



Dutch Resilience Hub Updates Winter 2021



Featured: Jan 26 | Building a Climate-Resilient Maryland Together | USA

Join us on January 26 for the 'Building a climate-resilient Maryland together' knowledge symposium for a joint exploration on the topic of climate resilience in Maryland and in the Netherlands. The event plenary will focus on strategies for coastal areas, cities, and small communities. The symposium will also include digital breakout sessions to discuss with fellow public and private sector actors in Maryland about nature-based solutions, citizen engagement, private-public partnerships, resilience in ports, resilient rural communities, and the collaboration of Rijkswaterstaat with the US Army Corps of Engineers on the topic Engineering with Nature. Registered attendants will have the option to sign up for digital matchmaking sessions with Maryland attendants. Registration is free but the number of tickets is limited.

This event is organized Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) in partnership with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Maryland Department of Commerce and the Baltimore-Rotterdam Sister City Committee will provide an opportunity for part. It is supported by the Partners for Water Programme. To register, visit the link.

<https://www.netherlandswaterpartnership.com/events/building-climate-resilient-maryland-together>

14 Jan | The Louisiana-Netherlands Partnership in Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Adaptation | USA

On 14 January, 2021, join the Royal Netherlands Embassy, the Water Institute of the Gulf, and key partners on Jan 14, 2021 for a webinar and discussion of the current and future partnerships between Louisiana and The Netherlands. The event will include short presentations on the breadth of the ongoing Louisiana-Netherlands relationship and on current and future coastal restoration and protection projects in Louisiana, integrated river management and planning, nature-based solutions, and floodplain/urban adaptation. To register, please visit: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sZGXTGP2QzCJHT5fgk4CeQ

Jan 25 | The Climate Adaptation Summit | Global

Netherlands is hosting the world's first Climate Adaptation Summit on January 25, 2021. Heads of State, Heads of Government, the scientific community, the private sector, international organisations, and youth groups will meet online to help the world prepare better for the effects of climate change. During the CAS an Adaptation Action Agenda for the coming decade will be launched in order to accelerate adaptation action.

Over the course of 24 hours, online events from around the world will underpin integrated efforts to secure progress towards the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and sustains momentum through to UNFCCC COP26. To see the program and register visit:

<https://www.cas2021.com/latest/news/2020/12/01/cas-2021-registration-open>

8 February | Virtual Mission India | India

The Netherlands Water Partnership with the support of Partners for Water, along with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is organising the water track of a Virtual Mission 'to' India. The mission comprises of three tracks – water, food and energy. The water track focuses on water safety, security and resilience. The mission provides Dutch and Indian organisations a platform to connect with one another, exchange ideas and knowledge, and collaborate on addressing water challenges in India. This is done through webinars and tailor-made match-making. The webinars focus on resilient cities, flood management, river and lake management, and waste management. If you are interested in joining the mission, you can register at <https://virtual-mission-india.b2match.io/home> or if you would like to know more about the mission or working in India, please reach out to Anusha Sanjeev Mehta, Project Officer Asia at NWP at a.mehta@nwp.nl

11 Feb | Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Mexico | Mexico

The Partners for Water Delta Team Mexico together with the National commission on Water of Mexico (Conagua), and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, hosted a Spanish-language digital event on 25 November 2020 about Integrated Coastal Zone Management. The meeting gathered 250 guests including Conagua representatives and partners, who were able to learn more about the journey of building coastal resilience in the Netherlands of over 70 years. An [executive summary](#) and [recording](#) of the event (in Spanish) are available. The organizing partners will host a follow-up information session (in English) for Dutch organisations interested to work in Mexico on 11 February. This 2nd session will focus on providing in-depth information by Conagua representatives on the procurement process, financial mechanisms, and a legal framework overview to guide Dutch organisations interested to do business with Conagua. If interested to participate, please reach out to Janett Tapia, Project Manager for Mexico at NWP at j.tapia@nwp.nl

5 May | APA National Planning Conference | USA

The American Planning Association (APA) has opened registration to its 2021 National Planning Conference (NPC), which will take place from 5 – 7 May, online. The program this year will focus on key recovery topics, including resilient planning in a changing climate, planning practice innovation, inequality, innovation, infrastructure, among others. The APA NPC is a great opportunity for organisations currently working in the United States or interested to do so, as the network provides opportunities to learn-from and exchange-with

planning professionals in city, state, and national government as well as those practicing in the private sector. For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.planning.org/conference/>

1 Oct | Expo 2020 Dubai | United Arab Emirates

The Netherlands will be participating in the Expo 2020 Dubai, starting on 1 October 2021 through 31 March 2022. The program, which includes weeks focused on urban development and cities, will place great emphasis on sustainability. The Netherlands will be focusing on topics including urban resilience, urban design, climate adaptation, water smart cities, vertical farming, among others. To express interest on this activity and receive updates from NWP, please reach out to Janett Tapia, Project Manager at j.tapia@nwp.nl

TBD | Global Green Forum by Pollutec in Morocco | Morocco

The Netherlands Water Partnership with the support of Partners for Water, will represent the Dutch water sector at the upcoming Global Green Forum, by forming a Netherlands water stand. NWP is gathering relevant materials (video, brochures, and others) from Dutch organisations interested to be represented at this important international event. In addition to promoting water expertise and resilience-building capabilities of the Dutch water sector for the Moroccan context, NWP is interested to learn more about Dutch organisations with expertise and technologies for rainwater harvesting. To promote your expertise in the Netherlands Water Stand at the Global Green Forum in Morocco or if interested to share about your rainwater harvesting solutions for this country, please reach out to Sabrina Doetjes, Project Manager MENA Region at NWP at s.doetjes@nwp.nl

Book: Building with Nature – Creating, implementing and upscaling Nature-based Solutions’ | Netherlands

EcoShape, a unique group merging scientists, engineers, building engineers, builders, designers and NGOs collaborating over the past decade on Building with Nature projects has come together to publish the book: ‘Building with Nature – Creating, implementing and upscaling Nature-based Solutions’. This publication explores Nature-based solutions and discusses different methods, lessons learned, solutions to common implementation challenges based on the knowledge gained from Building with Nature projects around the world. The book will be launched during the Climate Adaptation Summit, but it has been recently made available internationally.

<https://www.ecoshape.org/en/available-now-building-with-nature-creating-implementing-and-upscaling-nature-based-solutions/>

Report: Resilient European Cities: Nature-based solutions for Clean Water | EU

The Nature Conservancy has published in December its Resilient European Cities: Nature-based solutions for Clean Water report, this important report discusses information such as the benefits of nature based solutions as part of the solutions to build back better and help diffuse pollution in European catchments serving 42 million people. To access the report

https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/TNC_ResilientEuropeanCities_NBSWater.pdf

News: Sweco and CAS to Advise Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta on Climate Adaptation | Malaysia & Indonesia

Consultancy firm Sweco and the Climate Adaptation Services Foundation (CAS) have won two contracts to advise the Asian megacities of Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta on their climate action plans to make the cities more resistant to future weather extremes. Both assignments are part of the framework contract that the C40 Climate Leadership Group concluded with a number of parties, with the aim of supporting megacities in Southeast Asia in drawing up their climate action plans. See this news item on DutchWaterSector.com

<https://www.dutchwatersector.com/news/sweco-and-cas-to-advise-kuala-lumpur-and-jakarta-on-climate-adaptation>

Podcast: Water in a Risk Perspective | Netherlands

The Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) presents WaterTalks, a podcast series developed in collaboration with New Business Radio and other partners to facilitate discussions between key players in the water sector. The first episode: 'Water in a risk perspective' discusses the importance of including water risks in the process of risk analysis. This episode features Ambika Jindal, Valuing Water Initiative Global Project Lead at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pritha Hariram, Business Development Manager at FMO, and Robin Miller, Manager Investor Engagement Water at Ceres.

<https://www.netherlandswaterpartnership.com/watertalks-podcast-series>

Dutch Resilience Hub Meetings

Oct 19: Dutch Resilience Hub Launch [Recording](#) | [Executive Summary](#)