

Delta Dynamics: Dutch masterplans and SDGs

Session at the Critical perspectives on governance by sustainable development goals: Water Food and Climate

Organizers: UvA, IHE Delft, Both ENDS, Harvard.

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The Netherlands uses its experience to position itself as a centre for delta knowledge and implementation. Through policies such as the International Water Ambition, a consolidated effort of three Dutch ministries, Dutch water expertise is actively promoted around the world as a unique way to combine economic productivity with sustainable development, linking it among others to SDGs 6 and 13. Today, delta management is one of the key operationalisations of the 'trade and aid' agenda set by the Dutch government.

One of the ways in which this worldwide promotion of Dutch delta expertise has taken shape is through the development of Dutch (co-)supported 'masterplans for integrated river basin management and safe deltas'. As the new policy document for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation has just been presented (expected in April 2018), this conference comes at a pivotal time to join various actors that are differently connected to these plans in a double session on 'dynamic deltas'. The aim is to bring in experiences and insights from various perspectives to assess how 'Dutch delta masterplans' come about, how they are understood differently by various actors and which effects they generate in relation to SDGs.

The sessions will combine a series of presentations with a fish bowl discussion. Information on the conference and registration click [here](#).

Programme:

<i>When?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>Who?</i>
11:00	Opening and introduction	Margreet Zwarteveen (IHE-Delft/UvA)
11:10	Panel discussion: Perspectives on masterplans	
	Bangladeshi perspective on the Bangladesh Delta plan	Shahnoor Hasan (IHE-Delft)
	Reflections on the Mekong Delta plan	Michel Tonneijk (Royal HaskoningDHV)
	Comparing by contrast	Rachel Thompson (Harvard University)
	Jakarta: Coastal protection in a sinking city	Marthin Hadiwinata (KNTI, Indonesia)
	Beira Masterplan: Dealing with urban informality	Maarten Gischler (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
	Comparing by contrast	Andres Verzijl (UvA)
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Fish bowl: What do Masterplans do?	
	theme 1	Elaine Alwayn (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water)
	theme 2	Leon Dulce (Kalikasan PNE, Philippines)
	theme 3	Maaïke van Aalst (Deltares/VU)
14:45	Wrap up	Margreet Zwarteveen (IHE-Delft/UvA)