



Kingdom of the Netherlands



Reducing urban water risks in a changing climate

21 June 11.00 – 13.00

Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU

Avenue de Cortenbergh, 4-10 Brussels

Agenda

Water crisis are one of the top 5 risks globally and there is a growing focus on how to manage and mitigate these risks in the context of urban planning and development. In particular, rapid urbanisation and the development of housing, industry and transport infrastructure are can affect valuable ecosystems and their capacities to regulate water flows, stabilize coastlines and reduce the impacts of storms. It is increasingly realized that new approaches, including nature-based solutions, are needed to make sure that these investments are sustainable and climate-proof. This event aims to examine the key issues and experiences in promoting inclusive and climate resilient developments in the face of rising water risks. It will explore the role of multi-stakeholder engagement and innovative, inter-sectoral partnerships in designing and implementing solutions, helping to identify policy-relevant insights.

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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Registration and welcoming coffee/light lunch |
| 11.30 – 11.35 | Opening (NL Perm Rep) |
| 11.35 – 11.40 | <i>Setting the scene – Moderator</i>
Cy Griffin , European Programme Manager - Wetlands International EU |
| 11.40 – 11.50 | <i>The Dutch living with water</i>
Willem-Jan Goossen , Senior Adviser on Climate Adaptation and Water – Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management |
| 11.50 – 12.00 | <i>Urban flood risk reduction experiences in Latin America and Asia</i>
Sander Carpaij , Urban Resilience Coordinator - Wetlands International |
| 12.00 – 12.10 | <i>Flood-risk informed policies for Europe</i>
Laura Schmidt , Policy Officer, DG ECHO A3 Disaster Risk Reduction |
| 12.10 – 12.20 | <i>Water in EU development policies towards SDG6</i>
Claudio Bacigalupi , Head Water Sector Unit C2 - DG DEVCO |
| 12.20 – 12.50 | Exchange of views with the audience |
| 12.50 – 13.00 | Wrap up by the moderator |