

Reports by UNESCO's Water-related Centres (category 1 and 2) on activities related to the IHP in the period July 2006 – May 2008

1. Basic information on the centre

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Location of centre		city/town <u> Dundee </u> country <u> Scotland </u> <u> UK </u>
Geographic orientation *		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> global <input type="checkbox"/> regional
Year of establishment		2006
Themes	Focal Areas ♦	<input type="checkbox"/> groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> urban water <input type="checkbox"/> arid / semi-arid zones <input type="checkbox"/> humid tropics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> droughts and floods <input type="checkbox"/> sediment transport and management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water and environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ecohydrology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water law and policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transboundary river basins/ aquifers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IWRM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> global and climate change <input type="checkbox"/> mathematical modelling <input type="checkbox"/> social and cultural dimensions of water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: leadership; regional peace and security; operationalising interdisciplinary approach;
	Scope of Activities ♦	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vocational training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> postgraduate education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> continuing education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> institutional capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> advising/ consulting <input type="checkbox"/> software development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: developing international networks
Support bodies ¹		Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
Hosting organization ²		University of Dundee
Sources of financial support ³		SHEFC and research grants
Existing networks and cooperation ⁴		IHE-Delft; EU Research consortia; UN WWAP network; research project consortia;
Governance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> director and governing board <input type="checkbox"/> other: (please specify) _____ Link to election of board members to the IHP IGC

* check on appropriate box

♦ check all that apply

¹ please specify bodies that cover the operational costs of the centre, and other essential costs such as salaries and utility bills, and that provide institutional support to ensure centre's sustainability

² if different from support bodies

³ please specify sources of main budgetary and extrabudgetary funds to implement projects

⁴ please write international networks, consortiums or projects that the centre is part of, or any other close links that the centre has with international organizations or programmes, which are not already mentioned above

	and hosting country IHP National Committee _____ Frequency of meetings: once every year <input type="checkbox"/> Existence of UNESCO presence at meetings
Institutional affiliation of director	
Number of staff and types of staff	total number of staff (full-time, or equivalent) : ___10___ number of staff who are water experts: ___8___ number of visiting scientists and postgraduate students: ___10___
Annual turnover budget in USD	\$ 750,000.00

2. Activities undertaken in the framework of IHP in the period July 2006 – May 2008

2.1 Educational activities (i.e., those with accreditation) that directly contributed to the IHP-VI and WWAP

Please include here those activities which led to accreditation of degrees, or those held in formal school settings.

- *LLM in water law & policy; MBA and MSc in water law & policy*
- *PhD in water law & policy*
- *LLM in Conflict Management – joint degree with IHE-Delft and UNESCO PCCP (MSc and LLM degrees)*

2.2 Research activities that directly contributed to the IHP-VI and activities by WWAP

Please include research/applied projects outputs such as publications that directly contributed to the IHP-VI and WWAP objectives

- Dundee provides the water law expertise for the WWAP WWDR; Professor Patricia Wouters, Director of the Dundee UNESCO Centre, co-chairs with Dr Stefano Burchi (FAO), the Legal Experts Group for WWAP and works with Dr Sarah Hendry from the Dundee UNESCO Centre to coordinate the inputs for the legal inputs for WWAP.

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2.3 Training activities that directly contributed to the IHP-VI and WWAP objectives

3. Collaboration and linkages

3.1 Participation in major international networks, programmes, partnerships with other UN or other International Agencies, media and professional bodies

3.2 Participation in meetings related to the IHP and UNESCO (e.g., the UNESCO General Conference, the UNESCO Executive Board, the IHP Intergovernmental Council and/or other meetings organized by IHP)

3.3 Collaboration and networking with other UNESCO category 1 or 2 institutes/centres

3.3.1 cross-appointment of directors of the category 1 or 2 institutes or centres on the governing board

3.3.2 exchange of information on activities such as training/educational materials, and funding opportunities

3.3.3 exchange of staff, most notably professionals and students

3.3.4 implementation of joint activities, such as workshops, conferences, training programmes, joint projects, field visits, software and data sharing, knowledge exchange and publications

The Dundee UNESCO Centre now cooperates with IHE-Delft to launch the first co-institutional graduate degree programme, which involves also the UNESCO PCCP programme. The co-institutional degree programme comprises an MSc in Water Management – specialization in Water Conflict Management; and LLM in Water Governance and Conflict Resolution. The first intake of students is 2008/2009.

- 3.4 Relationships with the UNESCO field office whose jurisdiction covers the country of location
- 3.5 Relationship with the UNESCO National Commission and the IHP National Committee in the country of location
 - The Dundee UNESCO Centre participates in meetings of the IHP National Committee and also in meetings of the UNESCO National Commission. Professor Wouters serves as a member of the UNESCO Scotland branch and attends the National Commission meetings of UNESCO Chairs.
- 3.6 Relationship with other UNESCO-related networks, such as UNESCO Clubs, ASPnet, and UNESCO chairs
 - The Dundee UNESCO Centre has ad hoc arrangements with other UNESCO Centres; it participates in the UK national commission (with UK IHP; and with UK UNESCO chairs committee; also with UNESCO UK / Scotland committee)

4. Communication

- 4.1 Communication and knowledge dissemination activities undertaken in the framework of IHP
- 4.2 Policy documents and advice

Details in Annex attached.

5. Update on Centre Operations

- 5.1 Membership of the Board of Governors during designated period
- 5.2 Key decisions made (attach minutes of meetings)
 - The first meeting of the Governing Board is set for September 2008; the Members include: University of Dundee Principal Sir Alan Langlands; a representative of UNESCO as delegated by the Director General; Dr John Francis (UNESCO Scotland and UNESCO UK delegate); Dr Alan Sutherland (Water Industries Commissioner, Scotland); Dr Bill Cosgrove (UNESCO WWAP); Dr David Gani (Scottish Funding Council; sitting in his personal capacity).

6. Assessment of the Centre's Impacts

- 6.1 Science Impacts (Major contributions to the science, technology, education, and regional and/or international cooperation in the field of water)
- 6.2 Knowledge Transfer Impacts (Major achievements in the dissemination of knowledge and technology transfer)
- 6.3 Policy Impacts (advice sought by government and other bodies and evidence of inputs into policy arena)

7. Future activities that will contribute directly to IHP and/or to WWAP

- 7.1 Operational Plan (2008-2009) (attach operational plan for 2008-09 if available)
- 7.2 Strategic Plan linked with IHP-VII (attach strategic plan for 2008-11 if available)

This is contained within UK IHP national committee report.

8. Annexes

- 8.1 List of publications released by the centre (there can be overlap with those listed in 2.2 above)
- 8.2 List of training courses conducted (there can be overlap with those listed in 2.3 above)

Annex 1: Key Objectives of Dundee UNESCO IHP-HELP Centre

1. UNESCO Resolution: Article 3 Objectives and functions

1. The objectives of the IHP-HELP Centre are:

- (a) to provide a facility that promotes an interdisciplinary approach to addressing global water issues with a focus on poverty reduction and international development issues (including the United Nations Millennium Development Goals related to water), and, including water law (international, national and transnational water law) as an essential and integral element thereof;
- (b) to provide the intellectual leadership necessary in achieving this approach and to establish a dedicated institution for the dissemination of relevant research and scholarship on the topic, available to the global water-concerned community worldwide and aimed at generating goodwill with the international community;
- (c) to communicate legal expertise on global water issues for the HELP Programme of the UNESCO IHP, especially through the IHP-HELP Regional Coordinating Units, as well as to support the other water-related activities of IHP.
- (d) to act as the Regional Coordinating Unit for the European HELP basins and proactively interact with other HELP Regional Coordinating Units.

2. The functions of the IHP-HELP Centre shall be to:

- (a) design, develop and deliver educational and training activities related to its interdisciplinary approach to water-resources management, with a particular focus on poverty reduction and international development, including assisting States to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals related to water;
- (b) convene interdisciplinary scientific symposia and conferences at regional and international levels, as well as training workshops, with a particular focus on interfacing water law, policy and science and to developing capacity within nation-states worldwide;
- (c) provide a focal point for HELP basins worldwide on issues related to water law and the interface between water law, policy and science issues;
- (d) endeavour to establish the Spey Basin (Scotland) as a HELP basin for research and training within the IHP-HELP Centre's mandate of providing an interface between hydrological research and water policy and law; and act as liaison with related UK-based research programmes, such as CHASM-HELP (Catchment Hydrology and Sustainable Management), SNIFFER (Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research), RELU (Rural Economy and Land Use Programme);
- (e) develop new approaches to water resources management incorporating water law, policy and science as integrated components to address global water problems, with efforts also to support the development of a new generation of water leaders at the national level worldwide, familiar with the IHP-HELP Centre approach;
- (f) provide a forum for think-tank meetings on water-related topics;
- (g) provide expert input as required by UNESCO IHP; and
- (h) collaborate proactively with other UNESCO HELP Regional Coordinating Units and IHP Water Centres.

3. The IHP-HELP Centre shall pursue the above objectives and functions in close coordination with UNESCO IHP, and in particular, the IHP-HELP Programme.

4. The IHP-HELP Centre shall carry out the above functions to the extent to which resources and international support can be mobilized.

Annex 1: Key Objectives of Dundee UNESCO IHP-HELP Centre (continued)

2. Scottish Funding Council - Key objectives

1. To establish a **global Centre of Excellence** in water law, policy and science and enhance Scottish excellence in water-related research;
2. To **enhance existing excellence in water law** through the creation of a new Chair and a Senior Lectureship in Water Law, supported by PhD research studentships (a broader research base);
3. To **enhance existing excellence in water science** through the creation of a new Chair in Water Science, to serve the UNESCO HELP programme, supported by PhD research studentships;
4. To develop an **operational model of engagement** that enhances the integration of research and uptake of research across the disciplines of water law, policy and science (broadly defined, i.e. hydrology, life sciences, social sciences);
5. To focus **on identifying means to assist States** to address their water related challenges, including supporting developing countries to meet their Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through research outputs and training developed and disseminated by the Centre;
6. To act as the **Regional Coordinating Unit for the European UNESCO HELP basins** and provide water law and policy input for the global HELP network of 67 basins;
7. To develop and implement the **“Water Law - Water Leaders” LLM postgraduate programme**, especially in developing country regions, e.g., Africa, Central Asia, South-east Asia;
8. To convene **international symposia, including high-level meetings** on relevant topics, featuring UNESCO HELP basins as developmental case studies for the integrated approach to water law, policy and science;
9. To develop a Scottish river basin as **a model HELP basin** for developing expertise on integrated water law, policy and science approaches to addressing basin-wide water resource management issues; to link the Scottish basin to other HELP basins which seek to integrate water law, policy and science;
10. To act as an **international think-tank**, bringing together researchers from Scotland and abroad for symposia and experts meetings to address the world’s water resource management problems, with a particular focus on poverty reduction.

Current Year Priority Objectives (2007/2008)

1. Establish the Governing Board and the Research Advisory Group and develop a Research Strategy for the Centre.
2. Plan and implement high profile “launch” of the Centre, with international officials invited to Scotland for the event.
3. Investigate procedure for making honorary appointments to Centre from world-wide network.
4. Recruit 4 PhD students this year.
5. Consolidate links with Scottish public and private sector institutions in the water sector to ensure effective information transfer between UNESCO Centre and the water sector in Scotland.
6. Begin to develop strategy to support European HELP Basins; Dundee to consolidate its leadership role as Regional Coordinating Unit for UNESCO European HELP basins. Identify a Scottish HELP basin to use as an exemplar of best practice.
7. Convene International Steering Committee, devise strategy and host International HELP Basin Symposium in Dundee, to exchange best practice across Europe.
8. Convene International Symposium (joint with European Water Partnership, Global Water Partnership and American Water Resources Association) on Water Security in Brussels.
9. Finalise the content and delivery of **Water Law - Water Leaders** LLM programme as fundamental pillar for capacity-development; target key sponsors and regions for implementation of a pilot programme. Seek local in-county regional partnerships to assist in development of Regional Centres of Excellence, mentored by the UNESCO Centre, with the objective of in-country capacity-development in water law, policy and science.
10. Devise and implement plan for further international uptake of Dundee Legal Assessment Model, developing in particular the water law, policy and science interface
11. In association with national and international partners, initiate work on the joint delivery of River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans in accordance with EU Directives.
12. **All and ongoing**
 - Consolidate links with academics and other practitioners world-wide working in cognate fields.
 - Identify key international events for outreach activities (i.e. keynote addresses consistent with Centre's objectives).
 - Target specific global programmes that offer opportunities for research proposals in line with the objectives of the Centre. Develop initial research proposals for projects exploiting the enhanced capacity of the Centre.

Longer Term Objectives

Medium Term Strategy: leading on key water law, policy and science research themes (Year 3 Oct 08/ Sept 09)

Convene international think-tank meeting with key global actors on topics related to the role of the private and public sector in water services provision – with a specific focus on the challenges in developing countries and the supporting role of the water law, policy and science interface (technology transfer; new PPP models, water services governance, etc). Seek sponsorship for the PPP think-tank meeting and commitment from world leaders on the topic for meeting in Dundee. Prepare possible outputs on the topic for the World Water Forum meeting (Turkey 2009).

Develop more deeply the transnational water law (water services governance, PPP) programme and outreach.

Convene a think tank of international experts to explore water and health issues, focussing on experiences and expertise in Scotland and poverty-related diseases with a view to develop new water law / science research themes for Year 4.

Implement first **Water Law – Water Leaders** LLM regional training programme.

In association with national and international partners, continue work on joint delivery of River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans in accordance with EU Directives.

Continue to support HELP programme with Dundee as Regional Coordinating Unit for UNESCO European HELP basins.

Recruit third tranche of PhD students.

Initiate discussions with EU on devising more effective EU FP calls (i.e. influence the policy for development calls).

Long Term Strategy: Pioneering new cross-cutting issues in water law, policy, science and health issues (Year 4 Oct 09/ Sept 10)

Develop platform of support for seeking international funding to address crosscutting issues in the area of water law, policy, science and the role of of the public and private sectors in water services provisions (PPP and governance).

Water Law - Water Leaders LLM programme fully operational.

Recruit fourth tranche of PhD students.

Cross-fertilisation of research expertise between Scotland and the international HELP networks working effectively and efficiently.

Recognition -- by international organisations, national governments, non-governmental organisations, multi-nationals, and academic institutions -- of the Dundee UNESCO Centre as the "international think-tank" for issues related to water law, policy and science.

Annex 2: List of Publications Dundee UNESCO IHP-HELP Centre

Kluwer International and National Water Law Book Series (P. Wouters & S. Vinogradov, Series Editors)

- Volume 1: *International Water Law - Selected Writings of Professor Charles B. Bourne*, Patricia Wouters, Kluwer Law International, ISBN 90-411-0714-2, (1998).
- Volume 2: *Dividing the Waters. The Resolution of Interstate Water Conflicts in the United States*, George William Sherk, Kluwer International, London, ISBN 90-411-9819-9, (2000).
- Volume 3: *International Law of Water Resources. Contribution of the International Law Association (195402000)*, Slavko Bogdanovic, Hardbound, ISBN 90-411-1623-0, June 2001.
- Volume 4: *The United Nations Convention on the Law of International Watercourses*, Attila Tanzi, Maurizio Arcari, Kluwer Law International, ISBN 90-411-1652-4, (2001).
- Volume 5: *Water Projects. A Commercial and Contractual Guide*, Jeffrey Delmon, Kluwer Law International, ISBN 90-411-1685-0, (2001).
- Volume 6: *Building a Regime for the Waters of the Euphrates-Tigris River Basin*, Aysegal Kibaroglu, Kluwer Law International, ISBN 90-411-1897-7, (2002).
- Volume 7: *Conflict and Cooperation on South Asia's International Rivers*, Salman M.A. Salman, Kishor Uprety, Kluwer Law International ISBN 90-411-1958-2, (2002).
- Volume 8: *National and International Water Law and Administration. Selected Writings*, Dante A. Caponera, Kluwer Law International, ISBN 90-411-2085-8, (2003).
- Volumes 9-12: *The Work of the United Nations on Water. 3 Volumes of Selected Works*. P. Wouters, Kluwer Law International (*forthcoming*).

IWA Publishing Water Law and Policy Series (P. Wouters & S. Vinogradov, Series Editors)

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- Volume 7: *Hydrology and Water Law – Bridging the Gap*, Jim Wallace and Patricia Wouters (eds), ISBN 1843390701 (2005).
- Volume 8: *Rivers of the World: Water Law, State Practice and Current Issues* (working title), P. Wouters (monograph forthcoming 2007).

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- Daibes, F., *A New Legal Framework for Managing the World's Shared Groundwaters A Case-study from the Middle East* (IWA Publishing, London, *Forthcoming 2005*).
- Hu, D., *The New China Water Law: Challenges and Future Solutions (working title)* (IWA Publishing, London, *Forthcoming 2006*).
- Mandri-Perrott, C., "Developing Sustainable Legal Mechanisms for Private Sector Participation in the International Water and Wastewater Sector. Examining the EU Water Framework Directive in New and Aspirant EU States" (*forthcoming, Denver Water Law Review*).
- Rieu-Clarke, A., *International Law and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Law of International Watercourses* (IWA Publishing, London, *Forthcoming 2005*).
- Wouters, P., Vinogradov, S., Allan, A., Jones, P., & Rieu-Clarke, A., "Sharing Transboundary Waters – An Integrated Assessment of Equitable Entitlement: The Legal Assessment Model, IHP-VI, Technical Documents in Hydrology No. 74, UNESCO Paris, 2005.
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