



Invitation

Aid and Trade in the Water Sector The Delft Triangle

Symposium on the occasion of the retirement of Ir. Joop de Schutter UNESCO-IHE, Friday 6 February 2015

15:00 Arrival of guests and coffee

15:30 Opening by facilitator of the day | Prof Arthur Mynett (UNESCO-IHE)

15:40 *The Netherlands Water Partnership – a global perspective* | Prof Sybe Schaap (NWP)

16:00 *TU Delft – the research and education perspective* | Prof Huub Savenije (TUD)

16:20 *UNESCO-IHE – the capacity development perspective* | Prof Stefan Uhlenbrook (UNESCO-IHE)

16:40 Concluding remarks

16:45 Intermezzo

17:00 *Looking back on a career in the water sector* | Ir Joop de Schutter MSc (UNESCO-IHE)

17.30 Reception



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The symposium will reflect on how key Delft water institutions collaborate in research, development and capacity building for the international water sector. The strong position of Dutch water institutions and companies in the global water market is demonstrated by taking the ‘Delft Triangle’ as an example of how to partner national efforts initiated by the Ministries for Infrastructure and Environment, Economic Affairs and Foreign Affairs, under coordination of the Netherlands Water Partnership.

The ‘Delft Triangle’ is contributing to the implementation of national (water sector) policies such as the ‘Top-Sector Water Initiative’ and the ‘From Aid to Trade Policy’. We will show how the Delft institutions are key partners to companies in the water sector and how they contribute to open up and develop international water markets, each from their own particular area of expertise, but at the same time being complementary to each other and making their total impact larger than the sum of their individual expertise.

The symposium will show how the institutions of the Delft Triangle jointly contribute to international development (with water as a lead principle) and business cooperation (by contributing to business matches between partners and partner countries). The presentations will make clear how complementarities between the institutions add to the role that each individual institution plays.

Background material for the symposium is to be found in policy papers related to the “top sectoren beleid”, international development cooperation policy changes documented in “Minder Pretentie, Meer Ambitie” WRR report, in the current “Water en OS” programme and recent research papers produced including the “positioning survey” and a survey on “capaciteits ontwikkeling”.

TU Delft

Center of excellence for water sector related education and research for both water technology and delta technology. Civil engineering and geo-sciences department is lead institution for water sector related studies in the Netherlands with a very strong international dimension. Both UNESCO-IHE and Deltares work closely together with TUD through shared professorial chairs, shared research programs and participation in applied science projects.

Deltares

Centre of excellence for water sector related applied research and development. World research and development leader position in various delta technology related disciplines. Highly international profile in dealing with a wide range of water management issues around the world. Close cooperation for research and development between Deltares and both TUD and UNESCO-IHE through applied research, capacity development and water infrastructure projects around the world.

UNESCO-IHE

Unique international institute for water education, research and capacity development. Combination of international status and strong linkage to the Dutch water sector makes the institute a strong partner in development of new markets answering to new needs in water management around the world. The UNESCO-IHE “new water leaders” alumni network is a proven valuable resource and development vehicle for water sector projects around the world. Close cooperation for water sector research and development between the “Delft Triangle” institutions with UNESCO-IHE emphasis on human resources development and institutional development.