

AQUATERRA WORLD FORUM ON DELTA & COASTAL DEVELOPMENT

Managing Risks and Creating Opportunities

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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The world's delta areas and coasts are under increasing pressure due to a range of natural and manmade reasons. Climate change is the expression on everyone's lips and this complex issue is hotly debated. What will change? How soon? Why?

Aquaterra answers these questions. An international conference and exhibition designed for practical people who face real time challenges, today and tomorrow. Covering the gamut of complex risks and opportunities, Aquaterra consists of:

- an extensive conference programme

- an exhibition of the latest technologies & projects

- networking facilities for experts in the urban development of coastal and delta regions

The forum will be a meeting of minds between the planners, engineers, contractors, financial professionals and government policy makers. It will offer a platform for exchanging practical ideas and case studies about the actual experience of protecting and extending urban development in coastal and delta regions.

OBJECTIVES

- clear examples of active delta and coastal development

- a multi-faceted case approach (policy, finance, knowledge and execution of complex projects)

- practical solutions in managing risks and creating opportunities in delta's and coasts

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (as per September 15)

Wednesday 7 February 2007:

Pressures on the delta and responses in deltaic riverine regions 08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.30 Welcome and opening

09.30 -10.00 Key note: Pressures on the delta (economics, environment, climate, population)

10.30 - 11.00 Key note: Procedures and processes: Getting things done....Faster!

11.00 - 12.30 case 1: Room for rivers

11.00 - 12.30 case 2: Wetlands

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch/Visit Exhibition

14.00 - 15.30 case 3: Emergency planning

14.00 - 15.30 case 4: International perspective

16.00 - 17.00 Technical Sessions

17.00 - 18.00 Reception

Thursday 8 February 2007:

Urban dilemmas and new concepts - new technologies 08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.20 Key note: Dutch Safety Policies and Projects

09.20 - 09.40 Key note: Challenges of Urban Flood management in a changing environment

09.40 - 10.00 Key note: Flood Resiliency and Non- Structured Flood Risk Management

10.30 - 11.00 Key note: Finance / insurances

11.00 - 12.30 case 5: The Urban Dilemma in the Delta (Haarlemmermeer)

11.00 - 12.30 case 6: Urban flooding (COST Publication)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch/Visit Exhibition

14:00 - 15:30 case 7: Project, processes in a complex policy environment

(Hamburg-London-Dordrecht)

14:00 - 15:30 case 8: New Technologies (data rich modelling and monitoring)

16.00 - 17.00 Technical Sessions

Friday 9 February 2007:

Cities in deltas and exploiting the opportunities of coasts 08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:20 Key note: Case Shanghai

09.20 - 09.40 Key note: Eco-engineering, sustainable solutions for marine and inland water constructions

09.40 - 10.00 Key note: The economics of square meters versus cubic meters; reclamation pays

10.30 - 11.00 Key note: Coastal Opportunities, Financial Aspects
11.00 - 12.30 case 9: Coastal cities (Singapore, New Orleans Cases)
11.00 - 12.30 case 10: EU Coastal Projects
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch/Visit Exhibition
14.00 - 15.30 case 11: Coastal opportunities
(Innovative Institutional Developments – DUAL consortium)
14.00 - 15.30 case 12: Coastal Opportunities
(Maasvlakte 2 and Dutch Coastal Development)
15.30 - 18.00 Closing Event & Reception

For detailed and up-to-date information, visit www.aquaterraforum.com.

3 DAYS, 3 TOPICS, 3 LAYERS, THE SPEAKERS

Each day will be devoted to a specific topic and divided into three layers. It will start with the risks and move on to the opportunities, especially on the third day. The keynote speakers are provocative communicators who are slightly ahead of the curve in terms of vision and skilled at getting their ideas across.

The second stage of each day will look at procedures and processes. Specific cases will be presented and discussed from a variety of perspectives. This will cover engineering, political and financing issues, choices made and alternatives considered.

Finally, the programme will be divided into various workshops where participants will be able to examine the technical details. Exhibitors are asked to participate here. The Aquaterra Forum will include some 50 commercial exhibitors and concentrate on content.

Speakers include:

Richard Tol: senior research officer, Economic and Social Research Institute

Erik Pasche: director research department, Institute Wasserbau University of Hamburg

Ton Sprong: project director Room for Rivers, Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management

Jack Harrold: Washington University, Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management

Chris Zevenbergen: director business development, DuraVermeer Group NV

Saeed Ahmed Saeed: chairman, CEO Limitless LLC (Real Estate Development)

Hendrik Postma: general manager, Dredging Department, Royal Boskalis Westminster NV

Lawrence H. Roth: deputy executive director, American Society of Civil Engineers

Mark Lindo: engineering manager, engineering & estimating department, Van Oord NV

Bert Groothuizen: manager marketing and PR, Van Oord NV

Peter Borrowes, chairman European Work Team on Floods (EWTFL0)

Peter Goodwin, professor, Hydrology, Ecohydraulics, University of Idaho, Centre for Ecohydraulic Research

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Advisors

Consultants

Contractors

Project developers

Civil engineers

Water companies

Research institutes

Financial & insurance institutions

Government representatives (international, national, regional and municipal)

Non-Government Organisations (NGOs)

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) The Aquaterra Conference is supported by the Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP). With its 'Delta Technology Programme', NWP and the Dutch Water Sector are strongly involved in international developments and projects. Aquaterra is considered as an important platform to showcase Dutch Technology and know how as well as to exchange leading edge technology and developments with international partners.

The Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP)

The Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) is an independent body set up by the Dutch private and public sectors in the Netherlands to act as a national coordination and information centre for water-related issues abroad

COST C22 - Urban Flood Management (UFM)

Aquaterra has a strategic partnership with the COST C22 - UFM project. This EU supported project focusses on the fact that in the last decades Europe has witnessed on countless occasions a growing number of floods in urban areas. Climate change and rapid urbanisation will exacerbate this trend. Flooding incidents in urbanised catchment areas can lead to great public concern and anxiety and the economic impacts are often severe. Besides structural measures aiming at a reduction of the probability of flooding, new integrated approaches need to be developed and implemented to adapt the urban environment to climate change by further reducing its vulnerability.

COST C22 is incorporated in the Conference programme of Aquaterra, especially day 2 - Urban

Areas.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Location

The Aquaterra Conference will be held in the Amsterdam RAI Exhibition & Congress Centre, Europaplein, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. It will run parallel to the Aquaterra exhibition. Amsterdam RAI is only 15 minutes away from Schiphol Airport and has its own train station. The RAI is surrounded by good hotels, restaurants and bars, while the city centre and its attractive canals, pavement cafés, tourist attractions and entertainment facilities are just ten minutes away by public transport.

Dates & times

Wednesday February 7, 2007 09.00 - 18.00 hours

Thursday February 8, 2007 09.00 - 17.00 hours

Friday February 9, 2007 09.00 - 18.00 hours

Registration fees

Regular fee Early bird fee

3-day Conference pass € 550 € 500

2-day Conference pass € 500 € 450

1-day Conference pass € 250 € 200

1-day exhibition pass € 50 (no entrance allowed to the Conference, entrance to technical sessions)

Pre-registration discount

Pre-register before the 1st of November at www.aquaterraforum.com now to receive an early bird discount of € 50 on your registration fee. When you finalise your registration, the discount will be applicable.

Language

English is the official language.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

More details on the reception on Wednesday and the closing event on Friday will be published at the website in November.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

RAI Hotel & Travel Services can reserve rooms at reduced rates in more than 200 hotels in Amsterdam. This service is free of charge. Make sure you reserve your accommodation well in advance. Contact hotelservice@rai.nl for more information on hotels or travel information.

INFORMATION

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