



Curriculum Vitae Henk van Schaik M.Sc

Ir. Henricus P.J. van Schaik (1947) holds an M.Sc degree in Sanitary Engineering from Wageningen University (1973) The Netherlands, with majors in waste water treatment, air pollution, toxicology and colloid chemistry. He also holds a Certificate of Education in Chemistry and Agricultural Science.

Since 2012 Henk van Schaik is partner with Water Partner Foundation and Water and Heritage Ambassador of ICOMOS NL. His activities include the organisation of the international conference in September 2013 "Protecting delta's, heritage helps", the preparation of the Amsterdam conference statement, main editor of the book "Water&Heritage, material, conceptual and spiritual connections" published by Sidestone press in March 2015, and presently he leads the project "Water&Heritage for the Future".

Since 2009 he is the Lead of the Water Diplomacy Programme of the UPEACE Centre The Hague, and Lead in the Water Diplomacy Consortium (UPEACE The Hague, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, UNESCO-IHE and Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael. In this capacity he was the main organiser of the international Water Security and Peace Conference in the Peace Palace in November 2013 and the Round Table on Business in water-stressed areas: the importance of conflict-sensitive water management strategies. The reports can be found on <http://www.upeace.nl>. Since 2012 he is member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the World Water Development Programme of UNWATER in Perugia, Italy, Board member of the Water Integrity Network in Berlin and member of the Advisory Board for the Water for Development programme of the Netherlands Government.

From its inception in 2001 till 2012 Henk van Schaik was the Programme Co-ordinator and since August 2008 the Programme Coordinator International of the Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate. His activities included stimulating attention and research to the impacts of climate change upon water systems at global, national, regional and basin level, the assessment of vulnerabilities at local levels, the preparation of coping measures, and the encouragement of initiatives in water sector policies and organizations.

He is co author of several publications on Water and Climate including the books „Climate changes the water rules“ (2003), „Climate changes Dutch water management“ (2007), „Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Sector“ (Earthscan, 2008), the Perspective Papers on Water and Climate prepared by CPWC/IUCN/WWC and IWA published for WWF-5, articles in journals and books and initiator of the films "The Heat is On, Better be Prepared" about climate impacts on water, the Kitui Sand Dams, showing a practical example of coping in water management with climate variability and change, and the film Delta cities for the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul.

He also was a key organizer/theme leader of global and regional events on Water and Climate including during the World Water Fora in 2003 (Kyoto, Japan), in 2006 (Mexico, Mexico), 2009 (Istanbul, Turkey) and 2012 Marseille (France). He is also thematic (co-) author of thematic documents on Water and Climate and Risk Management including for the UN ECE. He was the key organizer of Water and Climate events during the World Water Weeks in Stockholm in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

He was strategic advisor on Water and Climate for IWA, and was the Programme Chair of the IWA Water and Climate conferences in 2004, 2006, 2007 (Beijing and Amsterdam) and 2008, and co-initiator of the IWA Specialist Group on Adaptation. He is initiator and advisor of the Water and Climate Coalition that builds connections between the Water Community and the UNFCCC and co initiator of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation, an initiative of many organizations including the WB, EIB and several International NGOs to strengthen the assessments for investments in adaptation. .



From 1987 till 2001 he was policy advisor on Water for the Ministry of Development Cooperation of the Netherlands Government. His responsibility included both policy development and monitoring its implementation. He was the key author of the International Water Policy Memorandum of the Dutch Government (1989). During this period he was extensively involved in global water sector policy discussions, and played a key role in the creation of the Collaborative Council for Water Supply and Sanitation. He led many assignments (evaluations, formulations, monitoring missions) on water supply and water management in Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Vietnam, India, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Sudan, Cameroon, Ghana, Colombia. During this period he was also lecturer at UNESCO-IHE on Rural Water Development.

From 1995 till 2002 he was a member of the Water Fund of Simavi, a Dutch NGO. In 2004 he created the Dutch NGO Climate Partners, which advises private sector companies including water utilities how to achieve a “climate neutral” footprint. From 1976 till 1987 he worked on rural water supply projects implementation and planning in respectively Malawi and Tanzania.

Mr. Van Schaik is fluent in Dutch, English, French, Spanish and Italian, and has basic understanding of Kiswahili.

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