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## **Brief profile of Rien van Zetten**

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Rien studied civil engineering, environmental management and philosophy.

He is working as a senior project manager in Rijkswaterstaat, within the Dutch Ministry of Water for more than 42 year. All experience is water related.

He was the responsible manager for the design- and realization-phase of the large scale port extension of the port of Rotterdam (Maasvlakte2). Nowadays he is project manager to realize a large scale wind park on the Maasvlakte. This will produce more than 450 GWh per year, to ensure that all energy that is used within the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water is sustainable and renewable.

He also is very experienced in the protection of the country against floods, because he has worked in this field both in policymaking and in design and realization. He has been working in Bangladesh, Ghana, Mozambique, Vietnam , the Philippines and many other developing countries. Mainly in cooperation with authorities and water bodies to strengthen their capacity and to improve the safety of the population against floods.

His main field of interest is to understand how people with totally different backgrounds can cooperate and understand each other. His PhD research is also on this topic.

He is visiting professor at the World Maritime University in Malmö.

**Keywords** for his experience are: civil engineering, coastal science and management; climate change and adaptation; integrated coast management; environmental monitoring, evaluation and prediction; stakeholder participation, cooperation between different cultures.

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