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NEW YORK ROOM, World Trade Center Rotterdam

DP 2.2 Deltas in Practice Session Theme 2

Regional adaptation strategies: Tips and tricks from three inspiring delta regions

Climate change is a global issue. In practice however, adaptation to climate change is generally accomplished at the regional level, linking various local needs and opportunities.

Deltas are typically subjected to regional adaptation to climate change. One of the major drivers for dealing with climate adaptation at the regional level is the integral system's approach. Adaptation to climate change at the regional level faces both barriers and opportunities. In this workshop we aim to exchange the latest and most valuable lessons learnt in that respect.

Presentations from the delta regions of **Rotterdam**, **London** and **Mekong** will be a kick-off for interactive discussion among the audience and the presenters on tips and tricks for developing regional adaptation strategies and putting them into practice.

Based on various experiences from around the world, we aim to indentify: (a) best ways to organise stakeholder involvement and partnerships, (b) major pitfalls, (c) ways to turn climate challenges into benefits and (d) benchmarks.





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Presentations



Introduction to regional adaptation strategies Kim van Nieuwaal (chair), Knowledge for Climate, Utrecht University, the Netherlands



Building blocks for adaptation strategies in the Rotterdam Region Lissy Nijhuis, Rotterdam City Region, the Netherlands



Preparing London for extreme weather and climate change Juliette Daniels, Climate UK, United Kingdom Tim Reeder, Environment Agency, United Kingdom



The Mekong Delta Plan: Regional strategy for the sustainable long-term development of the Vietnamese Mekong delta Tran Hong Thai, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam



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