

## Dutch Approaches in Adaptation to Climate Change / Knowledge and Capacity Sharing in Delta Areas

Wednesday December 16, Holland Climate House Hall C7

Organized by: **Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (V&W), Climate Research Netherlands, Ministry of Housing, Environment and Spatial Planning (VROM)**

Time	Topic	Session contents
09.30-11.00	Adapting to climate change – bridging the climate negotiations with the need for local actions	Presentations on water and climate by government representatives from the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Germany, Vietnam, Denmark and others. The Global Public Policy Network as lobbyist in the negotiations, UN Water and the World Business Council on Sustainable Development will present their views on the progress of the negotiations and its impacts on their positions.
11.00-12.30	Launch of the UNECE Guidance	The new UNECE Guidance on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change has been developed under the UNECE Water Convention. It aims to spur climate change adaptation that takes into account the transboundary dimension of water management.
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
12.30-14.00	Scientific support in developing 'adaptation to climate policy'	Science can help policy makers to set out strategies and to assess measures. To bridge the gap between science and practice climate services have been set up, the hotspot approach was invented and boundary organisations were initiated. Three different approaches will be presented and discussed.
14.30-16.30	Climate proofing the Netherlands – the Delta Programme	The Delta Programme marks a shift in the Dutch National Adaptation Strategy (NAS). Its next step will include an enhanced focus on water related issues in an integral approach.
16.30-17.00	Delta Committee / the movie	The Delta Committee report (September 2008) is a major milestone: solving present problems in a future context. A short film is presented.
<b>17.00</b>	<b>Reception</b>	
17.00-20.30	The International Delta Alliance / Meet the press / Drinks	Today the Delta Alliance will be announced. The focus will be on the benefits of sharing and developing knowledge on adaptation between delta regions worldwide. The official launching of the International Delta Alliance will be Sept. 30th 2010 during the conference 'Deltas in times of climate change' in Rotterdam.

## Contents of the day

In 2007, the government in the Netherlands formulated a formal Dutch Adaptation Strategy entitled 'Make Space for Climate!'. The strategy was the starting point for formulating a more comprehensive climate adaptation policy, primarily related to spatial measures but also for raising awareness and identifying gaps in knowledge. In addition, the Delta Commission presented recommendations for water safety and fresh water availability. The minister for the Environment and Spatial Planning stressed that adaptation to climate change has to give attention to public health, flooding, drought and heat-waves, changing habitats for plants and animals and possible economic damage. Adaptation to climate change involves the spatial development of the entire country.

Countries benefit from exchange of knowledge and experiences. Examples help to show the way towards adapting to climate change. Today we will present several initiatives including policymaking on adaptation to climate change. The initiatives show how adaptation to climate change is interwoven with spatial planning and water management. For successful adaptation, an integral 'Dutch' approach is needed. We will present the Delta Alliance, an initiative to join forces in several regions in the world.

### Overview of presenters by topic

#### 09.30-11.00 Adapting to climate change – bridging the climate negotiations with the need for local actions

- Tineke Huizinga, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management, Netherlands
- Mr. Ashimov, Minister, Ministry of Environment, Kazakhstan
- Mr. Keiner, Director EHLM, UNECE
- Ms. Lipan, personal Adviser Minister of Environment, Romania
- Mr. Tyagi, Chair of the UN-Water Task Force on Water and Climate
- Hon. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh
- Hannah Stoddart, Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)
- Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership (GWP); Mannava Sivakumar, acting Director Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); András Szöllösi-Nagy, Rector, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education
- Moderators: Henk van Schaik (CPWC), Karin Lexen, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) and Birgitte Markussen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (tbc)

#### 12.30-14.00 Scientific support in developing 'adaptation to climate policy'

- Annette Münzenberg (Klimzug, Germany), Chris West (UK-CIP, United Kingdom)
- Prof. Pier Vellinga (Knowledge for Climate)
- Moderator: Florrie de Pater (IVM)

#### 14.30-16.00 Climate proofing the Netherlands – the Delta Programme

- Huib de Vriend (Deltares) or Cees van de Guchte
- Co-referent from United Kingdom or Germany (tbc)
- Moderator: Prof. Pier Vellinga

#### 17.00-20.30 The International Delta Alliance / Meet the Press

- Kees Slingerland (Acting Chairman Delta Alliance)
- Prof. Dr. Jan Sopaheluwakan (Deputy Chairman, Indonesian Institutes of Sciences)
- Prof. Dr. Le Quang Minh (Vice President, Vietnam National University)
- Tony Brunello (California Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy) or Mike Chrisman (California Secretary for Natural Resources)
- A representative of the Bangladesh government
- John Matthews (World Estuary Alliance – WWF)