

Press release: Joint Cooperation Programme Bangladesh - the Netherlands

For a long time, Bangladesh has been battling risks from natural hazards and simultaneously building the necessary physical and governance conditions for sustainable development of the country. The recent development of Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is a leading guideline and framework developed in this consequence. In this relation, a joint cooperation programme is developed in a structured approach; to bridge knowledge gaps and knowledge needs.

A formal signing ceremony of the Joint Cooperation Programme between Bangladesh and the Netherlands commenced today, on the 18th June 2019. This four-year programme, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is set up amongst the Institute of Water Modelling (IWM), the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Wageningen University and Research (WUR) and Deltares. It is aimed at developing and initiating long term knowledge sharing and capacity building amongst these institutes in the fields of integrated water resources management and adaptive planning.

Mr. Harry Verweij, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands ; Mr. Peter de Vries, Thematic Water Management Expert and Additional Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, Mr. Rokun ud-Doula was present during the signing ceremony.

The focus of the programme is on applied research, related to, work of the Planning Commission and General Economic Division (GED), the Water Development Board (BWDB), the Department of Environment (DOE), the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and many other government agencies. Foreseen outputs are an application to access the knowledge portal of the delta plan, improved polder management and governance, real time water quality monitoring around Dhaka city, a Meta Model to structurally and integrally assess investments for the Bangladesh Delta Plan, sediment management for restoration of the Old Brahmaputra river, and insights in the future water requirements in agriculture. More information can be found at the following sources.



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