

Dr ir Frans H.M. van de Ven

Dr Van de Ven started aQuest in 2025 as an one person company after working for 17 years for Deltares as team leader, strategic advisor and senior expert Urban Land and Water Management and after retiring as associate professor Urban Water Management at the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geosciences of Delft University of Technology.



Dr Van de Ven is working on attractive, flood robust and climate resilient cities, while aiming at reduction of the environmental footprint of urban water systems. This includes research into (1) technologies, concepts and approaches for resilient urban land & water management, (2) methods for engineering urban water systems and for controlling water quantity, quality, demands and supply in a more circular way and (3) urban planning support tools to implement these improved technologies, concepts and approaches in practice.

His major fields of expertise include:

- Climate resilience of urban areas; adaptation strategies and urban planning support systems; improving urban land & water system modelling for adaptation planning.
- Sustainable urban land & water management systems; how to make the most out of urban surface water, groundwater, stormwater runoff, parks and green infrastructure.
- Planning and design of blue-green infrastructure for reducing the impact of extreme rainfall, drought and heat and maximizing their benefits.
- Urban water quality, drought and heat stress control
- Development of hybrid, smart green-grey infrastructure, building on Nature-based Solutions.
- Transition management to realize resilient and sustainable urban systems.

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Employment history

2025 – present	aQuest – one person company Strategic advisor urban land and water management and climate adaptation
2021 - 2025	Deltares Strategic advisor / senior expert Urban Land & Water Management
2008 - 2021	Deltares Team leader Urban Land & Water Management
2004 - 2021	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) Associate Professor Urban Water Management

2000 - 2008	Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment (RIZA); Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Deputy head Division of National Water Policy Development
1995 - 2000	Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment (RIZA); Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Program Coordinator AQUEST
1994 - 1995	Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment (RIZA); Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Coordinator National Research Program Dehydration and cluster-leader Ecohydrology
1986 - 1994	Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment (RIZA); Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Head research subdivision Hydrology and Geohydrology
1985 - 2004	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) Assistant Professor Urban Water Management
1979 - 1986	IJsselmeerpolders Development Authority (RIJP); Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Head of section Urban Catchment Hydrology and Water Supply

Track record

In urban water management / urban drainage and flood management:

2025 - present	Scoping Study Impacts of Climate Change for the China Council (CCICED)
2025 - present	Coach Expert Group Green-grey Infrastructure and Nature-based Solutions – Water Europe
2024	Coordinator Special Policy Study on Green Urban Development and Climate Adaptation of the China Council (CCICED)
2020 - 2024	Initiator national research programme on Drought in the Built Environment (DroBE / Thirsty Cities)
2018 - 2025	Leader Vision & Leadership Team (VLT) HYBRID Green and Grey Infrastructure - Water Europe
2015 - 2020	Team Leader Living Lab Land Subsidence Gouda and Framework plan Land subsidence Inner city Gouda
2009 - 2014	Member of core group Climate Proof Cities national research program; theme leader Urban Water Management
2008 - 2015	Chair of the national Platform Beter Bouwen Beter Wonen (Improving Building Site Preparation
2011-2012	Member of the Thames Tunnel Commission
2008	Member Evaluation committee for the Nat. Urban Water Governance Program, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
2007 - 2009	Program manager of the research program on Climate and Water Robust Urban Development
2007	Member Evaluation committee for the Facility on Advanced Water Biofiltration, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

2006 - 2008	Member of the Steering Committee Improved Building Site Preparation
2005 - 2006	Member of the jury for the Purmer-meer urban design competition
1999 - 2001	Member of the Steering Committee "Waterpakt Twente"
1995 - 1998	Member of the program committee Urban Drainage of the national Association for Water Management
1990 - 1991	Chair of the national Research Commission on Building without Crawlspace of the Building Research Foundation
1982 - 1987	Member of the National Working Group on Sewerage and Water Quality and a number of its project teams
1983 - 1999	Chair of the NVA-RIONED national Contact Group Urban Hydrology

In hydrology:

2018 - present	Member of the European CIS working group Floods
2017 - 2025	Editor of the Journal of Flood Risk Management
2007 – 2011	Member of the advisory board to the research program Waterkader Haaglanden
2006 – 2010	Member of the National Committee for the International Association of Hydrological Sciences
2003 – 2007	Secretary of the Knowledge Platform for national water policy (NBW)
2003 – 2007	Deputy chair of the Knowledge Engine of the national research program Living with Water
2003 – 2007	Member of the advisory board for the TNO research program on Groundwater
2002 – 2008	Member of the Advisory board on Water Research to the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature protection and Food Safety
1998 - 2008	Editor in chief of Lowland Technology International
1997 - 2000	Chair of the steering group Standard Framework for Modelling
1996 – 2003	Member of the program committee Hydrology and Groundwater of the national Association for Water Management
1995, 1998	Member Selection Commission of the European Envi Program "Influence of Climate Change on Water Management"
1994, 1998	Member of the jury of the National Hydrology Prize of the Netherlands Hydrological Society
1994 - 1995	Secretary Program Committee and member of Steering Committee of the Nat. Research Program on Dehydration & Dessication
1992 - 1996	Member of the Steering Committees for the MoU on Environmental Cooperation with Russia and Ukraine
1991 - 1995	President of the Int. Commission for Surface Water of the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS)
1988 - 1993	Chair of the ICPR-CHR working group Alarm model - pollution spill modelling for River Rhine
1986 - 1993	Secretary of the Commission for the Hydrology of the Rhine basin (CHR/KHR)

Curriculum vitae

For more than 45 years dr. Van de Ven is working on flood and climate resilient urban areas, while aiming at reducing the environmental footprint of cities. Since April 2025 he is working as a strategic advisor and senior expert on urban land and water management, climate adaptation and resilience from his independent, one-person business called aQuest (www.aquestwater.nl). Before, he worked for almost 17

years with Deltares; until his formal retirement in May 2021 as team leader Urban Land and Water Management and later as strategic advisor and senior expert. Until May 2021, Van de Ven also was associate professor Urban Water Management at the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geosciences of Delft University of Technology. He now is a guest professor at TU Delft.

Van de Ven joined Delft University of Technology in 1985 as assistant, later associate professor on urban drainage and urban water management. His research fields include rainfall runoff processes, stormwater management, design of sustainable stormwater drainage facilities (SUDS), urban groundwater management, urban water quality management, sustainable building site planning and preparation and climate resilient urban water management planning. His ambition is to make circular "closed cities", with minimal environmental footprint and climate robust urban water systems. He lectures the MSc course Urban Water Management and supervises MSc and PhD students at the faculties of Civil Engineering & Geosciences, Architecture/Urbanism and Policy and Management. Van de Ven has led a number of research projects, including projects on urban water quality, water and climate resilient urban planning design. He was auditor of research programs of Monash University, Melbourne, and the curriculum on Water management of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. He supervises PhD researchers on topics such as new concepts for urban drainage, improving urban hydrological modelling, urban stormwater quality control, the effects and effectiveness of blue-green infrastructure for urban cooling, the use of planning support tools in co-creating a climate-resilient urban environment and on the functional use of urban surface water.

After obtaining his MSc (ir.) degree in Land & Water Management at Landbouwhogeschool Wageningen University in 1979, he joined the IJsselmeerpolders Development Authority - the national organization responsible for the development of the newly reclaimed polderland - as head of the section Catchment Hydrology and Water Supply of the Scientific Division. He investigated rainfall runoff processes in urban areas and urban water quality, and was expert-advisor on geohydrology and groundwater resources management to the drinking water company and the province. His research work in urban hydrology provided the basis for his PhD thesis.

In 1986 he joined the Institute for Inland Water Management and Wastewater Treatment of Rijkswaterstaat (RWS-RIZA) as head of the subdivision Hydrology and Geohydrology within the Research Department. He and his group focused research on flood forecasting models, hydrological and ecological modelling, remote sensing and water resources assessments. In 1994 he became program coordinator of the national research program on Dehydration. And a few years later he took the lead of the Aquest program, in search for improving the quality of policy analysis and support for decision making in water management. In 2000 he was appointed deputy head of the division for National Water Policy Development. He was one of the initiators of the national "Living with Water" research program, in which implementation he was actively involved

In May 2008 Van de Ven joined the newly created institute Deltares with the assignment to strengthen their expertise in the field of urban water management. He and his Urban Water Management Team started research activities on climate resilience of cities, urban flooding and impact reduction, on creating adaptable cities and on the concept of the "closed city" – aimed at enhancing the functional use of all types of water in the urban area. This includes research into (1) improved concepts for resilient urban water management, (2) improving blue+green+grey+smart solutions and for control of water quantity, water quality, demands and supply and (3) urban planning and design support tools to implement these improved solutions and methods. Major research projects of him and his team include:

- Climate resilience of urban areas; adaptation strategies and urban planning support systems; improving urban land & water system modelling and planning support tools for adaptation planning.

- Sustainable urban land & water management systems; how to make the most of urban surface water, groundwater, stormwater runoff, parks and green infrastructure.
- Planning and design of blue-green infrastructure for reducing the impact of extreme rainfall, drought and heat and maximizing their benefits.
- Urban water quality for multifunctional and healthy water systems, drought and heat stress control
- Development of hybrid, smart green-grey infrastructure, building on Nature-based Solutions.
- Transition management to realize resilient and sustainable urban systems.

From 2018 until 2025 Van de Ven was leading the Vision & Leadership Team Green and Grey Infrastructure of Water Europe; since then he is coaching Water Europe's Expert Group on Green-Grey Infrastructure and Nature-based Solutions. On behalf of Water Europe he is also member of the European CIS (Common Implementation Strategy) Working Group on Floods. In the past he was member of the Netherlands national Working Group on Sewerage and Water Quality. Also, he chaired the national Contact Group on Urban Water Management for many years. He moreover has served as secretary and as president of the International Commission on Surface Water of IAHS.

Major activities/projects

Period:	Activity:
2024	Name of assignment or project: CCICED Special Policy Study on Green urban Development and Climate Adaptation Location: China, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands Client : Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Main project features: Evaluate climate adaptation planning practices in China and NW Europe by studying the response to extreme weather disasters and narrow-escapes. Using the "five capacities to reduce vulnerability" as an assessment framework the resilience of three areas in China (Chengdu-Chongqing urban agglomeration in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, the densely urbanized deltas of the Pearl River Delta and the Yangtze River / Taihu) as well as the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt delta was evaluated. Work visits to these areas were used to collect information, also in Belgium (Flanders) and Germany (Ahr-Erft and Rur basin). In addition other disasters from around the world are used to distil lessons for better policies and practices. Lessons learned are translated in recommendations for China's national government, the European Commission as well as the governments of the countries participating in the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED). Position held: Senior expert climate adaptation planning and SPS coordinator (> August 2024) Activities performed: Organize the work visit to NW Europe and participate in the work visit to China. Assist in formulating and elaborating the assessment framework into a tool for practice. Analyse and report on the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt case and assist in drafting the final report of the Special Policy Study (SPS) and the policy recommendations. As of July 2024 coordinator of this SPS.
2022 - 2023	Name of assignment or project: China Europe Cooperation on Sponge Cities Location: China, Denmark, Client: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands

	Main project features: Analysis and evaluation of China's and European 'Sponge City' policy and practices. Comparison of approaches. Evaluation of green adaptation benefits estimators and the value of Dynamic Adaptation Policy Pathway for urban adaptation planning in Changde, Yunnan province. Case study on sponge city planning in Nanjing's Qinhuai district. Comparison with approaches in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Turku and Gothenburg. Results reported to the China Europe Water Platform, resulting in policy recommendations for both Europe and China. Position held: Senior expert climate adaptation planning Activities performed: Supervised the case study on sponge city planning in Nanjing's Qinhuai district. Assisted in drafting several work-package reports. Contributed to the policy recommendations and presented the results of the CECOS project at conferences, symposia and in an article in Frontiers in Water
2020	Name of assignment or project: Grand Bahama after Dorian; Build Back Better Location: Grand Bahama Client: Delft University of Technology Main project features: Development of a masterplan for the recovery/reconstruction of Grand Bahama - with a focus on Freeport. A multidisciplinary planning project, on how to improve the (flood) resilience of the island, its inhabitants and economy. Hydraulic and hydrological risk assessment, development of a protection strategy and related urban planning, hurricane- and water-robust architecture, emergency planning. Executed in cooperation with University of the Bahamas, Delft University and Deltares. Position held: Project leader resilient water management Activities performed: Leading the hydrological and hydraulic analysis, the development of the protection strategy and the development of a flood robust masterplan for the drainage and water supply of Freeport under hurricane conditions. Co-leading the design workshops and supervising the participating students and their products.
2020 - 2021	Name of assignment or project: Pre-feasibility study Ecosystem-based Adaptation Nur-Sultan Location: Kazakhstan Client: Asian Development Bank Main project features: Investigate the feasibility of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) for making the city of Nur Sultan more climate resilient. Develop an EbA planning support system for the city and provide training in the backgrounds of EbA and use of the Tool. Co-design conceptual adaptation plans for a pilot area and quantify costs. Position held: Senior expert climate adaptation planning Activities performed: Assess the vulnerability of Nur Sultan for flooding - including excessive snow load and snow melt - and assess the relevant stakeholders and planning procedures. Assess required sponge (storage) capacity to avoid frequent flooding. Help drafting conceptual adaptation plan for a pilot area in the city. Provide training on EbA for the local authorities and co-chair the planning workshop. Draw conclusions on feasibility of flood protection using EbA measures and contribute to the final reporting.
2019	Name of assignment or project: Dongxi Hu Ecopark Location: China

Client: Elion

Main project features: Development of an eco-park in Wuhan, along Fu River

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: Identification and scoping mission to formulate data requirements for development of the land and water management plan. Sponge city concept application. Water quality remediation approach and recommendations for integrated geohydrological, geotechnical, hydrological and spatial design of the park.

2019 - 2020

Name of assignment or project: Framework plan Land subsidence Inner City Gouda

Location: Netherlands

Client: City of Gouda

Main project features: Develop a plan for long term protection of the historic inner city of Gouda for groundwater and stormwater flooding and land subsidence reduction and help to get this plan approved by the City council of Gouda and the Board of Rijnland

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: Develop a framework for evaluation alternatives. Develop strategic alternative for preventing flooding and for reducing land subsidence. Quantify the effectiveness of these alternatives and make a societal cost benefit analysis. make a recommendation for the preferred approach a assist in the decision making process by helping to answer the questions and comments brought forward during the formal stakeholder engagement process and during the decision making by the City Council and the Board,

2019 - 2020

Name of assignment or project: Pre-feasibility study of confirmed ecosystem-based adaptation measures for Xiangtan

Location: China

Client: Asian Development Bank

Main project features: Investigate the feasibility of ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) for making the city of Xiangtan more climate resilient. Develop an EbA planning support system for the city and provide training in the backgrounds of EbA and use of the Tool. Co-design conceptual adaptation plans for 3 pilot areas and quantify costs.

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: Assess the vulnerability of Xiangtan city for flooding and assess the relevant stakeholders and planning procedures. Develop the Xiangtan Climate Resilient City Tool for supporting the planning of EbA measures Select 3 pilot areas for conceptual design of adaptation plan and 20 districts for a quick-scan of EbA measures applicability. Provide training on EbA for the local authorities and planning workshops to make the plans for the pilot areas. Estimate the costs of realizing these plans and draw conclusions on feasibility of flood protection using EbA measures.

2018 - 2023

Name of assignment or project: Vision Leadership Team Grey-Green Infra

Location: Belgium

Client: Water Europe

Main project features: Evaluation of nature-based solutions for urban water in the context of the grey infrastructure for water supply and sanitation. Identifying the need for the integration of blue-green solutions with grey ones and smart

monitoring and control. Define pathways to stimulate this innovative development along the lines of industrial symbiosis, bringing together experts from the three communities (nature-based solutions, water technology and smart control).

Position held: Leader

Activities performed: After publishing a white paper (https://watereurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/HGGI-Publication_online.pdf) interviews and a workshop were held to identify opportunities and barriers to hybrid green-grey solutions. A webinar on Biologically-inspired design was held to unite experts from the three fields and stimulate innovation.

2018 - 2019

Name of assignment or project: Technical Recommendations for Development of Smart Drainage Module and Flood Simulation Model

Location: Taiwan

Client: RVO

Main project features: Development of Smart Drainage Module for comprehensive urban drainage system design

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: Report on the concepts en methods underlying smart urban drainage in relation to spatial planning and design. Design procedures for integrated urban water management, to achieve a sustainable, resilient and attractive urban environment. Provide training on these concepts and methods.

2017 - 2020

Name of assignment or project: Toolbox Climate Resilient City

Location: Netherlands

Client: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands

Main project features: Development of a planning support toolbox for collaborative climate resilient urban planning and design, to be used by urban planners, landscape architects and policy developers from cities and their consultant. The toolbox is open source and meant to accelerate climate adaptation in Netherlands' urban environment.

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: Define database of blue, green and grey adaptation solutions (green infra / nature based solutions) including their effectiveness in terms of climate resilience and their co-benefits. Define packages of effective measures for selected types of urban districts and streets. Provide a tool to formulate adaptation targets (water assignment) and an Adaptation Support Tool for collaborative planning (multi-stakeholder, multidisciplinary) of adaptation measures and to assess their effectiveness, costs and co-benefits.

2016 - 2016

Name of assignment or project: Collaborative Adaptation Planning Support System for New Orleans

Location: United States

Client: Sewerage and Water Board New Orleans

Main project features: Customization of the Adaptation Support Tool (AST) and training of local facilitators in the use of the AST during collaborative design sessions.

New Orleans suffers from pluvial flooding and land subsidence. Moreover, several districts need an upgrade of the living conditions because of socio-economic reasons. Blue-green infra will be used to achieve required improvements. The City and the Water Board plan to plan and implement such facilities in close cooperation

with the local community. That is why they asked for operationalization of an own version of the AST.

Position held: Project Leader

Activities performed: (1) Customization of the Adaptation Support tool to the local conditions and demands
(2) Training of facilitators for collaborative design workshops and AST system administrators; organization of training sessions and design workshops.
(3) Helpdesk for facilitators and administrators. Organize front office and Back office
(4) Hosting of the web-based AST and continue innovating the tool

2016 - 2019

Name of assignment or project: Living Lab Land Subsidence City of Gouda

Location: Netherlands

Client: City of Gouda

Main project features: Control land subsidence in the historic inner city of Gouda and adjacent districts by improved control of groundwater and surface water levels. Technologies and governance aspects.

Position held: Project Leader

Activities performed: Install very detailed groundwater monitoring system in the city to study interaction between groundwater levels and surface water level, rainfall, leaky (old) sewer pipes, evapotranspiration and land use. Analyse monitoring result and capture spatial differences in groundwater level in a detailed groundwater model. Analyse land subsidence data from satellite and local levelling network and relate results to groundwater level dynamics and history of land filling. Study governance options and barriers including new formal decisions on surface water level regime and sewer reconstruction activities.

2015 - 2016

Name of assignment or project: Smart Sustainable District – Deep Dives

Utrecht/Beurskwartier and Berlin/Moabit

Location: Germany, Netherlands

Client: Climate-KIC, Europe

Main project features: Develop climate resilient and attractive blue-green infra designs for the Utrecht Beurskwartier Area and for the Moabit district in Berlin. In Utrecht this as input for decisions on the spatial masterplan and on the business plan for Jaarbeurs fair and exhibition centre. A climate vulnerability assessment was made for pluvial flooding, drought and heat stress; critical infrastructure got extra attention. Adaptation targets were defined and these alternative solutions were produced in co-creative design sessions with the City of Utrecht and the Jaarbeurs staff. Alternatives were compared and evaluated using a 12 metrics evaluation scheme plus an analysis of co-benefits and co-investment opportunities.

Position held: Project leader

Activities performed: • Development and application of customized version of the Adaptation Support Tool

- Vulnerability assessment for flooding, drought and heat stress;
- Assessment of critical objects, networks and vulnerable people in the area to provide extra protection.
- Formulation of adaptation targets and potential responses in a collaborative planning process
- Develop adaptation scenarios and evaluate these scenarios on costs, benefits, co-benefits and co-investment opportunities (Utrecht)
- Energy potential of aquifer thermal energy systems and surface water thermal

energy extraction and smart E distribution system

- Integration of water – green – energy – mobility – in the urban plan and performance evaluation of preferred alternative.

2015 - 2016	Name of assignment or project: Two Rivers Urban Park (TRUP) project Location: South Africa Client: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Main project features: Provide planning assistance to planning and development of new urban area, redevelopment of existing parts of the project area and realization of an urban park. Position held: Senior expert Urban Water Activities performed: 3 design workshops and peer review of system analysis reports, including river hydraulics, stormwater management , water supply, wastewater treatment, water quality, nature based solutions for the area, flood protection, climate resilient urban planning. Provide guiding models for spatial planning of urban development in the floodplain of two rivers.
2013 - 2014	Name of assignment or project: Climate Adaptation App (CAPP) Location: Netherlands Client: Climate <i>changes</i> Spatial Planning Foundation Main project features: Develop a ranking tool to assist planners, designers and stakeholders in selecting appropriate adaptation measures for a project area – greenfield development or urban reconstruction. The app ranks the long list of over 130 structural adaptation measures and will shortly be made available on smartphone, tablet and pc. Position held: Deputy PL, responsible for contents and development of the tool Activities performed: Formulate long list of measures, weighting criteria and weighting procedure; supervise ICT development of tool
2013 - 2014	Name of assignment or project: Climate stress test and adaptation planning tools for urban areas in the Netherlands Location: Netherlands Client: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands Main project features: Development of a stress test for climate resilience or urban areas in the Netherlands and development of approach and tools for climate adaptation planning Position held: Project leader Activities performed: Development and pilot testing of approach and tools in 5 cities in the Netherlands. Tools include impact assessment tools – both quick scan and in depth – and design and decision support tools for adaptation planning and design.
2013 - 2015	Name of assignment or project: GreenInfra4Beira Location: Mozambique Client: RVO Main project features: Development of green adaptation plan and for pilot district in Beira; pilot project design for maximization of ecosystem services. Position held: Lead blue-green adaptation planning

Activities performed: Organize local planning and design sessions and develop tools to support the design process with information on the estimated performance of packages of adaptation measures.

2012 - 2015

Name of assignment or project: Blue Green Dream

Location: United Kingdom, Germany, France, Netherlands

Client: Climate-KIC, Europe

Main project features: Testing performance of blue-green adaptation solutions and realizing an Adaptation Support Tool (AST) for supporting the spatial planning and design process with a ranking tool to select an appropriate set of adaptation measures and to calculate the combined effects of these measures on resilience for flooding, drought and heat stress.

Position held: WP leader AST and leader NL-node of BGD

Activities performed: Formulate AST and implement this tool in a touch-table/map-table used for collaborative planning and design

2012

Name of assignment or project: Green Infrastructure Solutions for Water and Flood Risk Management in cities in India

Location: India

Client: World Bank

Main project features: Investigate applicability of green infrastructure solutions for flood protection and climate adaptation of two urban and peri-urban areas in India (Puri, Cochin).

Position held: project manager

Activities performed: Scan of green infrastructure solutions for flood protection, urban drainage, water supply and sanitation for the cities of Puri and Cochin. Formulate multifunctional and cost-effective GI pilots for these cities.

2011

Name of assignment or project: Master class Urban Flood Management

Location: Ho Chi Min City, Viet Nam

Client: RVO

Main project features: Master class for staff of SCFC, MARD and DONRE on the design of a flood protection strategy.

Position held: Teacher

Activities performed: Lecturing and supervising design workshop

2011 - 2013

Name of assignment or project: New Orleans Water Management Strategy

Location: United States

Client: Greater New Orleans Development Corporation

Main project features: Formulate water management strategy to protect New Orleans from flooding, minimize land subsidence and improve quality of urban environment with water. Strengthen economic development of the city of NO by improving water management

Position held: Senior consultant to the PM (from New Orleans)

Activities performed: Assist the PM in organizing the project and supervising the Water System Group working on flood risk assessment, hydrological system analysis and development of new adaptation and development strategies

2010 - 2014

Name of assignment or project: Climate Proof Cities

Location: Netherlands

Client: National Netherlands Research Foundation NWO

Main project features: Research into effects of climate change on urban living environment and on urban water systems, vulnerability assessment, urban flooding, effectivity of flood mitigation measures, extreme rainstorms, design support tools for flood risk mitigation

Position held: Member of the CPC programme core team and leader of theme

Activities performed: Field research into the urban climate, urban flooding, drought and heat stress. Role of water as cooling fluid of urban areas and water demand related to this role.

Improving reliability of urban flooding simulations and flood risk maps; damage sensitivity, flood control strategies for urban areas and adaptation measures to strengthen threshold, coping and recovery capacity.

2009 - 2010

Name of assignment or project: Climate resilience of the Netherlands – Urban areas

Location: Netherlands

Client: Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands

Main project features: climate adaptation vulnerability assessment of urban areas for flooding, drought and heat, adaptation strategies

Position held: project manager

Activities performed: Assessment of the climate robustness and the adaptability of Netherlands urban areas. Assessment of vulnerability for pluvial, fluvial, coastal and groundwater flooding, for droughts and for heat stress. Adaptation strategies.

2008 - 2010

Name of assignment or project: Dutch Dialogues

Location: United States

Client: Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs / City of New Orleans

Main project features: Flood resilient urban development of New Orleans and coastal villages and settlements

Position held: Expert-advisor urban flood management

Activities performed: Collaborative design effort to reducing the vulnerability of the city of new Orleans and the villages and settlements along the coast to pluvial, fluvial and coastal flooding by improving its urban planning and design. Development of delta-urbanism.

2008 - 2009

Name of assignment or project: Scientific review of the Australian National Urban Water Governance Program

Location: Australia

Client: Monash University, Melbourne

Main project features: Evaluation of national research programme on on urban water governance and biofiltration. Barriers and drivers for research and implementation

Position held: Member of review team

Activities performed: Review of the programme on scientific quality, gaps and applicability. Evaluate deliveries and advise on future directions, barriers and challenges.

2008 - 2009

Name of assignment or project: Water robust building; flood resilient urban development

Location: Netherlands

Client: Knowledge for Climate research programme

Main project features: Vulnerability of urban areas to flooding, drought and heat, capacities to reduce vulnerability, long-list of hard and soft protection measures, spatial planning and flood protection

Position held: project leader

Activities performed: International literature review to identify hard and soft measures to reduce the vulnerability of urban areas for flooding, drought and heat stress, development of an approach to improve protection in the urban planning phase, the design and the maintenance phase of urban areas.

2007 - 2008

Name of assignment or project: Urban water in Japan

Location: Japan, Netherlands

Client: Delft University of Technology

Main project features: Comparison of approach to urban water management in Japan and the Netherlands. Protection strategy for urban flooding.

Position held: Team leader

Activities performed: In cooperation with numerous Japanese colleagues we made a comparison between the Japanese and the Netherlands approach to urban water management. Flood risk management is a major component in this study. Results are published in a book.

2005 - 2010

Name of assignment or project: Improving Building Site Preparation

Location: Netherlands

Client: Delft University of Technology

Main project features: land and water management adaptation for sustainable urban development and redevelopment; flood protection, land subsidence control, sustainable urban design and building

Position held: project leader

Activities performed: The project created a community of practitioners working on the civil engineering aspects of urban development and redevelopment. Studies were made into improving urban groundwater drainage, urban flood protection, land subsidence control, land filling strategies, cradle-to-cradle approaches and improving procedures and processes.

2004 - 2009

Name of assignment or project: Transition to sustainable and resilient urban water systems

Location: Japan, Australia, Netherlands

Client: Delft University of Technology

Main project features: vulnerability reduction, alternative water supply. Water as source of energy, transition management, receptivity

Position held: project leader

Activities performed: the study included the development of more sustainable solutions for urban flood protection, water supply and urban water management and the transition that is needed to realize implementation of innovative solutions. Innovation barriers for receptivity for new solutions were investigated in the Netherlands, Japan and Australia.

1998 - 1998

Name of assignment or project: MaNaVa urban flood control project.

Location: Philippines

Client: RVO

Main project features: urban flood protection, illegal settlements, coastal flood protection

Position held: consultant

Activities performed: Analysis of the pluvial, fluvial and coastal flooding threats of Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela. Selection of adaptation measures, taking due account of the large illegal settlements in the most flood-prone areas.

1991 - 1997

Name of assignment or project: Cooperation in the field of water management with the Russian Federation and Ukraine

Location: Ukraine

Client: Rijkswaterstaat

Main project features: Establish Memorandum of Understanding, initiate, coordinate and cooperate in in water management projects

Position held: coordinator of the activities under the MoUs with Russian Federati

Activities performed: Initiate and supervise various projects on water management, flood protection and pollution control, e.g. on St Petersburg Storm Surge Barrier, Ekaterinburg water quality and water supply (partly linked with World Bank's Russian Federation Environmental Management Project), Don - Azov Sea Action Programme international river basin management

1991 - 1993

Name of assignment or project: EC Action programme for sustainable groundwater management

Location: Belgium, Netherlands

Client: European Commission, Belgium

Main project features: European assessment of problems and threats for groundwater. Advice on action programme to board of Ministers of Environment

Position held: member of the research and advisory team

Activities performed: Make an EC-wide assessment of threats to groundwater resources, like urbanization, groundwater extractions, agricultural practices, overexploitation and so on. Turn the results of this analysis into an advice on a European Groundwater Action Programme. This was accepted and implemented.

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