

# POLICY DAY

## DEALING WITH SEA-LEVEL RISE IN DELTAIC REGIONS: AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

### 8 JULY 2009 AMSTERDAM

#### MORNING PROGRAMME

CHAIR: MR. FRITS LINTMEIJER

- WK<sup>1</sup> 09.00 – 09.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- WK 09.30 – 09.40 **OPENING** BY PROF. A.J. DIETZ  
SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR OF THE AMSTERDAM RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR METROPOLITAN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (AMIDST) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

#### **SESSION 1: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUTCH DELTA COMMISSION AND AN EXPLORATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH OTHER DELTAIC REGIONS**

- WK 09.40 – 10.05 **THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DUTCH NEW DELTA COMMISSION AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR OTHER DELTAIC REGIONS.**  
SPEAKER: MR. JOS VAN ALPHEN  
SENIOR ADVISOR FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER MANAGEMENT RIJKSWATERSTAAT / CENTRE FOR WATER MANAGEMENT
- WK 10.05 – 10.30 **THE GLOBAL AMBITIONS OF THE DUTCH NATIONAL WATER PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**  
SPEAKER: MR. CAREL DE VILLENEUVE  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER MANAGEMENT, DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR WATER AFFAIRS
- WK 10.30 – 10.50 **INTERVIEW WITH SPEAKERS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- WK 10.50 – 11.15 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

#### **SESSION 2: CLIMATE-RELATED WATER CHALLENGES IN DELTAIC REGIONS: A 'SOUTHERN' PERSPECTIVE**

- WK 11.15 – 11.40 **SEA-LEVEL RISE IN DELTAIC REGIONS: A SOUTH-ASIAN PERSPECTIVE**  
SPEAKER: DR. SHAPAN ADNAN  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
- WK 11.40 – 12.05 **DEALING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE: LIVING WITH FLOOD IN THE MEKONG DELTA, VIETNAM**  
SPEAKER: MS. TRAN THI TRIEU, M.Sc.  
PROJECT CONSULTANT FOR INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE MEKONG DELTA, AFFILIATED TO THE SWISS NGO HELVETAS VIETNAM
- WK 12.05 – 12.25 **INTERVIEW WITH SPEAKERS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- BH<sup>2</sup> 12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH

LOCATIONS:

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2 BH:

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**AFTERNOON PROGRAMME**

- OMHP<sup>3</sup> 14.00 – 14.25     INTRODUCING THE SUBGROUP THEMES: PROF. EDMUND PENNING ROWSELL  
PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AT MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY AND IS ALSO HEAD OF  
THE FLOOD HAZARD RESEARCH CENTRE
- OMHP 14.30 – 15.45     THEMATIC SUBGROUPS
- ***WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF THE NEW DELTA COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER DELTA REGIONS IN EUROPE?***
  - ***WHAT IS THE RELEVANCE OF THE NEW DELTA COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DELTA REGIONS IN ASIA (AND OTHER PARTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD)?***
  - ***HOW CAN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF SEA-LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE BE DEALT WITH IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT?***
  - ***MUTUAL LEARNING: WHAT LESSONS REGARDING ADAPTATION, RISK PERCEPTIONS AND VULNERABILITY CAN EXPERIENCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OFFER TO EUROPE?***
  - ***WHAT SHOULD THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTORS BE IN ADAPTING TO SEA-LEVEL RISE?***
- OMHP 15.45 – 16.30     **PLENARY DEBATE**
- BH 17.00     RECEPTION

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