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## Water Delight - debate with Henk Ovink

Predictions are that in the coming decades more than half of all global challenges will be related to water issues both on the wet and on the dry side. The economic damage associated with these water issues will increase to billions of Euros. Hence the magnitude and the character of these water related challenges are so huge that we cannot feel safe with technologies from the past. We have to find new, integrated, multi-disciplinary solutions. The Dutch approach to water issues is recognized worldwide as an example for working on innovative solutions. To further emphasize this, in spring this year the Dutch government appointed Henk Ovink as the Dutch Special Envoy for International Water Affairs. He travels the world to export the Dutch approach in delta solutions. And by doing so, Henk is one of the best informed persons of global water challenges, both related to quantity (either too much or too little) and quality (contaminants, salinity). KLV and the Wageningen alumni networks Netwerk Land en water, Kennisnetwerk Milieu, Studiekring Landbouweconomie, VWI, Wageningen Debating en the Research school WIMEK invited Henk Ovink for a dialogue and debate in order to discuss the Dutch approach with a focus on droughts, the "fit" of Wageningen UR's expertise in global challenges, and the most realistic approaches for the future. Henk Ovink will deliver a key-note speech, followed by short pitches on several theses presented by PhD/post-docs from Wageningen University and a debate with the audience. The chair of this evening is prof.dr.ir. Eddy Moors and the evening will be mediated by Wageningen Debating. Time schedule - (attention: has been changed!) In case you have signed up earlier for attending the key note speech of Henk Ovink and the subsequent debate, we can inform you that the time schedule has been changed because of the following reason. Unfortunately, Henk Ovink - as popular as he is - mistakenly has had two overlapping appearances planned in his schedule. For him to be able to attend both, we have had to shift the starting time of our event. We shall thus not begin at 18:00 hrs. but at 20:00 hrs.! With a reception from 19:30 hrs. (there is no meal included).

19.30 – 20.00 registration and coffee  
20.00 – 20.05 introduction to the meeting, Eddy  
20.05 – 20.10 Warming up – setting the stage: Annemarie  
20.10 – 20.30 keynote Henk Ovink  
20.30 – 22.50 pitch 1 (max 5 min) by Debora De Block                      response (2 min) Henk Ovink                      debate with audience  
22.50 – 21.10 pitch 2 (max 5 min) by Janwillem Liebrand                      response (2 min) Henk Ovink                      debate with audience  
21.10 – 21.30 pitch 3 by Karianne de Bruin                      response (2 min) Henk Ovink                      debate with audience  
21.30 – 21.45 proposition 4: open question to the audience  
21.45 – 21.50 wrap-up and closure  
21.50 – 22.30 drinks and opportunity for networking and afterthoughts  
Practical Spoken language English. Diner: the diner is cancelled because of the modified schedule!

**Participant list** Do you want to check who is coming? Please take a look at the attendance list. **Organization** This debate is organized by the following study circles: Netwerk Land en water, Kennisnetwerk Milieu, Studiekring Landbouweconomie, VWI, Wageningen Debating and WIMEK. KLV provides service and support. **Registration** If you are interested to join this interdisciplinary debate, please subscribe through the dark blue button 'Sign in'. **Social Media** We would like to accentuate the twitter hashtag #waterdelight.

**Locatie / location:** Hotel De Wageningsche Berg  
**Datum / date:** 20-10-2015, 19:30

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