Delta Alliance Electronic Board Room Session

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Why an International Delta Alliance?

- Deltas face unique and serious challenges, they are under pressure by demographic and economic developments and will suffer the most from climate change; adaptation must happen rapidly to avoid major negative impacts on economy, environment and people.

- Many deltas experience similar problems, but information and expertise are fragmented.

- River deltas speaking with a united voice can receive more attention and support.

- Delta Alliance: an international network that will coordinate and stimulate efforts to develop, share, and implement knowledge and ideas for improving the resilience of river deltas

Working together, river deltas will learn and develop more quickly.
The International Delta Alliance Network

Developing and Sharing Knowledge

Across Deltas (Wings)
- The Netherlands
- California Bay
- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- Bangladesh
- China
- ...

Across Disciplines
- spatial planning
- ecology
- political science
- demographics
- civil engineering
- hydrogeology
- ...

Across Sectors
- policy makers
- research and education
- companies
- non-governmental organizations
- intergovernmental organizations
- ...

Through:

Online Information
- Delta Overviews
- People and organizations
- Projects and research
- Events

Collaborative Projects
- Inter-delta and Inter-disciplinary
- Identifying and mobilizing funding

Formal Network
- Multi-sector
- Multi-disciplinary

Design Competition
- With several partners

Young Professionals
- Joint reporting

Comparative overview of deltas
towards more resilient and sustainable deltas

- follow-up to earlier overviews on delta development, management and governance (a.o. Aquaterra 2009 research)
- basis for the development of score cards to compare current and future states of deltas responding to changing conditions
- lessons learned, research gaps, opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration
  - Rhine-Meuse (the Netherlands)
  - Mekong (Vietnam)
  - Ciliwung (Indonesia)
  - California Bay (USA)
  - Mississippi (USA)
  - Bangladesh (Ganges-Brahmaputra)
  - China (Yangtze river)
Potential for collaboration across Deltas

Objectives of this session

- Exchange of knowledge on delta issues
- Stimulate ideas for collaborative (research) projects

Brief overview of 7 major deltas worldwide

delta issues, research gaps, needs for knowledge exchange

Across all deltas: identify and prioritize delta issues, research gaps and opportunities for collaboration

by interactive ‘Electronic Board Room’ session
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**Part 1 - Brief presentations of 7 Deltas**

**Part 2 – Interactive ‘Electronic Board Room’ session on Delta issues**

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