. School of Law and at College Station (*hydro-diplomacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*).

He is a graduate of TUFT-MIT special water diplomacy and UEA water security seminars. He is writing often on cross-boundary water issues. His publications include "Desalination as a game-changer in transboundary hydro-politics" and "The International Hydro-Political Policies of Israel".

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