

NWP | Netherlands
Water Partnership

NGO Water Platform





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is a wide variety of Dutch NGOs that focus on different aspects of water, ranging from access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), enhancing sustainable water use and ecosystems management. Parallel to the thematic focus, members of the NGO Platform work with a wide range of actors, varying from local entrepreneurs and multinationals to scientific institutions, women's groups, and farmer's cooperatives. As an integral part of NWP, the NGO Water Platform sets out to actively connect to other stakeholders in the water sector to jointly work towards the realisation of the NWP Vision and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ambition



- Achieve more cooperation between and with NGOs, other NWP participants, and government agencies



- Working on achieving SDG6, through a joint effective contribution of the NGOs, together with the other NWP members



- Movement is made together, based on respect for each other's specific capacities and methods and in solidarity with each other's agendas

The Platform: share, connect, involve

Through the NGO Water Platform, NWP facilitates deepened connections between all its NGO members and between NGOs and other member groups within NWP and assures NGO participation in NWP programmes and projects.

Membership of the NGO Water Platform allows for direct access to a diversity of actors within the Dutch water sector while at the same time providing its members with mechanisms to keep abreast of themes of interest, e.g., through expert meetings and network events, the weekly NWP newsletter.

The NGO Platform meets every three to four months to realise joint policy analyses, engage in dialogues with invitees representing various stakeholder groups and to assure NGO members share developments and activities.

“ *NGOs bring assets that others can't. They can and must be the thorn in the side of governments and businesses to take their responsibilities and act as needed.* | Henk Ovink ”



Results and achievements

The NGO Platform is a known entity, both Parliament and the Ministries, and other sector parties know the added value of the Platform. An important part of the Platform's work is to link to other NWP members, as collective change maker.

The NWP NGO Water Platform promotes an integrated approach because it believes this will yield most results throughout the water sector and will contribute to achieving the SDGs.

Intensified cooperation with other NWP members offers NGOs access to the knowledge and expertise of companies, government agencies and knowledge institutes, and simultaneously gives companies, government agencies and knowledge institutes access to the knowledge and local networks of NGOs.



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Examples of inspiring collaboration

- Event on Water finance & the market, hosted by Aqua for All and Dunea;
- Platform meeting on sustainable business models for water, hosted by Max Foundation;
- Platform meeting on collaboration between NGOs and knowledge institutes;
- Event on water management and agriculture, hosted by AIDenvironment and HKV;
- Meeting on increasing mutual cooperation between WASH SDG Program, Blue Deal and Water-WorX, hosted by Simavi and Wereld Wateret.
- Recurrent meeting with IWRM colleagues of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- A platform meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs discussing the outcomes and follow up of the UN Water Conference with NGOs

Policy Group

On a monthly basis the policy group of the platform meets. The policy group of the NWP NGO Water Platform focuses on influencing policy towards Dutch parties that are active in the international water sector. The current members of this sub-group include: Both ENDS, SNV, IRC WASH, AMREF, Simavi, Max Foundation, Plan International Netherlands, IUCN and Wetlands International and Woord & Daad.



Organisation/Structure

The interim chair of the NWP NGO Water Platform is Niels Lenderink from AidEnvironment. The secretariat consist of [Sabrina Kraaijenbrink Doetjes](#) and [Dorota Falkowska](#).

Do you want to join the NWP NGO Platform?

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In order to join the NWP NGO Platform, your organisation needs to become an NWP Member. If you have any questions about the membership, contact [Sabrina Kraaijenbrink-Doetjes](#).



NWP NGO platform is important for the discussions with other NGOs working on water. Especially reflecting together on the Dutch development policy on Water, WASH and IWRM. In addition, the platform is beneficial for exploring and coordinating joint action (in lobbying and joint proposals), but also for sharing knowledge, contacts, and concepts from the global water sector. Last but not least, there is an enthusiastic and driven team at NWP, working on the NGO platform. | Woord & Daad

Members of NGO Platform (as of June 2023):

