



International Workshop SALTA 2026

Practical Solutions for Salt-Affected Soils in Deltas

Full program June 7 – June 12 (updated March 25th)

Sunday, June 7

Invited international trainers and sponsored guests will arrive at Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol. Transportation will be arranged by the organisers.

Monday, June 8

SALTA network national event ('Zoet Zout 2-Daagse'): members Dutch network

Daytime: Free program international guests (trainers and invitees Embassies)

Evening: Dinner SALTA-network with invited international trainers and sponsored guests (location: Restaurant 'Proefverlof')

Tuesday, June 9

International Workshop Day 1 (location: Auditorium University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein, Agora 1, Leeuwarden)

Morning

08:30 Start registration, day 1/2. *Required*

09:00 Coffee and tea

09:45 Opening session with representatives of local, national and international partners

10:15 Introduction by SALTA: Practical solutions for Salt-Affected Soils in the Netherlands and other Deltas. Presentation by **Dr. Arjen de Vos** (CSO of SALTA)

10:35 Guidelines and threshold values of water salinity levels in relation to irrigation, soil, crop salt tolerance and climatic conditions, by **Dr. Hosam Ahmed Shawky** (President of Desert Research Center, Egypt)

10:55 Evaluating reliable crop salt tolerance parameters from methodological field research by **Prof. emeritus Gerrit van Straten** (Wageningen University, Agrotechnology and Food Sciences, the Netherlands).

11:15 Coffee, tea and bites

11:45 Saline agriculture and translating scientific knowledge to guidelines and practical solutions for farmers by **Dr. Ed Barrett-Lennard** (Murdoch University, Australia).

12:15 Q & A

12:45 Pitches by the students (presenting their posters)

Afternoon

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Knowledge & Innovation Market: stands and posters of participants

15:00 Thematic group sessions: participants share experiences. Location: Canteen of VHL

16:15 Plenary closing session (auditorium). Price winning ceremony student contest. Recap of the day.

Evening

19:00 Solidarity dinner, [Restaurant Élevé](#) (*World Trade Center, Leeuwarden*)

Wednesday, June 10

International Workshop Day 2 – Towards a joined international Action Agenda

Location: Auditorium University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein (*Agora 1, Leeuwarden*)

Morning

- 08:30** Start registration, day 2/2. *Required*
- 08:45** Coffee and Tea
- 09:00** Welcome and recap of day 1
- 09:15** How to translate general guidelines into tailor-made solutions that work under different climatic conditions, with different levels of farmers knowledge and different markets. By Operations Manager **Amir Islam** (Asian Farmers' Association).
- 09:45** Representative FAO (tbc). What is needed to get large scale action programmes of the ground? Do we need to start framing salinization and freshwater scarcity as climate change / adaptation to mobilize (inter)national funding? How do you mobilize and manage a global action program with a focus on real-world implementation?
- 10:15** Coffee, tea and bites
- 10:45** Group work moderated by international trainers, supported by founding partners SALTA
- What knowledge is available?
 - What actions are needed now?
 - Remaining knowledge gaps
 - Regional tailoring and international financing
 - Roadmap steps toward an international action agenda
- 12:15** Plenary session
- Wrap-up & findings: reporting from the groups
 - Reflection by representatives FAO and WorldBank: how to move forwards with an action based international knowledge agenda and how to get scale in future programs?
 - Closing words by **Peter Prins** (CEO of SALTA) and alderman Municipality of Leeuwarden
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Afternoon (various options)
- Field visit to the SALTA testing facility
 - Field visit to Salt Marshes Friesland province

Evening Dinner at [Hotel de Abdij van Dokkum](#) (*Markt 30A, Dokkum*)

Thursday, June 11 (optional program)

- Study visit: Project Freshwater Farming Anna Paulownapolder
- Visit Greentech Amsterdam (International Horticultural Show)

Friday, June 12 (optional program)

- Study visit: Dutch seed companies
- Departure of international guests

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