



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
- 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** Speaker 1 (tbc) Guidelines and threshold values of water salinity levels in relation to irrigation, soil, crop salt tolerance and climatic conditions.
- 10:55** Current status on crop salt tolerance and methodology to conduct (field) research to determine exact threshold values by **prof. emeritus Gerrit van Straten** (Wageningen University & Research)
- 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** (Australia).
- 12:15** Q & A
- 12:45** Pitches by the students (presenting their posters)

Afternoon

- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Information market: stands & 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

Morning

- 08:30** Coffee and Tea
- 09:00** Welcome and recap of day 1
- 09:15** Speaker 4. How to translate general guidelines into tailor-made solutions that work under different climatic conditions, with different levels of farmers knowledge and different markets.
- 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 Fish Migration River (storm surge barrier 'Afsluitdijk')

Evening

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

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