



International Workshop SALTA 2026

Practical solutions for agriculture in salinizing Deltas

Tentative program

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 **Manzoor Qadir, Research Professor** (United Nations University, Institute for Water, Environment and Health, Canada)
- 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 Speaker 5. 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)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Afternoon (various options)

- Field visit to the SALTA testing facility
- Field visit to R & D station HZPC (seed potato breeding company)
- Field visit to Salt Marshes Friesland province

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

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