

This newsletter contains short messages, news and announcements, with the objective to share knowledge and experience related to adaptive delta management and the implementation of the Bangladesh Delta Plan. It is prepared by the Delta Alliance, as a pilot for information sharing, on quarterly basis. Your contributions are very welcome!

In this bulletin you will find messages about various conferences and meetings, a new applied research programme 'Joint Cooperation Programme Bangladesh – the Netherlands' and news on recent papers.

1. Key points of the International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) at the United International University (UIU), 19-20 February 2019

- Partnerships are essential to address sustainable development, Prof Shamsul Alam in the opening of the ICSD
- We need sustainable knowledge infrastructure to be bridging the gap for deltas, Opening Key note speech of Kim van Nieuwaal, Director of the Delta Alliance
- There is an urgent need for capacity development, Closing Key note speech of Saleemul Huq, Director of ICCCAD
- Announcement of Delta Forum, a platform to discuss and share regarding BDP2100 implementation, Prof Hamidul Huq, IDSS, UIU
- A link to the report and a Twitter message are included ([link to report](#)), Twitter message: <https://twitter.com/cnazmul78/status/1097713275033346048?s=11>

During the visit of Kim van Nieuwaal to Bangladesh, he also met with Prof Monowar Hossain, Executive Director of IWM, and coordinator Delta Alliance Bangladesh Wing and Engineer Waji Ullah, Executive Director of CEGIS, to discuss future plans of the Delta Alliance.

2. Key points of the Plenary Session on Implementation of BDP2100 at the International Conference on Water and Flood Management, Dhaka, 1-3 March 2019

- There is a need to address capacity development and knowledge needs
- We need to change the way of working
- We need more collaboration and sharing mechanisms to be developed

The session was coordinated by DeltaCap, in collaboration with GED, SIBDP, UDW-NWO, JCP, Flowater Solutions and Gobeshona/ICCCAD

[Link to report.](#)

3. Discussion with Prof Shamsul Alam regarding Delta Centre

DeltaCap has developed a discussion note on a coordination mechanism for capacity development for BDP2100. After discussing it early March with the External Advisory Board of the project, it was discussed with Prof Shamsul Alam at the Planning Commission. Prof Shamsul Alam welcomes the initiative indicating to start small in GED and to make use of existing facilities (www.deltacapproject.net).

4. Urbanizing Deltas of the World meeting in The Hague, 21-22 March 2019

The annual meeting was held in the Netherlands to discuss progress of the programme. A mechanism to further translate knowledge developed in the research programme to practice has been opened up for proposals ([link to more information](#)).

5. New project: Joint Collaboration Programme

IWM, CEGIS, Deltares and WUR have started a longer term collaboration for knowledge cooperation, partly supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. During the inception phase (December 2018 – May 2019). In this programme, applied research is undertaken to address knowledge questions related to implementation of BDP2100.

6. Recent papers

- Rethinking sediments, tidal rivers and delta livelihoods: tidal river management as a strategic innovation in Bangladesh; Chris Seijger; Dilip Kumar Datta; Wim Douven; Gerardo van Halsema; Malik Fida Khan, Water Policy (2018) 21 (1): 108-126. <https://doi.org/10.2166/wp.2018.212>.
- A critical review of the Ganges Water Sharing arrangement; Kazi Saidur Rahman; Zahidul Islam; Umme Kulsum Navera; Fulco Ludwig, Water Policy wp2019164. <https://doi.org/10.2166/wp.2019.164>

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