

How influential are strategic delta plans in innovating land and water development, and improving local livelihoods?

Research Synthesis meeting

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**Research Symposium / Synthesis Workshop: dynamics of strategic delta planning and implementation in Bangladesh, Netherlands and Vietnam
Delft, 12-14 November 2018**

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The project

The Strategic Delta Planning project aims to better understand the dynamics of delta planning in Bangladesh, Vietnam and the Netherlands. More specifically we focus on the role of strategic delta planning processes like the Bangladesh Delta Plan, in enabling consent among key stakeholders over strategic priorities and innovative solutions, and we explore if consent is sufficiently stable to allow for implementation. A basic premise of the project is that changes and innovations in water and land use are required to make deltas fit for current and future challenges related to water safety, water and food security and sustainable development.

See for more info and results <http://strategic-delta-planning.un-ihe.org>.

In this workshop we want to reflect on our project, scientifically and from a perspective of societal relevance. Scientifically we will reflect on the outcomes of the PhD and postdoc studies and use our framework as starting point for discussing strategic delta planning and implementation. At the same time we will draw lessons for cross-case and delta learning. These insights have clear societal relevance. Moreover, the project had a strong focus on the use of participatory planning tools, e.g. the Mota tool which was further developed and tested in the context of the project, as well as the two participatory tool workshops organised. Apart from a reflection, we will look ahead, and investigate interesting areas for further exploration, scientifically, and to support planning for sustainable delta development.

Objective workshop

- Scientific reflection on our project: on concepts and approaches used, on outcomes, and on societal relevance.
- Come to cross-case understanding of strategic delta planning and implementation
- Discussion remaining / new research questions, and possibilities follow-up

Period and venue

12-14 November
(2 days at IHE Delft, 1 day out for social event)

Participants

- Project team, including reps of southern partners
- Including promoters PhDs, and other interested senior scientist of institutes involved
- External guests

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12 November: Reflection and discussion

(project team incl. professors and 'external' guests, ministry, delta cie, civil society, other projects)

09.00 – 09.10	Welcome, introduction	Eddy Moors (tbc), Wim Douven
09.10 – 09.30	Overview project, thematic/regional focus, activities, main findings. Questions for reflection (link to objectives of the day)	Chris Seijger
09.30 – 10.30 (60 min)	Session: Role of actor coalitions in plan formulation and implementation Organisation and facilitation: Dorien Korbee (TUD)/Fida Khan (CEGIS)	- Shahnoor Hasan (IHE) on research transferring delta plans to BD and VNM - Dorien Korbee (TUD) on research NL climate adaptation Dutch Deltaprogramme - Juan David Patino Guerra (TUD) on international cooperation donor-beneficiaries in BDP2100 and TRM Reflection external guest. Q&A discussion
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Break</i>	
11.00 – 12.00 (60 min)	Session: Innovations to steer deltas into a more sustainable direction Organisation and facilitation: Dilip Datta (Khulna University)/Gerardo van Halsema (WUR)	- Thi Minh Hoang Vo (WUR) on innovations Mekong Delta - Dilip Datta (Khulna University)/Chris Seijger (IHE) tidal river management, movie by Juan David Patino Guerra (TUD) Reflection external guest. Q&A discussion
12.00 – 12.45 (45 min)	Session: Planning and implementation (Mota) Organisation and facilitation: Andrew Wyatt (IUCN Vietnam)/Quan Hong (VNU WACC)	- Ho Long Phi (VNU WACC)/ Quan Hong (VNU/WACC)/ Andrew Wyatt (IUCN Vietnam)/ Dorien Korbee (TUD): 6 years application of MOTA. What did we do, how did the method develop, how to apply, next steps. (incl. work Gurvinder TUD) - Contrast MOTA with thinking on soft implementation MDP research Chris Seijger (IHE) Reflection external guest. Q&A discussion
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 15.00 (60 min)	Session: Participatory planning tools Organisation and facilitation: Like Bijlsma (PBL) /Jaap Evers (IHE)	- Maaïke van Aalst (Deltares)/Like Bijlsma (PBL)/Clim Soree (Bosch & Slabbers): our tools in delta planning. What did we as tool developers learn from the 2 workshops? → implications for future application in delta planning - Jaap Evers (IHE)/ Joeri van der Stroom (TUD)/ Aditiya (WUR): how to assess the role of delta planning tools? Reflection external guest. Q&A discussion
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Break</i>	
15.30 – 16.30	Reflection on framework, lessons learned, recommendations, also for further research Organisation and facilitation: Leon Hermans (TUD), Wim Douven (IHE)	Also based on day session: Short reflection Margreet Zwarteveen (IHE), Petra Hellegers (WUR), Ho Long Phi (VNU WACC) and / or external guests. - what should delta planners know about dynamics of strategic delta planning and implementation? (build on leaflet already made, add points that are discussed during day, discuss with audience, let panel of externals reflect) - What are the new research questions, but also further activities to support delta planning and development? (this leads into next day programme) Open discussion.
16.30	Closure	
	Drinks	

13 November: Look ahead: implications for strategic delta planning and participatory planning
(project team incl. professors, interested guests)

We will split up in two groups and spend the day working (yes, working) on two distinct topics.

Group 1 - Position paper on Strategic Delta Planning (Gerardo van Halsema (WUR) and Leon Hermans (TUD) in the lead)

A position paper on what strategic delta planning is, is absent. In the Strategic Delta Planning project, a lot of empirical research has been conducted, through which we can reflect on what strategic delta planning actually is (is it a fad or something more?), and what is making it distinctive (or not) from other planning approaches (e.g. river basin planning, spatial planning, other approaches to consider?). In this working session we will critically reflect on the uniqueness of strategic delta planning, how it has been applied so far in, and beyond Bangladesh, Vietnam, Netherlands, and what are important topics to be included in a research agenda. At the end of the day, we have developed an outline for the Position Paper, incl. the main arguments we like to make. We aim for a brief position paper (4-6 pages) in a high impact journal (Nature, Science, PNAS).

We will invite delta planning researchers from the Netherlands as well as international including Bangladesh and Vietnam, and ask them to also attend day 1 so that the participants have a good understanding of the empirical studies undertaken.

Group 2 - Planning tools in delta planning, what package to offer to Embassies and Ministries? (Jaap Evers (IHE) in the lead)

Throughout the strategic delta planning project we have tested, developed, and assessed various delta planning tools. Ranging from scenarios to design charrettes, MOTA and Denvis. In addition we have held training workshops to train (young) professionals in the different tools. In this working session we will synthesise our insights, and translate them into a package to be offered to Embassies and Ministries. We will look at: how have various tools been used in delta planning processes, in which phase and answering what sort of questions? At what spatial and temporal scales have the tools proven to be of use? Do we, and delta planners, miss particular tools? At the end of the day, we have developed a draft brochure that highlight the different sorts of tools, where applied, in which decision-making phase. The brochure can be send to Embassies and Ministries abroad to inform them about tools and training material.

We will invite delta planning researchers and practitioners, and ask them to also attend day 1 so that the participants have a good understanding of the empirical studies undertaken.

14 November: Social event
(project team internal)

Excursion: "Latest developments in Lake Markermeer-IJmeer: because the Dutch never stop poldering"

Visit to Rijkswaterstaat in Lelystad, and excursion to Markerwadden – islands to restore nature in lake Markermeer (boat tour, presentation Natuurmonumenten / Deltares tbc)