

ACTIVITY: Workshop1_Holland Lowland Peat Landscape_PILOT LANDSCAPE

DATE and TIME: Spring 2019 (no physical workshop could be realised; several smaller meetings build up to the below results)

PLACE: Head Office of the Province of Zuid-Holland, The Hague (NL), and other places

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KEY OBJECTIVES and EXPECTED OUTCOMES of THE ACTIVITY (expected outcomes):

- Generation and Activation of a local network interested in working in Climate Change Adaptation through the AELCLIC-pathfinder project.
- Definition of an internal Work Plan for the implementation of the AELCLIC-pathfinder project in the Holland Lowland Peat Landscape

SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW OF THE THEME AS PERCEIVED IN ZUID-HOLLAND – APPROACH OF THE PILOT



There are many current developments of local networks around climate adaptation, because the theme is topical to the entire Province (and beyond). The National Delta Programme on Spatial Adaptation (2018) stimulates strongly all municipalities to engage in Climate Stress Tests, with the associated action plans.

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL DELTA PROGRAMME ON SPATIAL ADAPTATION, FOCUSING ON PROVINCE OF ZUID-HOLLAND

The Delta Programme has fostered closer collaboration among governments, NGOs, and the business community. Knowledge is exchanged about issues such as water, spatial planning, and climate change, as are combined solutions to spatial planning and the regional economy.

In November 2016, the district water boards and the Rhine Estuary-Drechtsteden Delta Programme organised a meeting on connecting spatial planning and water, within the context of the annual consultations on the Flood Protection

Programme. This meeting has generated an overview of potential linkage opportunities in the scheduled dyke improvements. The Water-Spatial Planning Evaluation shows that the collaboratives in the region are successful in connecting water and spatial planning. The evaluation has also generated several points of attention in this respect.

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The Alblasserwaard-Vijfheerenlanden MIRT Study shows how flood risk management can be connected to the cultural-historical identity, spatial quality, and economic strength of the area. To address the taskings along the Hollandsche IJssel, the region has conducted a comprehensive exploration by examining the role of the Hollandsche IJssel storm surge barrier, dykes, and forelands in interconnection. Attention has also been paid to linkage opportunities, such as improving access to the Krimpenerwaard. The parties are reviewing the developments and results through regular administrative coordination meetings. The regional perspective for the northern rim of Voorne-Putten (Geuzenlinie) has identified various linkage opportunities in dyke improvements. In 2017, this perspective will be elaborated into an area-based programme. In this process, the parties will also pay attention to opportunities for linking regional taskings to the flood risk management tasking. The district water board is closely involved in the efforts.

This strongly structured policy process has also caused that the added value of the AELCLIC Pathfinder is not yet clear enough to get the initiators be invited to a joint workshop, so as to activate a broader partnership.

2. MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH

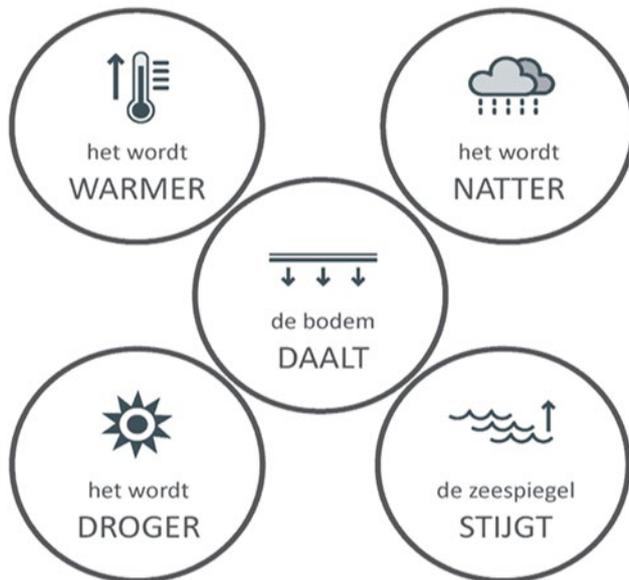
7 regional multi-level boards on climate adaptation:



Joint Mapping of Vulnerabilities



3. CONCLUSION



- It is getting warmer
- It is getting wetter
- It is getting drier
- The soils are subsiding
- Sea level is rising

4. NEXT STEPS: Future Workshops and Visibility of the Local Network

It is agreed that Province Zuid-Holland and Wageningen University jointly consider possibilities to team up with the groups preparing Climate Stress Tests in various areas in the Province of Zuid-Holland.