

**3rd Meeting Regarding 4-Lateral Exploration of
Risk-Based Flood Management Approaches**
14 June – 16 June, LONDON , UK

Objective:

The aim of the initiative is to explore risk-based flood management approaches, as being practised and developed primarily in four countries - the Netherlands, the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan, and jointly develop a “best practices” document.

The 3rd meeting will be organized and hosted by the Environment Agency, United Kingdom in accordance with the agreement at the ad hoc meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey in 20 March, 2009.

The four countries will discuss two of the five topics agreed at the 2nd meeting on flood risk management approaches and related measures including sharing best practices. The initial contents of the ‘best practice manual will be discussed.

Participants:

Netherlands:

Ministry of Transport and Public Works and Water Management

United States:

Mr. Edward Hecker, Chief, Office of Homeland Security and Provost Marshal, Directorate of Civil Works, HQ US Army Corps of Engineers

Ms. Elizabeth Bourget, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

United Kingdom:

Mr David Rooke, Head of Strategy and Engagement, Environment Agency

Mr Phil Rothwell, Head of Strategic Planning and Reporting, Environment Agency

Japan:

Mr. Koichi Fujita, Research Coordinator for Watershed Management, River Department, NILIM, MLIT

Mr. Kenichiro Tachi, Deputy Director, River Planning Division, River Bureau, MLIT

Venue:

City Inn Westminster, 30 John Islip Street, London SW1P (map attached).

The City Inn is a five minute walk from the Environment Agency’s Millbank Tower office.

Languages:

English

Timetable

Delegates arrive on various dates ranging from 11th June through to 14th June (accommodation details listed on separate document)

Monday 14th June

10.45am – Phil Rothwell, Head of Strategic Planning and Reporting, Environment Agency will meet you in the lobby of the City Inn hotel and escort you to our Millbank Tower office.

11.00am – meet in the foyer of the Environment Agency's Millbank Tower office. Welcome from David Rooke, Environment Agency.

11.30am – A boat trip on the riverboat Canary Wharf 4 down the River Thames from Millbank Pier to the Thames Barrier for a buffet lunch then a tour around the Barrier. This trip will be hosted by Andy Batchelor, Area Flood Risk Manager and Phil Rothwell.

15.00 – Thames Barrier visit ends. Phil Rothwell will escort you by taxi to North Greenwich subway station where you will take the Jubilee line and alight at Westminster station, which is a ten minute walk from the City Inn hotel.

Monday evening – freetime

Overnight at the City Inn Westminster, 30 John Islip Street, London SW1P 4DD at a cost of £162.63 or \$234.22

Tuesday 15th June

A full day's meeting which will take place at the City Inn, Westminster.

0900 hours	Welcome and opening address	Sonia Phippard
0910	Flood risk management in the UK – an overview - Phil Rothwell	
0940	To consider the minutes of the 2 nd meeting in Tsukuba, Japan	
0950	Coffee/tea	

1000 Country updates on topic one – long-term vision for climate change, monitoring, assessment, maintenance and investigation.

Presentation by each country (20 mins) followed by discussion:

1. Japan
2. USA
3. UK
4. Netherlands

1120 Discussion on topic one

1230 Lunch

1330 Country updates on topic two – emergency planning, management and response

Presentation by each country (15 mins) followed by discussion

1. Japan
2. USA
3. Netherlands
4. UK

1430 Discussion on topic two

1500 Coffee/tea

1510 Discussion on topic two (cont'd)

1530 Update from USACE on international conference in Washington, November, 2010 – venue, participants, programme, dates, etc.

1600 Update on international conference in Tsukuba, 2011 – venue, participants, outline programme, dates, etc.

1630 Discussion on proposed international best practice manual and involvement of UNESCO

1645 Future meetings – Washington 2010, Netherlands 2011 (?)

1700 Close of meeting

2000 hours Dinner at the City Inn.

We will be joined by officials from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and staff from the Environment Agency.

- David Rooke – Head of FCRM Strategy and Engagement, Environment Agency
- Phil Rothwell - Head of FCRM Strategic Planning and Reporting, Environment Agency
- Ian Tomes – Area Flood Risk Manager, Thames Region, Environment Agency
- Doug Hill - Asset System Management Team Leader, Thames Region, Environment Agency
- Sonia Phippard – Director of WaFERR, DEFRA

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Wednesday 16th June

We have arranged a morning trip to the Jubilee River, which is a flood alleviation by-pass channel built by the Environment Agency and completed in the year 2000 to reduce flooding to Maidenhead alongside the River Thames. Phil Rothwell will once again accompany you on this visit and will meet you in the lobby of the City Inn hotel at 08.30. Phil will have your subway and train tickets with him.

09.27 train from London Paddington to Maidenhead – arrives 10.04 – direct train, no changes

You will travel from London Paddington train station to Maidenhead train station where you will be collected by coach and shown round the scheme. This visit will be hosted by Ian Tomes, Area Flood Risk Manager and Doug Hill, Asset System Management Team Leader. The trip will end with a buffet lunch.

The coach will then take you for some free time in Windsor to look around

Windsor Castle.

16.00 train from Windsor & Eton Central station to Slough Station, arrives 16.06, then catch the 16.10 from Slough to London Paddington, arrives 16.27

Taxi or London Underground to City Inn – arrive around 17.30

Once again, all travel tickets will be provided.

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Thursday 17th June

Travel home