



**Programme
Louisiana and
The Netherlands:
a Friendship
Forged by Water**

**Visit of the US Delegation
from Louisiana to The Netherlands,
10-13 January 2006**

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American - Dutch conversions

1 mile = 1.61 kilometer

1 acre = 0.405 hectare

1 US gallon = 3,79 liter

Dutch - American conversions

1 kilometer = 0,621 mile

1 hectare = 2,47 acre

1 liter = 0,264 US gallon

Temperature conversions

50 Fahrenheit = 10 Celsius

40 Fahrenheit = 4,4 Celsius

30 Fahrenheit = -1 Celsius

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15.45 - 17.00 Kurhaus, Pronkzaal

Continuation of the overview of Dutch Water Policy. And an overview of the Dutch private water sector by **Arie Kraaijeveld**, Chairman of the Netherlands Water Partnership.

(Programme will include Q&A time)

17.00 - 18.00 Break / Rest

Reception

18.00 - 19.15 Kurhaus Gallery

Hosted by Netherlands Water Partnership and Shell.

The reception will be attended by representatives of leading Dutch water sector companies

Pressmoment

18.45 - 19.15 Kurhaus Gallery

Statements, Q&A, **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management and US delegation

Dinner

19.15 - 21.15 Cor Ruys Room Kurhaus

Hosted by **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management

Wednesday January 11, 2006
Host of the Day: **Sjef Jacobs**, Director Department of Zeeland, Rijkswaterstaat

7.30 - 8.20 Kurhaus
Breakfast

8.20 - 8.50 Kurhaus
Check-out

Bilateral Meeting
8.00 - 8.50 Kurhaus, Kadinsky restaurant

Bilateral breakfast meeting of US delegation leaders with **LaurensJan Brinkhorst** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs

Pressmoment
8.50 - 9.00 Kurhaus Serre

Meeting of the entire US delegation / Press with Mr. Brinkhorst

Water Practice Day I
9.00 - 10.00 Transport

to Maeslant Barrier

10.00 - 11.30 Maeslant Barrier

- Welcome by **Sybre van Dam**, Director of the South Holland Water Department, Rijkswaterstaat
- Meeting with His Royal Highness **The Prince of Orange** and **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management in the Keringhuis
- Guided tour of the Maeslant Barrier, two hollow, semi-circular gates attached by means of steel arms to a pivot point on both banks of the New Waterway river

Pressmoment
11.00 - 11.20 Keringhuis

Official statements

11.30 - 12.45 Transport
to Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

12.45 - 13.45 Break /Lunch
at Neeltje Jans, the informal headquarters of The Delta Works public information centre, next to the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

Pressmoment
14.20 - 14.45 Gemeenlandshuis Delft

Closing statements, Q&A with press, Dutch and US delegations

14.45 - 15.45 Free time
(Gemeenlandshuis Delft is situated nearby Delft Town Square)

15.45 - 17.30 Transport
Transport to Golden Tulip Hotel Inntel, Amsterdam

19.30 - 22.30 Informal Dinner
for the Leaders of the US and Dutch delegations at restaurant 'La Cuisine Ronde,' Amsterdam
Hosted by **Luc Kohsiek**, Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat

Thursday January 12, 2006

Host of the Day: **Luc Kohsiek**, Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat

7.00 - 8.00 Hotel Westduin

Breakfast, Check out

Water Practice Day II

8.00-10.30 Transport

to WL Delft Hydraulics, Delft

10.30 - 10.45 Break

10.45 - 12.00 WL Delft Hydraulics

- Welcome by **Rob Klomp**, Director, Specialist Consultancy
- Keynote 'Flood and Water Management in Delta Areas', by **Tony Minns**, Manager of Marine and Coastal Management Sector
- Tour of facilities
- Demonstration of FEWS (Flood Early Warning System), Karel Heynert, Hydrologist, Inland Water Systems Sector
(Programme will include Q&A time)

12.00- 12.15 Transport

to Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft in the City Centre of Delft, famous medieval city in heart of Holland, known for its beautiful town square, home to Delft Blue ceramics

12.15 - 13.15 Break / Buffet Lunch

at Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft, Albrechthal

12.15 - 14.15 Regional Water Authority Delfland

- Welcome by **Piet Heijn Schoute**, President Regional Water Authority Delfland
- Keynote 'Water Board Management and Practice', by **Johan van der Burg**, Vice President Regional Water Authority Delfland
(Programme will include Q&A time)

14.15 - 14.20 Farewell word

by **Luc Kohsiek**, Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat
(End of formal programme)

Water Practice Day I

- Welcome by **Wim T. Gelder**, Queen's Commissioner of Zeeland, **Hans van der Togt**, Director Water and Shipping Rijkswaterstaat Zeeland and **Bert van der Hoef**, Director Neeltje Jans Expo Centre
- Welcome by **Sjef Jacobs**, Director Department of Zeeland Rijkswaterstaat

*(His Royal Highness **The Prince of Orange and Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management will join lunch and attend the guided tour)*

13.45 - 15.00 Guided Tour

of the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier. Explanation of engineering, design and operation of the Barrier, its pillar foundations etc.

15.10 - 15.15 Break

Speech by Queen's Commissioner of Zeeland, **Wim T. Van Gelder**

15.15 - 16.00 Neeltje Jans

- Keynote 'Delta Project: lessons learnt, facing the future' by **Leo A. Adriaanse**, Senior Advisor Watermanagement, Division Zeeland, Rijkswaterstaat
- Keynote 'Innovation in Coastal Defense' by **Tjeerd S. Blauw**, Senior Advisor Watermanagement province of Zeeland
- Keynote 'Risk Management' by **Viek L. J. Verdult**, Executive Officer province of Zeeland
(Programme will include Q&A time)

16.15 Transport

to Hotel Westduin near to Middelburg

17.15 -18.15 Arrival

Hotel Check-In/Break

18.15 - 18.35 Transport

from Hotel to Middelburg Abbey Buildings

Drinks and Dinner

18.35 - 21.30 Abbey Buildings

Hosted by **Wim T. Van Gelder**, Queen's Commissioner to the Province of Zeeland and the Board of the Provincial Executive

21.30 - 21.45 Transport

back to Hotel Westduin

Tourmap US Delegation visit to The Netherlands 10-13 January 2006



1. 10 January 2006: Seminar Dutch Water Policy at Kurhaus Hotel. Prestigious hotel along the Dutch coast, built in neo-renaissance style in 1885, two miles from The Hague.



5. 12 January 2006 : visit WL Delft Hydraulics, Delft. An independent research institute and specialist consultancy based in Delft providing clients with expert advice and technical assistance on water-related issues for over 75 years.



7. 12 January 2006: Golden Tulip Hotel Innitel, Amsterdam. Located in the very heart of Amsterdam, near the famous Dam Square and the Royal Palace.



2. 11 January 2006 : visit Maeslant Barrier, Rotterdam. Two hollow, semi-circular gates, on both banks of the New Waterway river, constructed between 1991-1997.



6. 12 January 2006 : visit Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft. Situated nearby the Delft Town Square. Built at the beginning of the 16th century and originally a mansion, since the 17th century it is home of the District Watercontrol Board of Delfland.



3. 11 January 2006 : visit Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier, Zeeland Completed in 1986, to close of the Oosterschelde estuary. 62 large openings in the barrier allow the tides to flow unimpeded. When storm threatens, the giant steel sluice gates fall into position.



4. 11 January 2006 : dinner at Abbey buildings Middelburg, Zeeland. Situated in the heart of the medieval city Middelburg, the buildings house the Zeeland provincial government and the Roosevelt Study Center (20th century American history).

1 Den Haag

5/6 Delft

2 Maeslant Barrier

3 Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

4 Middelburg

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Amsterdam

128 Miles

Middelburg

