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## Session 6 – Climate Change, International “Flashpoints” and National Security



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# Climate Change – Agriculture and Water Issues

The Council of Canadians organized a global conference in Vancouver, B.C. to alert the world to the “privitization crisis.”

Maude Barlow described this crisis quite clearly

There are climate-related crises emerging around the world – linked to the U.S. presence abroad already.

And the case of Bolivia in

South America – “Leasing the Rain” [articles]  
Bolivia

“The Battle over Blue Gold,” *WBUR - The Connection*, (27 August 2002) & Blue Covenant

World Water Crises – “Water Refugees”

BBC’s Directory to “The Water Debate”

# Egypt's coastal cities affected by rising sea levels

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<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2016/11/09/egypts-coastal-cities-affected-by-rising-sea-levels/>

NPR  
Report

Part 2

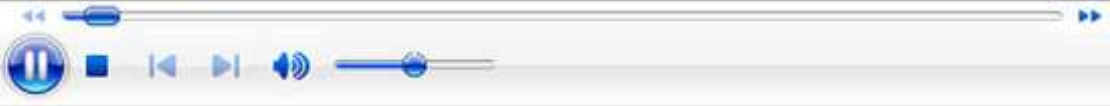


Hadi Mizbar/AP

Adilia Finchaan, 50, checks her drought-stricken land in Latifiyah, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, in this photo taken in July 2009. Below-average rainfall and insufficient water in the Euphrates and Tigris rivers — something the Iraqis have blamed on upstream dams in Turkey and Syria — have left Iraq bone-dry for a second straight year.

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"Mideast Water Crisis Brings Misery, Uncertainty."  
NPR - All Things Considered, (7 January 2010).

Deborah Amos, "Mideast Water Crisis Brings Misery, Uncertainty,"  
NPR - All Things Considered, (7 January 2010).



"Water shortage threatens Malta - 17 Nov 08," YouTube  
- *AlJazeeraEnglish*, (17 November 2008).



**CYPRUS DROUGHT**  
SEVERE LACK OF WATER ON THE ISLAND

**Q8 BLAMES BIOFUEL PRODUCTION FOR RISING FOOD COSTS**

**"Cyprus running out of water" - 9 July 2008, *YouTube - AlJazeeraEnglish, (9 July 2008).***

NPR Report

Part 1



Ed Kashi/Corbis

The massive Ataturk Dam (shown here in 1992), in southeast Turkey, harnesses water for one of the biggest irrigation and electric power schemes in the world. A drought and other factors have created an acute water shortage in the Middle East, and resentment in countries downstream from Turkey is growing.

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"Tide Of Arab-Turk Tension Rises Amid Water Shortage."

NPR - All Things Considered, (8 January 2010).

Deborah Amos, "Tide Of Arab-Turk Tension Rises Amid Water Shortage," *NPR - All Things Considered, (8 January 2010).*





**TURKEY'S WATER SOURCES DRY UP**  
INCREASED DESERTIFICATION OF ARABLE LAND

"Increased desertification of Turkey's arable land -22 Aug 08,"  
*YouTube - AlJazeeraEnglish, (22 August 2008).*



"Egypt's clean water crisis - 15 Jul 07."  
YouTube - AlJazeeraEnglish, (15 July 2007).

# Alternative goals and strategies exist in water preservation, biodiversity and climate change...



# World Meteorological Organization Says Recent Years Hottest on Record + Trump Climate Denial Threatens U.N. Climate Change Agreement

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*World Meteorological Organization Says Recent Years Hottest*

# Top U.S. & World Headlines – November 9, 2016



"...cancel the Paris Climate Agreement and stop all payments of U.S. tax dollars to U.N. global warming programs."

DEMOCRACY  
**NOW!**

**DONALD TRUMP**  
*Republican President-elect*

DEMOCRACY  
**NOW!**



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# In Trump, U.S. Puts a Climate Denier in Its Highest Office and All Climate Change Action in Limbo

By Marianne Lavelle, InsideClimate News Nov 9, 2016



Donald Trump campaigned on a platform of maximum fossil fuel production in the U.S. while rolling back environmental protections. Credit: Getty Images



Lee Fang: Donald Trump Recruits Corporate Lobbyists to Select His Future Administration

<https://environmentaljusticetv.wordpress.com/2016/11/09/lee-fang-donald-trump-recruits-corporate-lobbyists-to-select-his-future-administration/>



"Climate change to spark armed conflicts?,"  
MSNBC, (11 December 2009).



# Larence Wilkerson Climate Change 2016

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