



Netherlands International Development Pulse

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With this newsletter, we provide updates on the Netherlands' activities, success and potential opportunities within the International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

Stories

NL Event Recap: Performance-Based Contracting Session at TT

The Transforming Transportation 2026 (TT26) conference, held in Washington, D.C., recently concluded with a powerful message: transport is no longer just about infrastructure—it is the engine for global economic security and job creation. Under the theme "Powering Jobs and Growth," the 23rd edition of this flagship event, co-hosted by the World Bank and the WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, gathered world leaders to address how smarter mobility can bridge the gap between poverty and opportunity.

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SM 26 Flagship Water Forward event

The 2026 World Bank Group/IMF Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C. marked a pivotal moment for global water policy with the launch of the "Water Forward: Driving Jobs and Prosperity" flagship initiative. This high-level event, held on April 15, 2026, repositioned water security not merely as a humanitarian goal, but as a fundamental prerequisite for economic stability and job creation.

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Dutch Royal Couple and Ministers Engage with IFI Leaders in Washington D.C.

During the working visit of H.M. the King and H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands to the United States in April, a high-level reception was hosted at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington D.C. In his speech, the King emphasized the long-standing ties between the Netherlands and the U.S., but also challenges and potential ways to strengthen our relations.

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Dutch Expertise Meets Global Investment: A New Blueprint for Urban Mobility



The transition toward sustainable urban transport is accelerating through a powerful synergy between Dutch technical expertise and global financial backing. Recent workshops in Bandung, Indonesia, and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, organized through the ACTIVE program, a Dutch government initiative, demonstrate how targeted knowledge exchange can strengthen major international investments, including those of the World Bank Group.

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Introducing: Martijn Groen - Alternate Executive Director for IDB Invest and Counselor at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)



Martijn Groen currently serves as Alternate Executive Director for IDB Invest and Counselor at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington D.C. In this role, he represents the Dutch position at the Board of the Bank and works on investment and strategic priorities across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Before joining the IDB Group, Martijn worked as a career diplomat at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with postings in Colombia, Zimbabwe and Iraq.

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The Netherlands helps advance Climate Resilience in West Africa (WACA)



At the FOMACO 2026 Forum in Nouakchott, Mauritania, collaboration was at the heart of advancing coastal resilience in West Africa. From the perspective of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO-TIO/CWFF), it was inspiring to see how strong partnerships are helping to move nature-based Solutions (NBS) from concept to implementation.

Together with the World Bank's West Africa Coastal Areas Management Program (WACA), IUCN, and key Dutch partners including EcoShape and NLL210, we co-organize a series of sessions, a plenary session, a deep dive and a two-day pre-forum workshop, and activities during the forum focused on scaling impact.

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Interesting Reads

- 1 [Middle East War to Spark Biggest Energy Price Surge in Four Years](#)
- 2 [Joint MDB Statement on Critical Minerals to Manufacturing Value Chains](#)
- 3 [The World Bank President On Why Jobs Fix Everything | Ajay Banga x Nikhil Kamath | People by WTF](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
Fragility Forum 2026	6-10 June	Virtual
8th Global Policy Forum on Natural Capital	9-11 June	Thailand
Jobs for the Next Generation	16-17 June	Hybrid Washington D.C.
Procurement Fair (IADB)	23-25 June	Virtual Washington D.C.

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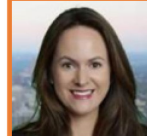
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