

# World Water Day: online and interactive

22 March 2010, 1300-1630 GMT

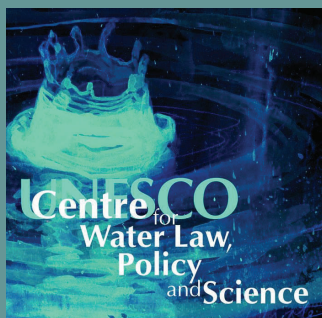


On **World Water Day**, 22 March 2010 - which this year communicates messages on water quality, ecosystems and human well-being - the Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science will host an **interactive online event** focused on **Hydrology, Environment, Life and Policy** (HELP) river basins in Scotland.

Mike Bonell heads the Dundee UNESCO HELP programme team. The **University of Dundee** will lead discussions with respect to the Tweed; and the **Macaulay Institute** will provide comparisons regarding the Dee. There will also be an international comparison of the Tweed and Thames HELP river basins. The focus throughout will be the interface between land use and water management, and an agenda for effective river basin management in Scotland.

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## The Policy Context

Chris Spray, Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (conference chair), giving policy context, purpose and objectives.

Shahbaz Khan, Chief of Water and Sustainable Development section, UNESCO Division of Water Sciences.

Andrew Panter, Scottish Natural Heritage on Valuing the Natural Environment.

## The River Basins

Susan Cooksley, Macaulay Institute, on the Dee HELP basin.

Simon Langan, Macaulay Institute, on stakeholder engagement within the Dee basin (to be confirmed).

Nicola Bissett, Tweed Forum, on the Tweed HELP basin

Tom Ball, Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, comparing Tweed HELP basin with that of the Thames and beyond.

## Focus on Water Quality and Flooding

Martin Marsden, SEPA, on water quality and regulation.

Lisa Webb, Land Use Policy Officer (Water) RSPB Scotland, on water quality and birdlife.

David Green, Scottish Borders Council, on flooding.

## Summary by conference chair Chris Spray

**To attend the event** in Dundee, email Daniel Gilbert. To participate in the event online, please register online at <http://worldwaterdaydundee.eventbrite.com/>. We will stream the event live to the web, and provide an interactive "live blog" throughout the afternoon. Go to: [www.be2camp.com/page/world-water-day-workshop](http://www.be2camp.com/page/world-water-day-workshop).