

Water and Development Congress & Exhibition 2019



Blog: Can-do mentality

On November 15th the Amsterdam International Water Week Summit, took place on the iconic former ocean liner SS Rotterdam in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam! The legendary former flag ship of the Holland America Line is rich of history and is a beautiful scene for the one-day programme which was focussed on the ongoing progress on water issues led by AIWW Conference series. The outcomes of AIWW Conference 2017 were reviewed and dialogued. The output of the Summit will be the roadmap for the AIWW Conference in 2019.



The citizens of Rotterdam are known for its can-do mentality. This was also a red line in the AIWW Summit.

It was a packed day with many inspiring speeches from the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, the Mayor of Rotterdam Ahmed Aboutaleb, Director of Quality of Life of the European Commission Veronica Manfredi and by Young Water Professionals Ambassador AIWW 2019 & Policy Officer for Doctoral Education (RSM) Chrysoula Papacharalampou and many more.



The outcomes of the Amsterdam Agreements in practice have been reviewed which resulted in signing new MoU's on stage. Such as the cooperation between Waternet and SIAAP and the MoU between Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) and FMO regarding developing and financing international water initiatives. Followed by round table meetings with several topics but with the common theme of future requirements to implement integrated solutions.

The closing session consisted of several panel discussions. IWA President, Diane d'Arras participated in the lively discussion on the cooperation between Global Water events and connecting the agendas and the global water community. For IWA Exhibitions it was a good moment to connect and talk about IWA's upcoming Water Development Congress and Exhibition and the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition.



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