



International conference

Deltas in Times of Climate Change

29 September to 2 October 2010
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

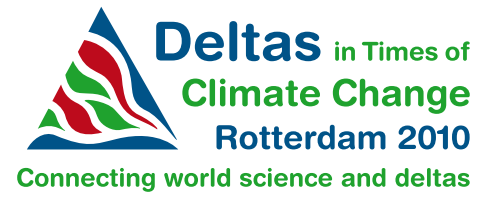
On September 29nd and 30th the conference will focus on the most recent scientific information about climate change and adaptation. On October 1st the focus is on policy issues and international cooperation. Excursions are planned for October 2nd.

An important event during the conference is the launching of the Delta Alliance: an international alliance promoting effective cooperation among deltas in their efforts to manage existing and new challenges. The 'Connecting Delta Cities' network, which started at the C40 conference in Tokyo, will play an important role in the development of this worldwide cooperation. During the conference it will present their progress in several sessions.

The call for papers will be sent out in October 2009.

We hope to see you in Rotterdam at the end of September 2010, so please mark the dates in your calendar.

More information is available at www.climatedeltaconference.org



Deltas offer abundance. They link rivers and inland waters to the oceans and provide fertile soils and waters. They are the focus of economic and cultural activity. They are home to more than half the world's population.

However, as populations grow, the sea level rises and the land is subsiding, deltas and their cities are becoming more vulnerable. Increased incidences of floods, more heat waves and salt water intrusion threaten the economic vitality and attractiveness of deltas worldwide. Dealing with subsidence and adapting to climate change have become an imperative. The need to address these challenges calls for cooperation of deltas worldwide.

The two Dutch research programmes on climate change (Climate changes Spatial Planning and Knowledge for Climate), the city of Rotterdam and the Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC) invite scientists, politicians, policy-makers and practitioners to share and exchange knowledge and experience in the international conference on climate adaptation.

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The conference will be held in Rotterdam, since Rotterdam is at the forefront of climate adaptation: it turns challenges into opportunities and takes integrated measures to create a safer city and region. This strategy will result in a more attractive city to live, recreate, work and invest in.

We expect internationally leading scientists, ministers, governors and mayors of major deltas and delta cities around the world to attend the conference and provide their insights. The conference will be a unique opportunity for scientists, policy-makers and practitioners to present and share their views, innovations and practices in the field of adaptation to climate change. Moreover, it will be the start of new international cooperative arrangements to help meet delta challenges.

The conference pursues three main goals:

- 1 exchange of up-to-date top science on climate change and delta planning;**
- 2 strengthening of international cooperation between deltas and delta cities;**
- 3 exploring and strengthening the links between science, policy and practitioners at international level.**

Themes to be discussed include: subsidence, climate change and spatial planning, flood risk management, salt water intrusion and fresh water supply, saltwater aquaculture and brackish agriculture, urban heat island effect and measures to deal with it, governance and innovative policy instruments for planning and decision-making. The overall scope is on planning and investments in times of climate change.

