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GLOBAL AMBITIONS OF THE DUTCH NATIONAL WATER PLAN: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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INTRODUCTION: DEFINITIONS

- **Water policy = “cross-cutting issue”**
 - Distribution issue, more than just sectoral policy
- **Global** means:
 - Issues **outside** EU
 - Issues **broader than** EU
- **Whose policy?:**
 - **Government policy:** common ownership of the Ministries concerned; TPWW in the lead
 - **Water Sector:** involved at equal footing
 - Business community+knowledge institutes+regional/local authorities+NGO's
 - Water system and water cycle (in correlation!)



INTRODUCTION: REASONS FOR TAKING ACTION

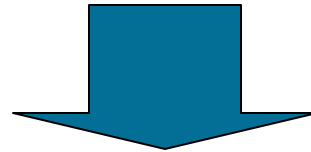
- **Good global water governance = national interest**
 - Influencing the global water agenda
 - Getting ready for future challenges (climate, food security,...)
 - Substantiating niches (adaptivity, mix technology/governance)
 - Keeping up to standard innovative capacity
 - Entertaining networks
- **Furthering a level playing field**
- **Responsibility and international solidarity**



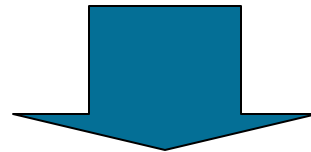


INTRODUCTION: FROM VISION TO POLICY

Water vision (2007)



Draft National Water Plan (Ch.6) (2008)



NWP + Global Water Agenda (2009)



INTRODUCTION: TIME-FRAME DIALOGUES

1. Dialogue with water sector (per cluster, June - July)
2. Dialogue on Outline (September)
3. Government Decision (December)



OBJECTIVES: THE CORE OF THE MATTER

Heading Ch. 6 NWP:

“The Netherlands is working globally with water expertise”



Global ambition:

“The Netherlands is the outstanding water (expertise) partner”



OBJECTIVES: OVERVIEW

Doel 1:

- Getting ready for future challenges

Doel 2:

- Strengthening our waterexpertise-position

Doel 3:

- Contributing to sustainable solutions
 - Starting from our strength and our assets.
 - Acting where we can make the difference
 - Realizing these objectives interconnectedly



OBJECTIVE 1: GETTING READY FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Upholding our learning capacity (adaptivity)
- Getting our priority water themes on the agenda of multilateral fora/events
- Exchanging experiences, benchmarking and developing best practices
- Upholding and extending our global networks



OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHENING OUR WATEREXPERTISE-POSITION

- **Export-development**
 - Making use of our exporting capacities and opportunities
- **Offering locations for international water organisations**
 - Attractiveness
- **Capacity Building**
 - Educating waterworkers
 - Presence of professionals
 - Presence of institutes for education
- **Expertise**
 - R&D
 - Innovation = using our knowledge
 - Linking technological know-how with governance expertise
 - Ambition: NL = global water knowledge centre
- **Involving decentralised government and ngo's**



OBJECTIVE 3: CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

- Making available our expertise and commitment
- Linking water management with water governance
- Linking watercycle with water chain



OBJECTIVES: IMPLEMENTING BY CONNECTING

- = active attitude
- = looking for synergy: $1 + 1 = 3$ effect
- Connecting people, organisations, countries

- Connecting with several
 - Adjoining policy fields: climate, spatial planning, nature, etc.
 - Themes
 - Water issues
 - Instruments
 - Approaches

- Joint responsibility as a result



FIELDS OF ACTION (1)

- Not just economy
- Not just ecology
- Not just humanitarian aid
- Not just safety
- Not just knowledge

But:

- Balance: People + Planet + Profit
- Connecting these fields



FIELDS OF ACTION: 2

- Water & Climate adaptation
- Drinking water & Sanitation
- Water for Food & Ecosystems
- Water & Safety
- Water Governance

“out-of-the-water-box”



SPHERES OF ACTION: GENERAL

- **Bilateral**
 - Connecting with other countries and deltas
- **Multilateral**
 - Connecting with international fora and events
 - Our message to the international community
- **Nationaal**
 - Connecting forces to
 - Stimulate innovative capacities
 - Develop knowledge
 - Stimulate operating internationally
 - Make use of, and draw on our potentials (expertise, exporting, innovation, development)



SPHERES OF ACTION: BILATERAL (1)

- **Bilateral co-operation** with 4 types of countries:
 - Developing countries
 - Countries in transition
 - Fragile countries, such as:
 - Middle East, Mediterranean
 - Highly developed countries, in particular
 - USA, China
 - Possibly: Japan, Singapore
- Stimulating innovative pilot projects submitted by coalitions from the Dutch water sector in 43 countries



SPHERES OF ACTION: BILATERAL (2)

- Selection of **5 deltaic countries**:
 - *Indonesia–Jakarta*
 - *Vietnam–Mekong*
 - *Egypt–Nile*
 - *Bangladesh–Ganges/Brahmaputra*
 - *Mozambique–Incomati*
- Long-lasting commitment (10-20 years!)
- Programmatic and integrated approach
- Result-driven for the local situation
- Watermanagement & water governance
- Involving different government layers and ngo's *on both sides*
- Involving river basin
 - ***Role/input may differ per delta!***



SPHERES OF ACTION: MULTILATERAL

- Embedding, and giving profile to, our message and position in networks, fora and events
- Disseminating and exchanging bilateral lessons learned
- Recent themes listed by the Netherlands:
 - Climate adaptation (WWC/WWF; UNECE; Stockholm; COP15)
 - Risk management (WWF; UNSGAB)
 - River basin approach / water conventions NY, Helsinki (UNGA; WWF)
 - MDG's (UNSGAB; CSD; WWF; Stockholm)

But: 26 UN-(related) agencies are dealing with water...

➤ ***need to be selective***



SPHERES OF ACTION: MULTILATERAL

- **Fora :**

- UNGA
- UNSGAB
- UNWater
- CSD
- UNFCCC (COP15 etc.)
- UNECE
- UNESCO
- UNEP
- UNISDR
- UNDP
- FAO
- WHO
- WMO
- World Water Council
- OECD
- OCSC
- Etc.

- **Events:**

- World Water Fora
- Stockholm Water Week
- Singapore Water Week
- Aquaterra/Aquatech
- World Expo's
- Etc.



SPHERES OF ACTION: NATIONAL

Strong water sector is of vital national interest, requiring:

- Joining forces: thinking and acting jointly with and within the sector
- Export potential
- Innovative capacity
- Attractiveness for locating and investing
- Quality of knowledge
 - Education & Institutes
 - R&D
- Job market
 - Human Capital Water
 - Water awareness, participation in international competitions



INSTRUMENTS

No new instruments: connecting existing tools

Primarily:

- Partners voor Water-3 budget (2010-2015): 9,5M€/yr for:
 - furthering co-operation with delta's,
 - stimulating innovative pilots and
 - disseminating results, knowledge and information
- International Marketing Programma
 - Dutch Delta Design 2012

Connecting with:

- ODA
- Climate expertise fund
- 2g@there
- IFI's, Banks, etc.
- Etc.