



Start registration for *Deltas in Times of Climate Change* conference

Rotterdam, 11 May 2010 – All those interested in attending the 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change' conference can register for this event. This large-scale, international climate conference will take place in Rotterdam from 29 September until 1 October 2010. This conference, on the theme of 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change', will bring together a rich pool of scientists, administrators, policymakers and corporate executives from around the globe to share knowledge and experience for the purpose of helping delta cities to prepare for climate change.

The conference is organised by the two official Dutch climate research programmes Knowledge for Climate and Climate changes Spatial Planning, and the City of Rotterdam. It is supported by the C40 Climate Leadership Group, the group of world cities tackling climate change. Adaptation to climate change in deltas will be discussed for the first time on such a large scale.

Pushing back frontiers

The conference will bring together international scientists, administrators, policymakers and corporate executives working on the frontiers of science and problem solving. Their knowledge and insights, will be shared with the aim of identifying effective approaches towards climate change in delta cities and delta areas, particularly with respect to adaptation.

Deltas: wealth and great efforts

River deltas harbour a tremendous wealth of resources. Billions of people live in deltas. These delta dwellers will be among the first to suffer the immediate consequences of climate change. City authorities have to prepare for contingencies as well as gradual change. They have to assure necessities of life such as clean drinking water and a safe living environment. To achieve this, they need the help of scientists, policymakers and the corporate sector.

Rotterdam as proud host

The fact that Rotterdam was selected to host the conference is a compliment and a logical choice, according to Mayor Aboutaleb: 'Rotterdam's climate programme enjoys universal praise, setting an example for other cities around the globe that strive for climate change resilience.'

Further details on the conference are available at www.climatedeltaconference.org. This site also provides more information on the programme, the speakers and the travel and accommodation possibilities.