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Delta Sessions	
UDW 2. Urbanising Deltas of the World: Launch second call for proposals	
Chair	Dr. Huub Savenije, Chair UDW Steering Committee, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction: dr. Huub Savenije• Maarten Gischler, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands• Dr. Kees Slingerland, Export & Promotion Core Team Topsector Water, the Netherlands

Huub Savenije opens the session and explains that the [Urbanising Deltas of the World](#) (UDW) Programme is going to organise a bottom up process to formulate its second call for proposals (€ 4,5M), which is to be launched in December 2014. UDW-2 will be specifically focussed on the private sector. The focus is on business challenges in deltas in developing countries. Interested parties are invited to express their interest and suggestions for ways to realize their business challenges. Based on these Expressions of Interest, UDW will organise roadshows: meetings on location with the double purpose of developing your ideas with potential partners and specifying the call for proposals.

Maarten Gischler, UDW steering group member, on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, underlines the need for the involvement of business partners to face the many challenges of rapidly urbanising deltas in developing countries. This corresponds to the development agenda that combines aid and trade. Urban deltas in developing countries provide an interesting space for innovation. People living in these areas are vulnerable to many autonomous developments, and there is an urgent need to get grip. UDW-2 projects should focus on partner countries of Dutch development cooperation, but other countries are not excluded. Opportunities for the private sector could focus on maintaining drainage systems, flood prevention or secondary industries such as ship demolition.

Kees Slingerland, member of the Export and Promotion team of the Topsector Water, states that water is an economic force and therefore means business. UDW is aligned to the Topsector Water, a policy of the Dutch government to strengthen strong sectors of the Dutch economy. He stresses that cooperation between research, business and policy (the golden triangle) is needed to come up with innovative solutions in the water sector. The main challenge for UDW-2 will be to attract new companies. Although there are not that many business representatives present in the session, he hopes that they will grab this opportunity to influence the design of this UDW-2 call.

In the discussion that followed, the audience shared useful tips for the call formulation, which will be explored in more details over the next two months.

More information about the Invitation for Expressions of interest is found on the UDW website: www.nwo.nl/udw-eoi

