



NETHERLANDS NATIONAL REPORT ON IHP RELATED ACTIVITIES

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1. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE PERIOD JUNE 2016 – MAY 2018

1.1 Meetings of the IHP National Committee

In de last 2 years, the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee has met 4 times:

- 22 November 2016 @ the International Water House, the Hague
- 8 June 2017 @ the International Water House, the Hague
- 1 November 2017 @ Amsterdam RAI during the Amsterdam International Water Week
- 28 March 2018 @ IHE Delft Institute for Water Education



Figure 1 Committee meeting 1 November 2017

In this period, the committee has been strengthened by:

- 2 new members:
 - o The Statistic Bureau of the Netherlands, represented by Cor Graveland and Cees Baas.
 - o Amsterdam Water Science, represented by Eline van Haastrecht

For the full list of committee members, please go to:

<http://ihp-hwrp.nl/index.php/about-us/members/>

- 2 new Chairs; Jan Busstra from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, and Remko Uijlenhoet from Wageningen University and Research. They have had the honor to take over from Pieter van der Zaag from IHE Delft.
- A committee intern, Lyvia van der Jagt, who strengthened the committee secretariat for 5 months to work on mainly the Challenge on Climate Change and Migration.



1.2 Activities at national level in the framework of the IHP

1.2.1 Ongoing scientific project

The Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee is setting up a Nature Based Solutions Case Study Collection that adds to the World Water Development Report 2018. The work is ongoing. To find more information, please go to:

<http://ihp-hwrp.nl/index.php/working-groups/delta-management-building-with-nature/>

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www.naturebasedsolutions4water.com

1.2.2 Participation in IHP Steering Committees/Working Groups

The Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee is an active member of the Outreach and Communication (O&C) Committee of IHP. In the 55th Bureau, the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee presented the progress of the O&C Committee to the Bureau members.

1.2.3 Research/applied projects supported or sponsored

The UNESCO citizen science initiative Sandwatch is being researched by students in order to find implementation possibilities in the Netherlands.

1.2.4 Collaboration with other national and international organizations and/or programmes

In the last two years, we have collaborated and still are collaborating with:

- UN-water and its UN-agency members
- WMO

1.2.5 Other initiatives

In 2017, the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee organized the Youth Challenge: Climate Change, Migration & Me. Alongside the Challenge, an escape room has been built that brings the topic under the attention in a fun way.

The final event was organized during the Amsterdam International Water Week, in the YWP program, where the participants of the challenge (18 – 30 years old) presented their results to a jury. A report of the meeting is currently being made in the form of a magazine. This magazine will show how the challenge added to research and cooperation within the Dutch water sector and how it contributed to the IHP and HWRP programs. Furthermore, an evaluation of the event was performed by Lyvia van der Jagt (intern).



Figure 2 Participants of the Challenge and public at the Final Event during the Amsterdam International Water Week

This event has received the UNESCO Patronage, ensuring that we were able to use the UNESCO logo on all our outreach products.

1.3 Educational and training courses

On the 5th of October 2017 the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee together with partners in the Netherlands gave a workshop during the Netherlands UNESCO Schools day organized by the National UNESCO Committee. For more information, please go to:

<http://ihp-hwrp.nl/index.php/2017/11/06/unesco-school-workshop/>

1.4 Cooperation with international/regional water centres under the auspices of UNESCO

The Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee cooperates very closely with the National UNESCO Committee based in The Hague, and the two Dutch Water Centres IHE Delft and IGRAC, both based in Delft.

Furthermore, the Committee has cooperated with The International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change and the German IHP Committee to be able to organize the GEMI Work in Progress Workshop.

The Secretariat of the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee has linked the Chinese IHP Committee with Deltares for a visit of the CISPDR in the Netherlands to Deltares, IHE Delft and possibly other institutes and consultancies. The Changjiang Institute of Survey Planning Design and Research (CISPDR), which is a government owned enterprise and part of the Yangtze River Commission provides technical support for the river basin management, and also work on consultation projects such as design, survey, planning etc. (as indicated in the name). Nowadays, management of water requires a lot of informatics technology, not just modelling but beyond that. But modelling is quite fundamental, so they wish to see what



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Deltares and IHE Delft provide for water managers, tool and concepts. They visited in December.

1.5 Publications

- [GEMI Proof of Concept Report, The Netherlands](#)
- [Climate Change, Migration & Me, Youth Challenge Magazine](#)
- [Posters and videos from the Youth Challenge: Climate Change, Migration & Me](#)
- A newsletter has been made and posted:
<http://ihp-hwrp.nl/index.php/2017/03/15/the-first-newsletter-for-2017-is-ready-to-be-read/>
- A video has been made to explain in an easy format the Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee's goals and topics:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHuwEcGx3Q4&feature=youtu.be>
- A video was created to increase the youth participation for an online consultation about the Bellagio Principles on Valuing Water:
<http://ihp-hwrp.nl/index.php/2017/08/16/the-online-consultation-for-the-valuing-water-initiative-of-the-hlpw-is-live/>

1.6 Participation in international scientific meetings

1.6.1 Meetings hosted by the country

- GEMI Work in Progress Workshop, Delft (September, 2016)



Figure 3 GEMI Work in Progress Workshop, all participants in the garden at IHE Delft



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- Global workshop for integrated monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation, Scheveningen (November 2017)



Figure 4 Presentation during the Global Workshop for integrated monitoring of SDG6

1.6.2 Participation in meetings abroad

- The committee was represented during the IHP regional meeting in Perugia, Italy (June 2017)
- The committee was represented during the 55th and 56th IHP Bureau in Paris, France (June 2017, February 2018)
- Bonn, Global festival of Ideas, for the SDG process
- Stockholm, World Water Week 2017
- Amsterdam, International Water Week 2017
- UNESCO Sandwatch training in Trinidad & Tobago
- 8th World Water Forum, Brasil, 2018



2. FUTURE ACTIVITIES planned until December 2018

- Region I meeting 2018, hosted by IHE Delft and IGRAC, and organized by IHE Delft, IGRAC, Netherlands IHP-HWRP Committee, Austrian IHP Committee (Delft, 14 – 16 May, 2018)
- 2nd International Conference of the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-Net) ('s Hertogenbosch, 14 – 18 May, 2018)
- Participating in the 23rd session of the IHP Intergovernmental Council (Paris, 11-15 June 2018)
- Escape room on Climate Change, Water and Migration will be stationed at
 - o the Open Day of IHE Delft (Delft, 23 June 2018 (tbc))
 - o the World Water College (Scheveningen, 26 June 2018 (tbc))
 - o the Water Science for Impact conference (Wageningen, 16 – 18 October 2018)
- Workshop/event about the Nature Based Solutions Case Study Collection (TBC)
- Presenting at the Stockholm World Water Week about the Nature Based Solutions Case Study collection (Stockholm, 29 August 2018)