The Australian Embassy in Israel together with Friends of the Earth Middle East and 'Green Campus' at University of Haifa and the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology

Welcome the public to a unique lecture from visiting expert Chris Hammer

"River Rehabilitation: Lessons from the Australian Experience."

Chris Hammer has been a journalist for more than 25 years, working for newspapers, magazines, online, and for television.

In his recently published book, *The River*, Hammer discusses the innovative strategies employed by the Australian government agencies to rehabilitate the Murray Darling Basin in Australia. The pioneering approach to water management of the Murray Darling Basin in Australia has been recognized the world over as a best practice in river rehabilitation and can serve as a model to decision makers in the region towards the rehabilitation of rivers and streams including the Lower Jordan River.

The lecture will be held at the University of Haifa on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 16.00 Auditorium 101 in the Student House

**Agenda:**
15:45 - 16:00 *Reception and Screening* of short film *Good Water Neighbors* focusing on the water reality of Jordanian, Israeli and Palestinian communities in the Jordan valley.
16:00 - 16:15 **Welcome:** Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East Andrea Faulkner, Australian Ambassador to Israel (to be confirmed) Prof. Deborah Shmueli, Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa Prof. Ofira Ayalon, Environmental Resources, University of Haifa and Samuel Neaman Institute, Technion
16:15 - 16:30 **Dr. David Katz** – Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa, Stream Rehabilitation in Israel: Where we are and where we are going.
16:30 - 17:20 **Chris Hammer** - River Rehabilitation: Lessons from the Australian Experience
17:20 - 17:50 **Gilad Safier, DHV** - Road Map for the Rehabilitation of the Lower Jordan River
17:50 - 18:10 **Break**
18:10 - 19:00 **Film:** *Blue Gold: War Water Wars* - Documentary direct by **Sam Bozzo** (Hebrew Sub-titles)

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