

Delta Alliance Resilience Strategy

The Delta Alliance mission of improving the resilience of deltas worldwide will be realized in partnership with other organizations through:

1. envisioning and defining resilience for deltas;

e.g. Short Term (2010 – 2012)

- create visions for resilient deltas with local stakeholders
- develop a framework for defining and measuring resilience in deltas
 - create international Resilience Working Group to lead this work
 - high profile researchers from diverse disciplines known for delta-specific work
 - partner with World Estuary Alliance
 - review and perform research into criteria and measuring of resilience within deltas
 - various aspects of resilience must be considered e.g. ecosystems, economy, governance, geo-physical system

e.g. Long Term (2012 onward)

- include new Wings into the Delta Alliance network through events that support local stakeholders to envision their resilient delta
- continue refinement of the framework for defining and measuring resilience in deltas

2. measuring and monitoring resilience;

e.g. Short Term (2010 – 2012)

- a Comparative Overview of Delta Issues led by Delta Alliance Netherlands Wing will provide insight into the current state of 8 deltas worldwide and their strategies for improved resilience

e.g. Long Term (2012 onward)

- annual review of resilience in select deltas, based on the framework developed by the Resilience Working Group
 - bring together information and people from multiple sectors to give a broad view of the state of the delta and identify gaps in information

3. reporting resilience and advocating for improved resilience;

e.g. Short Term (2010 – 2012)

- invite people and organizations to sign the Delta Alliance Declaration calling for action towards more resilient deltas (*first signatures on the Declaration to be received at the celebration of the launch of Delta Alliance in Rotterdam, 30th September 2010*)

e.g. Long Term (2012 onward)

- regular “Delta Report Cards” reporting on the resilience of select deltas
 - prizes for positive progress
 - presenting an overall rating that gives a quick understanding of how resilient a delta is, with supporting detail that provides depth across sectors and can stand up to scientific scrutiny
 - partner with World Estuary Alliance
- presentations at international events by members of Resilience Working Group and Delta Alliance Ambassadors

4. providing inspiration for improved resilience;

e.g. Short Term (2010 – 2012)

- showcase best practices and lessons learned in deltas through workshops, presentations, websites, and newsletters
 - including delta planning, management, projects, and response to damaging events

e.g. Long Term (2012 onward)

- design sessions that include practitioners and experts from deltas around the world

5. and providing assistance for improved resilience.

e.g. Short Term (2010 – 2012)

- create Delta Response Team of international experts and practitioners to provide rapid support when damaging events occur
- attract funding for projects that contribute to improved resilience in deltas
- co-create innovative projects with partner organizations and funding agencies
- strengthen the international network in exchanging information and expertise resources in and between deltas worldwide
 - improve and encourage use of www.delta-zones.com
 - dynamic communication that highlights network members and activities
- create Young Delta Alliance to support the Delta Response Team and Resilience Working Group

e.g. Long Term (2012 onward)

- prepare Guidelines for delta management and response
- capacity-building program for delta management and response
 - courses and expert exchanges
- comments and recommendations from the Resilience Working Group for delta management plans and specific projects