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# DUTCH DIAMONDS IN THE DELTA

pathways towards inclusive and climate proof delta planning in  
low- and middle income countries

*seminar and matchmaking event*

8 May 2019 | Academiegebouw | Utrecht

You are cordially invited to the *Dutch Diamonds in the Delta* Seminar, organized by Utrecht University in close cooperation with Deltares, The Netherlands Enterprise Agency, and LANDac. The aim of the seminar is to explore new collaborations between stakeholders for future research and knowledge exchange within the *Dutch Diamonds in the Delta* programme, a collaborative research programme about inclusive and resilient Dutch delta interventions in the global South.

Over the last decade, the Dutch government, businesses and knowledge institutes supported various delta regions in the global South through infrastructure projects, spatial development plans and strategic delta management frameworks. However, these delta projects do not always translate to real impacts on the ground and when they do, they can disproportionately impact vulnerable groups. In addition, limited data availability and short term projections raise concerns as to the unforeseen impacts of delta interventions on land-water systems and the long term sustainability of delta management strategies.

The day will be opened by **Henk Ovink**, flood expert and the Netherlands' first Special Envoy for International Water Affairs and key-note speakers include **Annelies Zoomers** (professor of International Development Studies at Utrecht University and chair of LANDac), **Hans Middelkoop** (professor of Physical Geography and lead of the Water, Climate and Future Deltas hub), **Daniëlle Hirsch** (director of BothEnds), **Sandra Cats** (Head of Program Management at Netherlands Red Cross) and **Murtah Shannon** (leading researcher *Dutch Diamonds in the Delta* at UU and Deltares).

In the morning, we will present and discuss preliminary outcomes of the programme, including the challenges and opportunities as identified by the programme consortium to make delta planning in the global South more inclusive and climate-proof. In the afternoon, break-out sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss available methods and approaches for inclusive and climate-proof delta interventions and we will focus on further building the consortium to continue the programme for future research.

## **Programme**

The day is chaired by Prof. Annelies Zoomers (Utrecht University) and Dennis van Peppen (Netherlands Enterprise Agency).

09:30 *Walk-in & coffee*

### Morning plenary

10.00 Welcome by Prof. Annelies Zoomers & Prof. Hans Middelkoop

10.15 Opening by Henk Ovink, Daniëlle Hirsch & Sandra Cats with Q&A

11.30 Presentation of findings 'Dutch Diamonds in the Delta' (Murtah Shannon) with Q&A

12.30 *Lunch*

### Afternoon workshop

13.30 Break-out sessions

- Methods and approaches for inclusive delta interventions  
*Gemma Betsema, LANDdialogue*
- Methods and approaches for (long-term) climate proof delta interventions  
*Trang Vu, NWP & Utrecht University*
- Methods and approaches for the governance of inclusive and climate proof deltas  
*Jos van Alphen, Deltacommissaris*

15.30 *Break*

16.00 Plenary discussion: where to from here?

16.45 *Reception*

## **Where and when**

Wednesday 8 May 2019

10.00 – 17.30

Academy Building, Domplein 29, Utrecht

## **Registration**

RSVP to Murtah Shannon at [m.l.shannon@uu.nl](mailto:m.l.shannon@uu.nl).

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