

# Meet the Government of the Netherlands at the World Water Week

25 - 29 August 2019



The World Water Week, organised by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), is a leading annual conference dedicated to addressing some of the world's most pressing water issues. This year's theme focuses on "**Water for Society - Including all**".

The Government of the Netherlands' (GoNs) delegation at the World Water Week will be headed by Mr Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Please come and meet us at the Dutch Pavilion (location: C08) or join us in one of our various sessions that demonstrate our vision on the SDG agenda and the opportunities it creates for acting with a longer term perspective. The sessions address topics ranging from valuing water, climate resilience cities, sector financing, natural capital accounting, social inclusion and much more.

See below for an overview of the (co-)organised events by the GoN and its partners.

## Monday, August 26

Climate resilient development in coastal cities – a 1000 piece puzzle

**Time:** 14:00 - 15:30 | **Room:** M2



The event illustrates a 7-year journey of Mozambique's city of Beira. From a shared vision towards a resilient future: one-step-at-a-time. Bridging formal development and informal realities. Water as entry point. Reducing flood risk, improving services and transparency, embracing entrepreneurship. Other coastal cities will share their experience, for all to learn.

## Tuesday, August 27

Valuing Water Initiative: driving systemic change to boost water-related SDGs

**Time:** 09:00 - 10:30 | **Room:** M1



The Valuing Water Initiative (VWI) demonstrates the practical application of the UN Valuing Water Principles through case studies in different water value chains and sectors. VWI inspires others to follow its leadership coalition in bringing systemic change to how water is valued in business practices, policies and behavior. This showcase will reflect on the systemic challenges (cases) taken up by the VWI team, and include a “On the Hot Seat” session, that will call out the elephant in the room.

Meet the Dutch Water sector. Speed dating event.

**Time:** 12:00 - 14:00 | **Venue:** Dutch Pavilion (C08).



Moderator: Ikenna Azuike\*. A Nigerian-British lawyer-turned broadcaster, best known for presenting (television)shows like Planet Nigeria and What's Up Africa and cited in 2014 as the one of the "100 Most Influential Africans" by New African magazine.

This event is an excellent opportunity to meet representatives from the Dutch Water sector and their partners. The session will expose selected representatives of the GoN and their development partners including representatives of the private sector and Civil Society Organisations in the Netherlands in a **speed date** meeting with interested World Water Week participants. Don't miss this opportunity that will be informative and fun and skilfully moderated by Ikenna Azuike\*.

Launch Strategic Partnership between the GoN and SIWI

**Time:** 15:30 | **Venue:** Dutch Pavilion (C08).

The GoN highly values the World Water Week for providing an unique platform bringing policy, research and practices together and how it's content and dialogues have an influencing and trend-setting capacity in the sector. The partnership provides an excellent framework for strategic collaboration in leveraging the results of the World Water Week in view of the longer term goals for the water sector set by the SDG Agenda.

The launch will be officially kicked-off by a short signing ceremony that formalises the partnership between the GoN and SIWI. SIWI will be represented by its CEO, Mr Torgny Holmgren, and the GoN by Mr Henk Ovink. Come and join us in this joyful moment!

## Thursday, August 29

Businesses using the natural capital protocol for inclusive water

**Time:** 14:00 - 15:30 | **Room:** M2

Since 2016 companies (water, agribusiness, finance) use the Natural Capital Protocol (NCP). What is it and how does it benefit them? Yorkshire Water, Actiam and Olam show their experience: how the Protocol helps improve decisions and promote inclusive water management. Interactive discussion will focus on use, benefits and social inclusion.



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The Government of the Netherlands also co-hosts the following sessions:

## Sunday, August 25

Including all: participatory approaches in water governance and programmes

**Time:** 09:00 - 10:30 | **Room:** L9



From success to scale: improving rain fed agriculture in Africa

**Time:** 14:00- 15:30 | **Room:** M5



**Monday, August 26**

The right blend: tailoring finance vehicles for context-specific success

**Time:** 14:00 - 15:30 | **Room:** L8



CSO: Change makers and allies with government in reaching SDG6

**Time:** 09:00 - 10:30 | **Room:** L9



## Wednesday, August 28

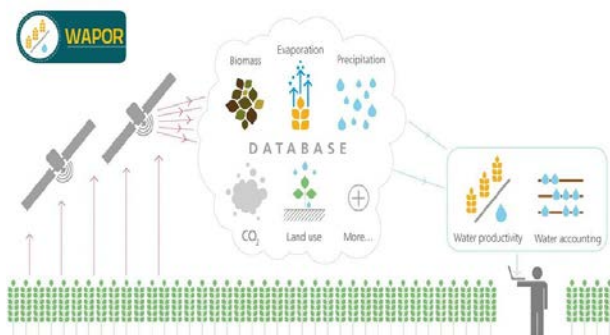
Water, peace and development; drivers of change in transition states

Time: 09:00 - 10:30 | Room: L11



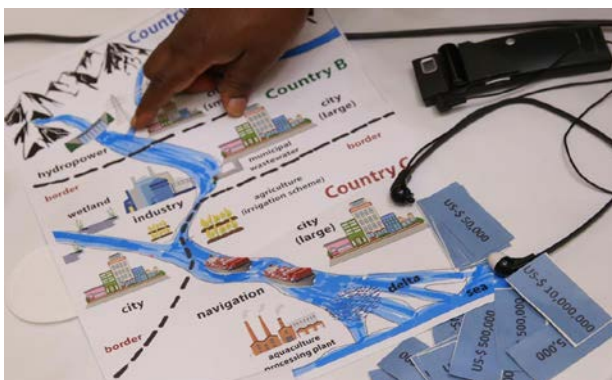
Big data for all”, can it help improve agricultural productivity?

Time: 09:00 - 10:30 | Room: M4



Mobilizing financial resources for transboundary water resources management and cooperation

Time: 14:00 - 15:30 | Room: L10



**Thursday, August 29**

Inclusive Sanitation: Financing Instruments for the Poor & Ultra-Poor

**Time:** 11:00 - 12:30 | **Room:** M2



Towards a working market for green infrastructure

**Time:** 17:00- 17:45 | **Room:** L9



Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Best regards,

Delegation of the Government of the Netherlands