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# Foreword

Ladies and gentlemen,

I have been Chairman of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) since 1 March 2014. Thanks to my earlier work at Shell, I was of course already aware of the role the NCEA plays as an independent party in safeguarding the quality of environmental information. This is an important task, and one to which I contribute with enthusiasm; an enthusiasm that has only increased during the past year due to the high level of expertise and quality that I have encountered among our experts and secretariat, as well as the inspiring contact I have had with the competent authorities and project initiators.

The number of advisory procedures decreased by 40% in the Netherlands in 2014. Although the current economic climate is undoubtedly one reason for this, the drastic step of cost-covering pricing we had to introduce for our advisory reports in mid-2014 is also a factor. The increased rates appear to present a barrier to smaller municipalities. Also in mid-2014, government plans for implementation of the new Environment and Planning Act became clearer, as well as the possible consequences for environmental assessment (EA). The government is calling for more flexibility, freedom and customisation, combined with greater confidence in public administration. It is however essential that benchmarks are included, to ensure that flexibility and freedom are not obtained at the expense of environmental quality and legal certainty. Early participation, independent review and proper monitoring within the EA process will help guarantee this, which is why I intend to advocate the inclusion of these elements in the new Act.



During my time at Shell, I came across the NCEA several times outside the Netherlands. Many Dutch investments abroad require an EIA under local legislation, and this can be a great advantage, provided that the EIA process is well-organised and of a high quality. This is where the NCEA can help. I am therefore very pleased with the recent decision allowing the NCEA to provide recommendations in the context of the new Dutch business funds in each of the 66 countries in which these funds are operational. Dutch companies usually have a good environmental reputation abroad and stand to benefit if the bar for new sustainable development initiatives is raised.

I am convinced that many parties in the Netherlands and abroad will take advantage of our expertise in the coming years, and hope that many of you will be involved in this.

**Kees Linse,**  
*Chairman, the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment*

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# Advisory reports in 2014

The NCEA issued 192 advisory reports in 2014:

- 19 advisory reports on Terms of Reference (ToR) of EIAs or combined SEA/EIAs;
- 13 advisory reports on ToR of SEAs;
- 42 advisory reviews of EIAs or combined SEA/EIAs;
- 72 advisory reviews of SEAs;
- 34 non-mandatory advisory reviews of supplementary information for EA reports;
- 12 other non-mandatory advisory reports.

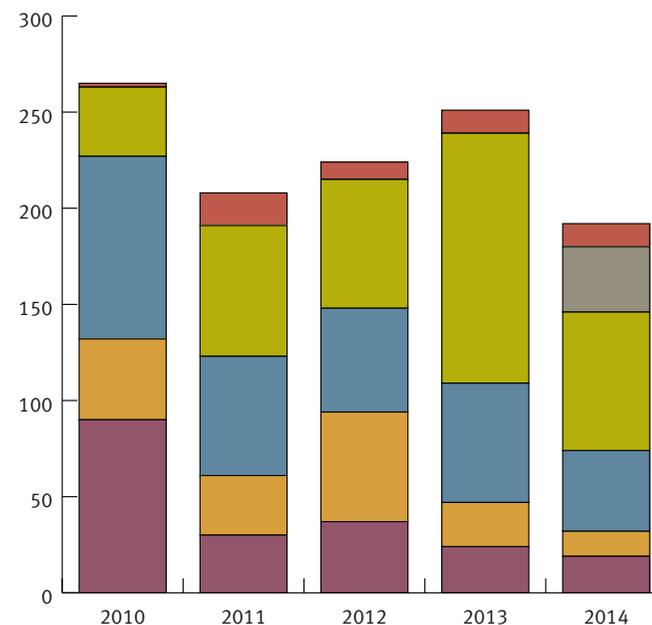
The number of advisory reviews decreased by 41% compared with 2013. The peak seen in 2013 due to the updating of land-use plans disappeared in 2014.

## Who requested advice?

The relative number of advisory reports prepared for municipal authorities, provincial authorities, central government and water authorities has remained fairly constant in recent years. Since the absolute number of advisory reports for municipal authorities decreased more sharply than those for other public authorities, the percentages for provincial authorities, central government and water authorities increased slightly:

- 53% were for municipal authorities (65% in 2013);
- 27% were for provincial authorities (21% in 2013);
- 17% were for the central government (12% in 2013);
- 3% were for water authorities (2% in 2013).

Number and type of advisory reports issued



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## Non-mandatory advisory reports

The proportion of non-mandatory advisory reports remained constant in 2014 (about 30%). The absolute number of non-mandatory advisory reports decreased due to the decrease in the total number of advisory reports.

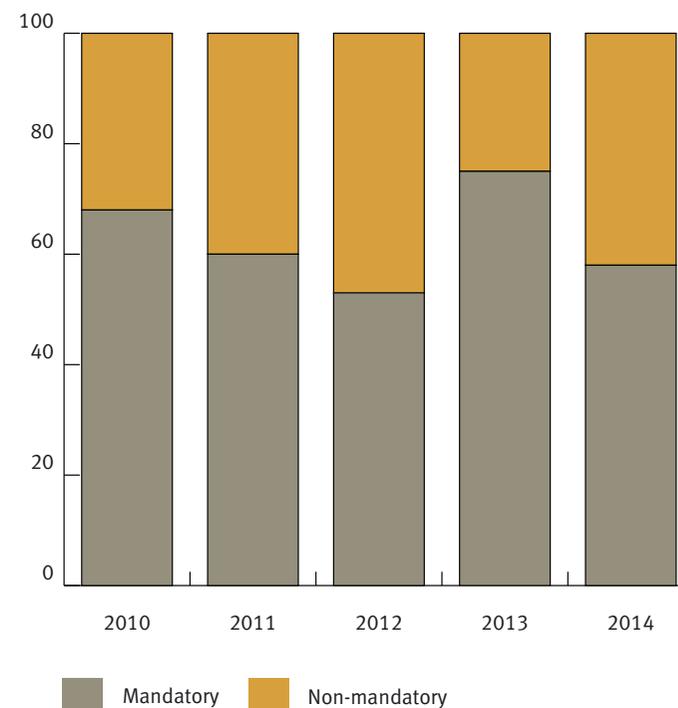
The category of other non-mandatory advisory reports is varied. It includes interim monitoring at key decision-making moments with regard to further assessment and choosing between alternatives. This type of monitoring enables the competent authorities to gain a better insight into the quality of the information on which decisions will be based and helps avoid unnecessary assessments. The NCEA also prepared an advisory report on the monitoring of salt and gas extraction in the Wadden Sea area and issued a second opinion on a case-by-case EIA screening.

If the NCEA identifies any shortcomings, the competent authorities may ask it to review the supplementary information. 34 reviews of supplementary information for advisory reports were requested in 2014 (these advisory reports have not been included in the adjoining diagram).

## Public submissions

The NCEA considered public submissions in 82 (59%) of its advisory procedures. This percentage remained stable compared with 2013 (53%). Considering specific information from these public submissions increases the quality of the advisory reports.

Mandatory versus non-mandatory involvement 2010-2014



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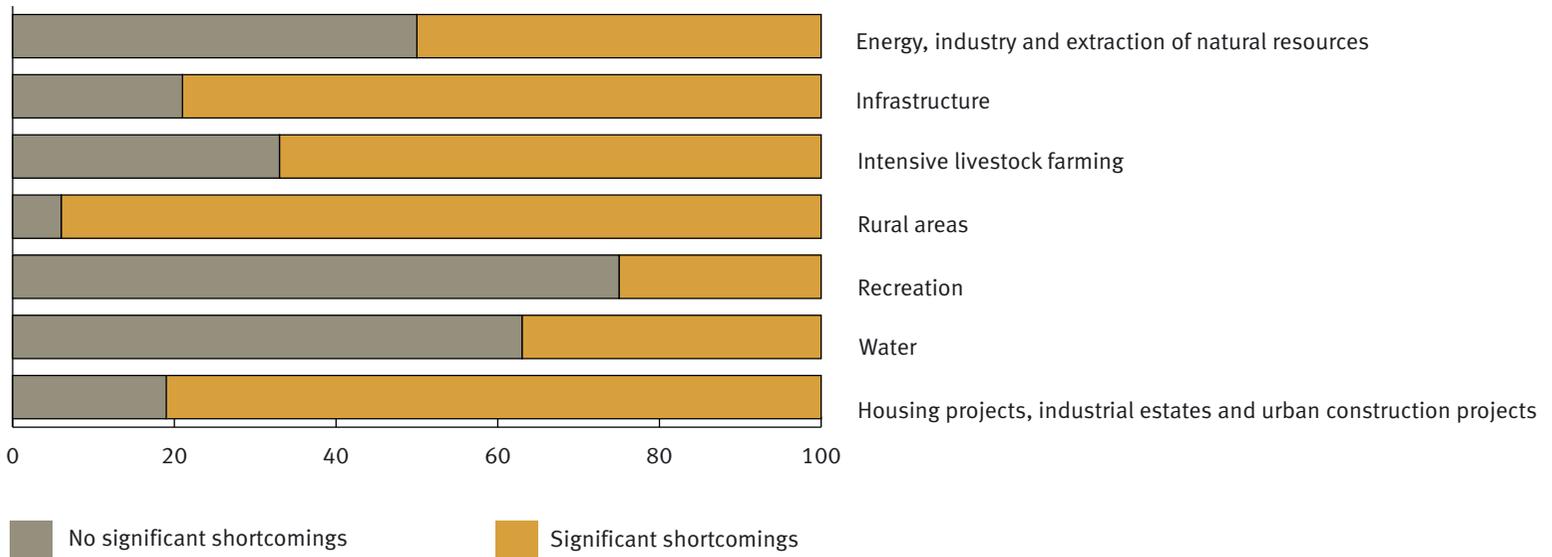
## Terms of Reference (ToR)

The NCEA bases its advisory reports on Terms of Reference (ToR) on the notification of intent. In 97% of its advisory reports, the NCEA introduced new elements to this notification. In many cases, these were new alternatives or variants (60%), supplementary information to substantiate the proposal (53%) or information on nature (50%). In only 5% of cases did the competent authorities not adopt our ToR advice in full; in most cases this concerned infrastructure projects and involved the interpretation of assessments of external safety, noise, air quality or nature.

## Environmental assessment reports

The NCEA reviewed 114 environmental assessment reports in 2014. As in previous years, those relating to water-related projects were of high quality. Shortcomings were found in almost all the reports on land-use plans for rural areas and intensive livestock farming as once again there was a noticeable lack of information with regard to the effect of nitrogen on Natura 2000 areas. This group of reports distorts the figures dramatically and has therefore been excluded.

## Quality of environmental assessment reports 2014



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## Significant shortcomings

Significant shortcomings were identified in 60% of the 66 reports. This percentage is also in line with figures from previous years, fluctuating between 50% and 66% between 2008 and 2013.

In 2014, this mostly involved missing information on:

- impacts on nature (82%);
- alternatives and variants (37%);
- noise emissions (34%);
- substantiation of the intended activity (32%).

Strikingly, for infrastructure projects, three quarters of the shortcomings related to noise emissions affecting residential areas. A lack of information on noise emissions is therefore a continuing trend.

As far as advisory reports for spatial plans and plans for



industrial estates are concerned, alternatives with significant environmental benefits for the

natural or living environment were missing in half the reports. The NCEA therefore plans to pay

special attention to these topics in 2015.

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The Minister of Economic Affairs must make a decision regarding shale gas extraction in the Netherlands. He needs to determine *whether* to permit shale gas extraction in the Netherlands and, if so, *where* and under *what* conditions it may take place. Which area is the most promising in terms of maximum extraction and minimum effects on nature, people and the environment? A spatial plan and a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) report are expected to provide an answer to these questions. Only when these reports are available will the Minister make a decision regarding exploratory drilling. In its advisory report on ToR of the SEA report, the NCEA considered more than 1,200 public submissions from governments, competent bodies, NGOs and the general public. These sho-

wed clearly that both the economic and social benefits, as well as the impact on people, nature and the environment, are essential.

The NCEA recommended that a balance should be sought between the environmental and economic effects. What is the role played by shale gas in the total demand for gas? Can shale gas be used as an alternative for, or complement to other operational gas fields in the Netherlands? What are the consequences of a future with shale gas compared with a situation without it? Although the answer to the ‘where’ question depends on the answer to the question whether or not to allow shale gas extraction, the NCEA finds it logical that the information required for both questions be collected at the same time. After all, information on the



effects on humans, nature and the environment is necessary to answer both questions.

As far as the ‘where’ question is concerned, a detailed inventory is required of the areas and depths in which drilling should or should not be allowed and the necessary measures to be taken in the extraction areas. At the surface, for

example, measures could include the implementation of buffer zones around water catchment and residential areas, while underground relevant measures may relate to proximities to drinking water supplies and fault systems.

The SEA report is expected to be submitted to the NCEA for review in 2015.

# European EIA Directive and the Environment and Planning Act

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The European Parliament adopted the amended EIA Directive on 12 March 2014. Although not all of the European Commission's proposals were adopted, the significance of EIA has increased as a result of this new Directive. The Directive imposes far-reaching requirements on the EIA, such as a broader substantiation requirement for case-by-case EIA screening, the integration of the EIA and other EU directives and quality improvement. The Member States are obliged to implement the Directive before 16 May 2017. Since this date precedes the intended entry into force of the *Environment and Planning Act*, a separate amendment shall first be made to the *Environmental Management Act*.

### Proposed bill

The proposed bill for the Environment and Planning Act, with which the Environmental Management Act and other laws will be merged, was submitted to the Dutch House of Representatives on 17 June 2014. The NCEA endorses the general objectives of the Environment and Planning Act, such as integrated decision-making, flexibility and customisation, the simplification of procedures and a reduced assessment workload. However, it considers it essential that the legislator includes certain benchmarks to ensure that flexibility and freedom are not obtained at the expense of environmental quality and legal certainty. We also provided input regarding the tightening of the environmental assessment process in the proposed bill, including elements such as mandatory monitoring in complex projects and greater focus on civic participation and evaluation.



“ The NCEA's manner of working and the way in which they want to work fit in perfectly with what we have envisioned with the Environment and Planning Act: less regulatory pressure and a better living environment. ”

Edward Stigter, Director of the 'Simply Better' programme, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

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The manner in which spatial plans are drawn up is changing. While the current spatial layout of the Netherlands is mainly the outcome of planning permission and development planning concepts, the government is presently experimenting with the concept of ‘invitation planning’. In this type of planning, the government primarily plays the role of a facilitator and areas change gradually, without any fixed, pre-determined planning programme.

Rather than the end result, the process is the main guiding element for invitation planning. This creates new environmental assessment opportunities.



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The province of Zuid-Holland decided to concentrate its wind energy projects in a few specific areas, one of these being the island of Goeree-Overflakkee. The open landscape and wind generation capacity make this island highly suitable for wind turbines. Choices had to be made regarding where and how the turbines would be placed. Moreover, there was considerable disquiet among the local population regarding this project.

### Top-down approach

Provincial authorities, municipal authorities and market players combined forces in the Goeree-Overflakkee Wind Group Cooperative with the aim to develop a broadly-supported plan. The strategic environmental assessment report followed a top-down approach: it first looked at the island as a whole, then at the coastline. Finally, it carried out an assessment of specific areas. Effects on landscape, nature, the living environment and energy yield played a key role at each step.

The report provided useful environmental information for market players, residents and administrative authorities to help them in their decision-making. The provincial and municipal authorities eventually decided to install turbines at certain places along the coastline of the island.

“ The SEA report emerged as a good guide for reaching a well-considered decision on wind energy, including where to place the wind turbines. As a result, the municipal authorities were able to maintain control over the wind energy project at Goeree-Overflakkee. ”

Frans Tollenaar, Alderman for the municipality of Goeree-Overflakkee



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Some years ago, the Netherlands established new regulations for determining the environmental space required by airports. These regulations apply to all airports in the Netherlands with the exception of Schiphol Airport. Standards have also been drawn up for external security at civil airports. Based on these new regulations, the activities carried out at every airport were to be recorded before November 2014 in an Airport Decision, which was also to describe the extent to which activities such as housing development and wind energy generation would be permitted in the immediate surroundings of the airport.

### Careful consideration

For some airports, such as Eindhoven Airport and Lelystad Airport, substantiation through an EIA report was required. For other air-



ports, such as the Volkel Air Base, there was no such obligation. To ensure a careful consideration of all interests, however, an EIA procedure was nevertheless followed in these cases.

Based on the new regulations, the NCEA advised in 2014 on the EIA reports for various airports. However, it was not possible to formulate new Airport Decisions within the specified time for all airports.

The environmental impact of the expansion of Rotterdam The Hague Airport, Den Helder Airport and the planned expansion of Schiphol Airport will be dealt with in EIA reports in 2015.

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Health was assigned a more prominent role in EA in 2014. The NCEA attached greater importance to health not only in the advisory reports on ToR, but also in its advisory reviews. Where relevant, we review alternatives that reduce health effects or improve the health situation. If such information is missing, we recommend that it be supplemented.

The Health in EA fact sheet was updated, with special attention for soot as an important indicator for impact on health due to road traffic and livestock farming. The limitations of Health Impact Screening are also discussed in the fact sheet, as is the measurement of the burden of disease using *Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs)*.



The NCEA aims to organise meetings to discuss health-related issues in 2015. The Guide to Health and Environmental Assessment is

a good starting point for this and combines practical and scientific knowledge on an informative website. The NCEA wants to use

this website to demonstrate the role of health information in the decision-making process.

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The province of Gelderland conducted a site survey to identify the most suitable location for a new overnight mooring port for about 70 inland navigation vessels near the village of Lobith. This port is required to improve the safety of shipping operations on the Upper Rhine and Waal rivers. The NCEA was asked to review the site survey and make recommendations for the EIA report.

The site survey assessment is complete, with a proper description of the environmental impacts and useful alternatives. Some of the alternatives will result in a relatively large amount of environmental damage, for example at the Oude Waal site. Possible combinations with the existing port at the village of Tuindorp were also considered. The assessment shows that renovation of the existing port could mean that a smaller new port is required, which would cause less environmental damage and nuisance for local residents.

In its advisory report, the NCEA therefore recommended that the EIA report pays attention to various layout options for the port and opportunities for further limiting environmental damage and nuisance.

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The NCEA proposed the idea of modernising the existing overnight mooring port for inland navigation operators (village of Tuindorp), so that the necessary, additional port at the village of Spijk could be smaller in size: this would be a sustainable, economical use of space with minimal stress for residents and the environment.

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Josan Meijers, Dutch Labour Party representative, province of Gelderland



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According to Dr Sossoukpe, Director-General of the Environment Agency in Benin, the planning procedure for the Adjarala Dam illustrates the significant role played by environmental regulation in Benin today. Environmental assessments have been carried out here since the beginning of this century, but it is only very recently that projects and plans requiring an EA are being regularly rejected because the environmental assessment reports are not providing an adequate picture of the social and environmental risks.

The Adjarala Dam, on the border between Benin and Togo, is a controversial project. The construction of an earlier dam on the Mono River already resulted in loss of livelihoods for fishermen and farmers in the area. The construction of this dam will therefore benefit from a properly conducted environmental impact assessment. To evaluate the quality of the EIA report, the local authorities appealed to the independent expertise of the NCEA.

Our advisory report includes recommendations that the safety plan should be better substantiated, resettlement plans improved and expected climate impacts incorporated into the financial calculations. Based on our advisory report, the authorities have imposed additional requirements on the project developer for the EIA report. We hope that this leads to an improvement in the plan, as ultimately that is why we were called in.



“ Thanks to the presence and advisory report of the NCEA, a more conscientious commitment can be observed at the political level in Togo and Benin in connection with the development of the dam. ”

Dr Edmond Sossoukpe, Director-General of the Environment Agency of Benin

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The Netherlands applies the principle ‘from aid to trade’ as far as development cooperation is concerned. One result of this is an increase in the number of subsidised Dutch investments abroad. Many of these investments require an environmental impact assessment under the legislation of the country concerned. The EIA report not only outlines the risks involved in the investment, but also highlights the Dutch contribution to ‘green growth’.

### Knowledge centre

Our EA Knowledge Centre draws on years of EA experience abroad to assist the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), which manages several investment funds. We screened more than 50 investment proposals in 2014, of which more than half required an EIA.

We also reviewed the quality of a number of EIA reports at the request of the Facility for Infrastructure Development (ORIO)/RVO. Many of these reports showed room for improvement, in particular with regard to the definition of the impact of local laws and regulations on investments. Environmental and Social Management Plans are also often lacking in quality: although the risks are described, the solutions are usually missing. For each point of criticism, we offer a recommendation on how to remove this shortcoming, in the hope to improve both the EIA report and the final project.



“ The NCEA is a truly professional organisation and working with them is a pleasant and positive experience. I am glad that this organisation exists and that it shares its knowledge and skills with us. ”

Tamar Schrofer, ORIO Programme Coordinator, Netherlands Enterprise Agency

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A joint China – Netherlands publication in 2014 was one of the highlights of the three-year SEA cooperation between the two countries. In this publication, Chinese and Dutch experts draw lessons from their SEA experiences. The Dutch authors, some of whom work at the NCEA, look back on 25 years of legislation and practice. For China, the many years of accumulated knowledge and SEA experience in the Netherlands is the main reason for entering into a cooperation agreement with this country.

SEA has been part of the regulatory framework in China since 2003 and is being applied more and more frequently. In the publication, the Chinese authors look specifically at their experiences with SEA during the development of so-called mega-regions with rapid industrial and population growth.

### The future

The Netherlands and China will continue their knowledge exchange on SEA in 2015. The NCEA will coordinate these activities on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the first of which is the arrival of a Chinese delegation in the Netherlands. The aim of the delegation is to learn more about SEAs for delta and urban development.



We hope that the China-Netherlands cooperation on SEA under the new agreement between our ministries, will continue to be mutually beneficial and rewarding as it has been in the past three years.



Li Tianwei, Deputy Director, Appraisal Center for Environment & Engineering, Ministry of Environmental Protection



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How to develop oil and gas reserves to achieve the biggest contribution to sustainable development? This is a question facing the government of Zanzibar, ever since it discovered oil and gas reserves off its coast. The Zanzibar authorities see environmental assessment as an important tool for ensuring sustainable development, but its current EA practice is inadequate for dealing with the expected developments.

The Environment Department of Zanzibar therefore initiated a two-year cooperation project with the NCEA (2014-2015), funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. The goal of this cooperation is the optimisation of EIA and introduction of SEA.

### SWOT analysis

During a workshop, officials, consultants and scientists from Zanzibar jointly outlined the strengths and weaknesses of the EIA system (*EIA mapping*). This resulted in the identification of seven priority topics for improvement, including EIA legislation and the review and streamlining of EIA in conjunction with other decision-making procedures. Working on these priority topics will create a more robust EIA system, which will help the government formulate a regulatory framework both for the development of oil and gas and for environmental protection, on which other economically important sectors such as tourism and fishing are dependent. It will also improve the investment climate



due to the clearer definition of environment-related and social conditions applicable to entrepreneurs.

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The Netherlands has signed up to international climate agreements, and development aid is also expected to make a contribution. Examples are reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and the prevention of the negative consequences of climate change such as floods. In this context, we talk of *climate-smart development*.

In 2014, the NCEA prepared country climate profiles for embassies in partner countries and staff at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with its partners the Netherlands Water Partnership, the Centre for Development Innovation and the World Resources Institute. We also supported the various programme managers in incorporating this information into their activities. We will continue to assist the Ministry with climate policy in the coming year with the concrete implementation of this policy in practice and the mapping of the results achieved.

*The Dutch Sustainability Unit, part of the NCEA since 2012, supports the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and embassies in partner countries in the field of sustainable development.*



“The people at DSU know what they are talking about, have strong communication skills and have an excellent ability to facilitate cooperation between the various parties such as the government, businesses and other interest groups.”

Jacob Waslander, Team Manager Inclusive Green Growth and Department Head Climate Team at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# EIA mapping: convenient analysis tool

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Developed by the NCEA, the *EIA Mapping Tool* is an instrument that quickly and systematically maps the EIA system in a country, including the regulatory framework and practical implementation. Over a period of two days and based on about 500 questions, a group of experts from government, the business community and NGOs can improve their understanding of the working of the EIA system.

Watch the video to find out more about this tool.



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# Knowledge & communication 2014 • The Netherlands

Since 2010, the NCEA has focused increasingly on its function as a knowledge broker, and it continued to do so in 2014. Its goals are to help competent authorities become more self-reliant and to improve the implementation of environmental assessment processes and the quality of environmental assessment reports. The NCEA achieves these goals through its website, newsletter, fact sheets, help desk and in case law. It also organises workshops and has an information stand at conferences.

law' 12,000 times. In addition, 51 new court judgements were added to the website, accompanied by conclusions for EA practice.

- There are 37 fact sheets available on the website. A fact sheet on invitation planning was added in 2014.
- A meeting was organised on the Flora and Fauna Act.
- A total of 105 press releases were issued, many more than the 12 press releases in 2013.

Whereas the NCEA only used to issue press releases for national projects, it now no longer made a distinction between national, regional and local projects but issues a press release for every advisory report.

- The NCEA tweeted about advisory reports, newsletters, case law and fact sheets.
- The helpdesk received 138 know-



ledge-related queries, mostly concerning the organisation of the EA process and the role of the NCEA in the process.

- The NCEA organised workshops and set up an information stand during Link Day (*an information day for employees in all branches of government*), the Day of the Environment and Planning Act

and National Environment Day.

- The corporate folder was completely renewed and the banner given a new look.
- Two videos were produced: in the first Kees Linse introduces himself as the new Chairman of the NCEA, and the second is about process-oriented advice.
- Six articles were published.

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## Facts and figures

- Fourteen editions of the e-newsletter *OpMERkelijk* were published.
- Almost 238,300 web pages and nearly 263,500 documents were consulted on the website.
- Web visitors searched for 'case

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## Presentations in Dutch

- Lezing *Kwaliteitsborging in de Nederlandse m.e.r.-praktijk*, tijdens jaarvergadering van het Duits genootschap voor m.e.r. (Gesellschaft für Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung), Bad Honnef, Duitsland
- *De Commissie m.e.r. – Hoe, wat en wanneer. Nu en in de toekomst*. Schakeldag, Utrecht
- Basiscursus *Milieu-effect-rapportage deel 2 (inhoud milieueffectrapport en praktijk)*, Schakeldag, Utrecht
- Workshop met *l'Autorité Environnementale* van de Franse overheid, oktober 2014, Utrecht
- Bijdrage aan rondetafelgesprek over de *Omgevingswet* in de Tweede Kamer, Den Haag
- Cursus *M.e.r. voor plannen en projecten*, Geoplan, Utrecht
- Basiscursus *Milieurecht*, onderdeel milieueffectrapportage, Geoplan, Utrecht
- Cursus *M.e.r.-beoordeling*, Berghauser Pont, Utrecht
- *M.e.r. voor beginners*, in-companytraining voor de Raad van State, Den Haag
- *M.e.r. voor gevorderden*, in-companytraining voor de Raad van State, Den Haag
- *Actualiteiten rond m.e.r.*, Actualiteitendag Vereniging voor Milieurecht, Utrecht

## Publications in Dutch

- 'De Commissie is niet roomser dan de Paus', interview met Kees Linse. *Toets* (3/4) 2014, p. 12-15
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Providing access to information on environmental assessment in developing countries is a vital part of the NCEA's activities. For this purpose, it maintains a separate website featuring news, publications, country profiles and advisory reports. The NCEA also develops new methods for mapping and monitoring EA systems, publishes articles about its work and contributes to third-party publications.

## Facts and figures

- Publication on NCEA's approach to effective EIA/SEA systems, based on 20 years of experience.
- Publication on the financing of government EA tasks. Although very little has been published on this subject so far, it is essential for implementing a good EA system.
- Launch of a new DSU website.
- More than 36,500 web pages

viewed by over 7,000 visitors.

- Production of a short video on *EIA mapping*.
- More than 25 presentations worldwide on EA-relevant themes and sectors.
- Contributions to five scientific publications.
- Four editions of an English-language newsletter circulated among more than 1,250 subscribers.
- More than 2,500 references on international EA in the online catalogue.

## Presentations

- Various presentations and workshops during *the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)* conference 2014, Viña del Mar, Chili:
  - New IAIA SEA performance criteria: bringing SEA to the next level?

- Inclusive assessments: integrating gender equality and excluded groups
- SEA distance learning in Bolivia
- A resource on funding government tasks in EA
- Climate change and impact assessment, good practice cases (e.g. from the Netherlands)
- IA and climate change, next steps: 2013 and beyond
- EIA cases from Georgia and Ghana
- Workshop on EA and the NCEA for project advisors of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency; the Hague
- Presentation on NCEA's systems approach to effective SEA, *NEMA SEA Seminar*; Nairobi, Kenya
- Presentation on the NCEA and SEA in the Netherlands for the delegation of the Environment Agency of West Java, Utrecht

- Presentation on the NCEA and SEA in the Netherlands, part of International SEA ITC/UT course, Zwolle
- Presentation on SEA during the *Current Trends and Future Perspectives - National Seminar Environmental Permit Policy conference*, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Presentation on the NCEA and SEA for the Inter-ministerial EA Commission, Bamako, Mali
- Presentation and interview on EA and observations of the NCEA, live on national television, Benin
- Various presentations during ministerial visit from Burundi to the NCEA, Utrecht
- Workshop on the review of the EIA obligation (screening) and developing public participation in EA in Burundi, Bujumbura, Burundi

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- *EIA mapping* - workshop in West Africa, Ouagadougou, Benin
  - *EIA mapping* - workshops in Pakistan, Islamabad/Karachi, Pakistan
  - *EIA mapping* - workshop in Zanzibar, Stone Town, Zanzibar
  - Various presentations on EA legislation and regulations, the review and streamlining of the permit process, Stone Town, Zanzibar
  - Two presentations during three-year Chinese-Dutch cooperation project, Beijing, China:
    - 1) *SEA for Good City Models*
    - 2) Status update on SEA in the Netherlands
  - Presentation on NCEA's systems approach to effective SEA for ITP/SIDA programme directors, Stockholm, Sweden
  - Presentation and group assignments relating to a systems-based approach to SEA for 30 participants from the energy sectors in Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zanzibar (ITP SEA programme), Gothenburg, Sweden
  - Presentation on the quality of four EIA review reports for the oil/commodities sector, *EIA-Tool Impact Enhancement Project*, Buea, Cameroon
  - Presentation on the approach and international activities of the NCEA, SIFEE Conference (International Association of French-speaking EA Professionals), Brussels, Belgium
  - Presentation on the funding of EIA systems, SIFEE Conference, Brussels, Belgium
  - Presentation *Towards implementation of the Delta approach: the added value of strategic environmental assessment*, during international *Deltas in Times of Climate Change II* conference, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
  - Various presentations, workshops and training courses on environmental assessment for the Tunisian State Secretariat for the Environment, Environmental Protection Agency and Centre for Environmental Technology, within the framework of the two-year *twinning* programme of the European Union, Tunis, Tunisia
  - Presentation on the integration of gender equality and climate change adaptation in EA at the annual international SEEAC conference, Buea, Cameroon
  - Guest lectures on SEA and EA at UNESCO-IHE in Delft, Leiden University and Utrecht University
- Publications**
- *A systems approach to SEA effectiveness*. Utrecht: NCEA, 2014
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- *Environmental impact assessment handbook for Pakistan.* Fischer, T.B., et al. Islamabad: IUCN Pakistan, 2014

**Contribution in the context of the NIAP programme:**

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- *Strategic environmental assessment rules* (draft). Annandale, D.D. (ed.). Islamabad, IUCN Pakistan, 2014
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- *Strategic environmental assessment of hydropower development in Azad, Jammu and Kashmir.* Annandale D.D. Islamabad:

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- *Environmental impact assessment guidance for coal fired power plants in Pakistan.* Coutinhou, M. and H. Butt. Islamabad: IUCN Pakistan, 2014
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## Invitation planning

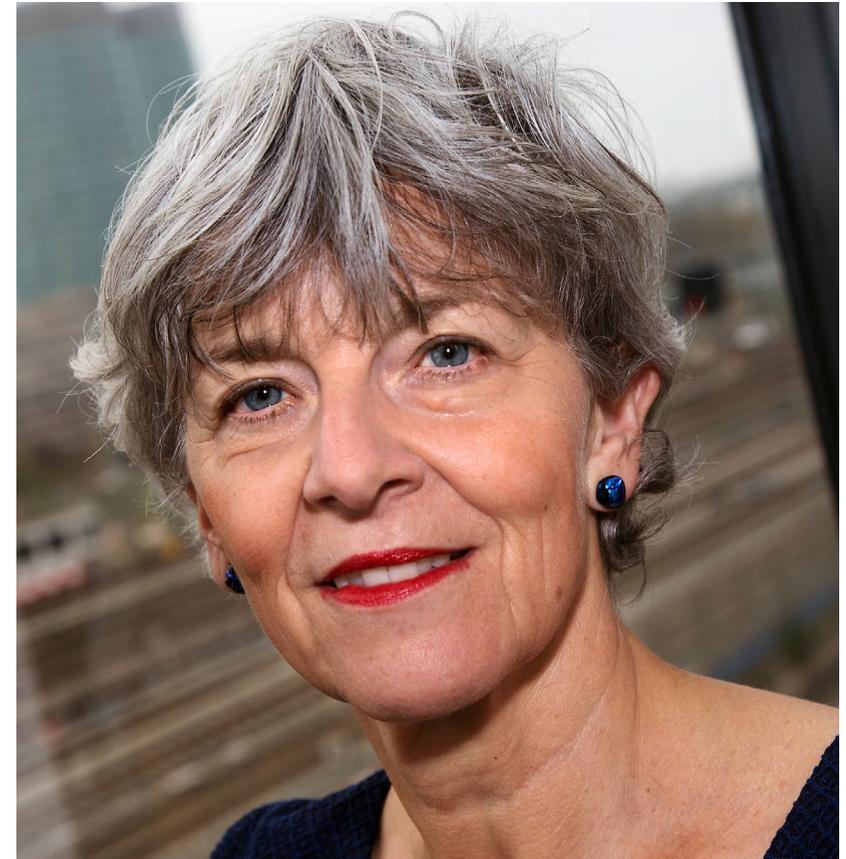
How can environmental assessment bridge the gap between the desired flexibility in invitation planning and a carefully-considered description of environmental impacts? In 2014, we listed all the options with the help of input from various parties, which we described in a fact sheet. Subsequently, in 2015, we plan to invite a broad target group to discuss and complete these ideas. Where our ideas require a specific interpretation of the new *Environment and Planning Act*, we will request the Ministries and the Parliament to pay attention to this.

## Health

We will continue to pay explicit attention to the topic of health in EA in 2015. Together with parties such as the regional Public Health Services and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, we will draw up online guidelines on how to deal with the topic of health in EA. The implementation of these guidelines in EA practice will be supported through workshops.

## Streamlining

The introduction of rates for all our advisory products in July 2014 proceeded smoothly in terms of administration. In 2015, we will look where further improvements can be made to our work processes to ensure that advisory procedures proceed even more smoothly and at the lowest possible cost. Needless to say, the quality of the advisory reports remains our highest priority.



“As always, our priority is the quality of our recommendations, even now that we have to work on cost-recovery basis.”

Veronica ten Holder, Director of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment

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## Private sector

We will further develop our EA support for private sector programmes in development cooperation in 2015. We currently provide support for the ORIO/DRIVE programme and look forward to doing the same for the Sustainable Water Fund, Facility for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Food Security, and the Dutch Good Growth Fund. Since the beginning of 2015, we provide this support not just in the 18 partner countries, but in each of the 66 countries covered by the funds.

## DSU

The Dutch Sustainability Unit will continue to assist embassies and departments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on climate issues, such as climate-smart agriculture and analysis of the effects of climate programmes. At the same time, we will also continue to offer our support in 2015 for the integration of green growth and sustainable development: both within country programmes such as the water programmes in South Sudan and in concrete projects such as the Sounda Gorge Dam in Congo-Brazzaville.

## Environmental assessment

In addition to the above – relatively new – activities, we will continue to focus on reinforcing local EA systems. In 2015, we intend to do this primarily in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Myanmar, Benin and Mali. Financed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, we will also carry out activities in non-partner countries such as Zanzibar and Georgia.



“ Environmental assessment can serve as the link between economic growth, environmental quality and social objectives. ”

Rob Verheem, Director International of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment

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## Financial accountability in 2014

Until 1 July 2014, the NCEA received subsidies from the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science for statutory tasks in the Netherlands and to maintain its function as knowledge broker. Since July 2014, the operating costs for all Dutch activities have been covered by the pricing of advisory reports. The NCEA's international activities are financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Total expenditure in 2014 amounted to 6.4 million euros. Of this, 4.6 million euros was spent in the Netherlands and 1.8 million euros on international activities. A summary of the 2014 financial statements will be posted on the website once they have been finalised and audited (May 2015).

## Staff details 31 December 2014

	The Netherlands	International	Total
Number of staff	41	13	54
Fte	25	12	37
Men	17	5	22
Women	24	8	32
New employees	4	1	5
Employees who left in 2014	7	2	9

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| 2842 Nationaal programma beheer radioactief afval en verbruikte splijtstoffen            | 2935 Helikopterstart- en -landingsplaats, Eemshaven                          |
| 2854 Bufferzones Bargerveen  | 2940 Agrarisch bedrijf Koemkolkweg 8, Oosterwolde                            |
| 2866 ZuidasDok   | 2955 Herstructurering Wind op Land, provincie Noord-Holland                  |
| 2871 Waterbeheerplan Aa en Maas  | 2957 Windpark de Veenwieken, Hardenberg                                      |
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| 2881 Vismigratierivier Afsluitdijk   | 2978 Transferium De Punt, Tynaarlo   |
| 2884 GREEN+ productiegasbewerking en Syngas/Waterstofproductie, Heveskes Energy Delfzijl | 2980 Omgevingsvisie provincie Groningen 2015-2019                            |
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| 2888 Structuurvisie Schaliegaswinning  | 2984 Ontwikkeling bedrijventerrein Dordtse Kil IV                            |
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| 2898 Aanpassing N207 zuid, provincie Zuid-Holland  | 2991 Verdieping Nieuwe Waterweg  |
| 2908 Versterking Houtribdijk tussen Lelystad en Enkhuizen                                |  |
| 2913 Bestemmingsplan bedrijventerrein Kleefse Waard - Koningspleij Noord, Arnhem         |  |

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| 2337 Bestemmingsplan Peka Kroef bv, Odiliapeel                      | 2663 Luchthavenbesluit militaire luchthaven Eindhoven                             |
| 2367 Dijkversterking Spui Oost, Hoeksche Waard                      | 2671 Realisatie regionaal bedrijventerrein Werkendam                              |
| 2383 A1 Apeldoorn-Zuid - knooppunt Beekbergen                       | 2681 Dijkversterking Capelle aan den IJssel                                       |
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| 2509 Bestemmingsplan Piekberging Haarlemmermeer                     | 2689 Gebiedsontwikkeling Havikerwaard-Zuid, Rheden                                |
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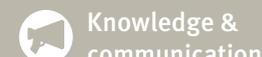
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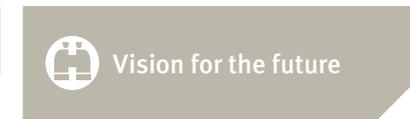
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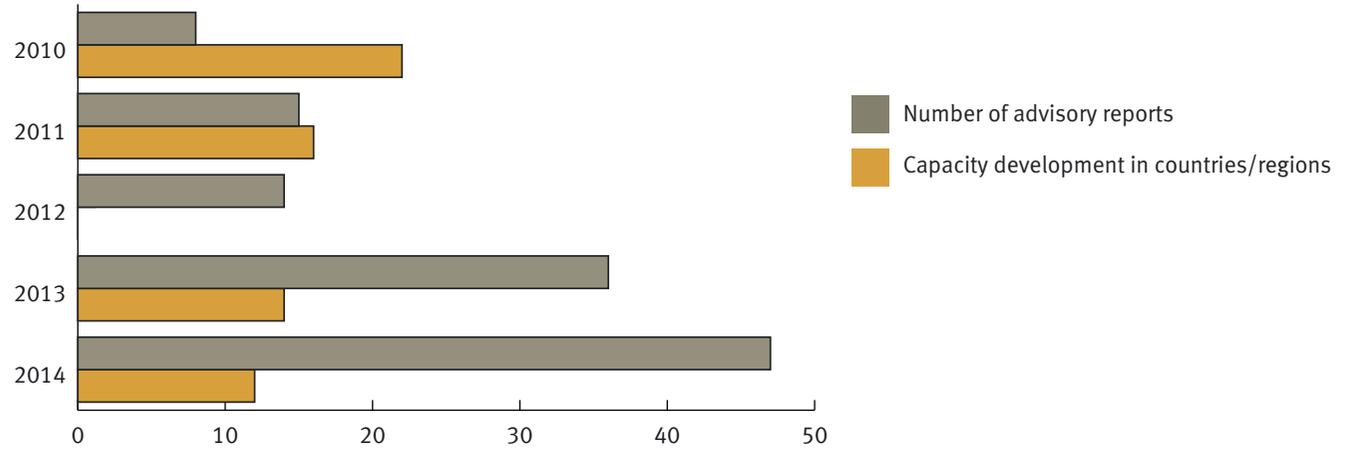
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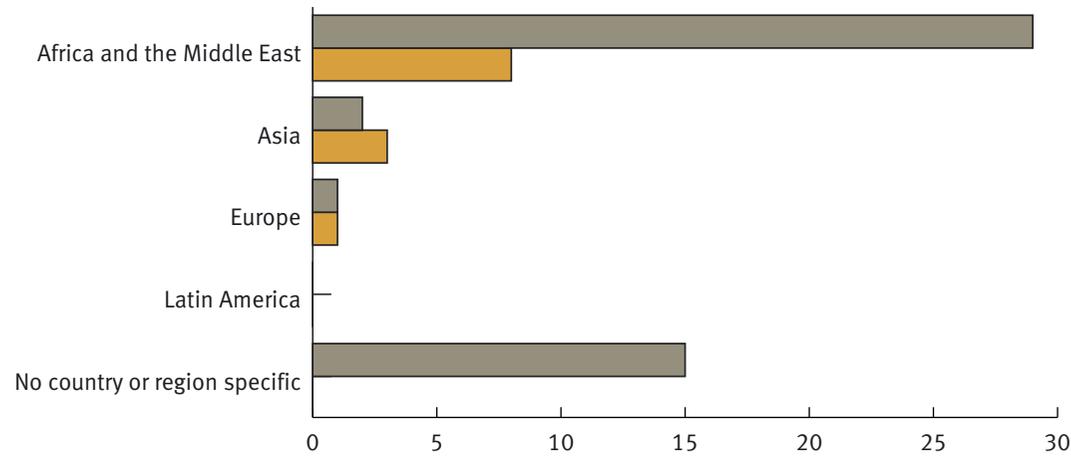
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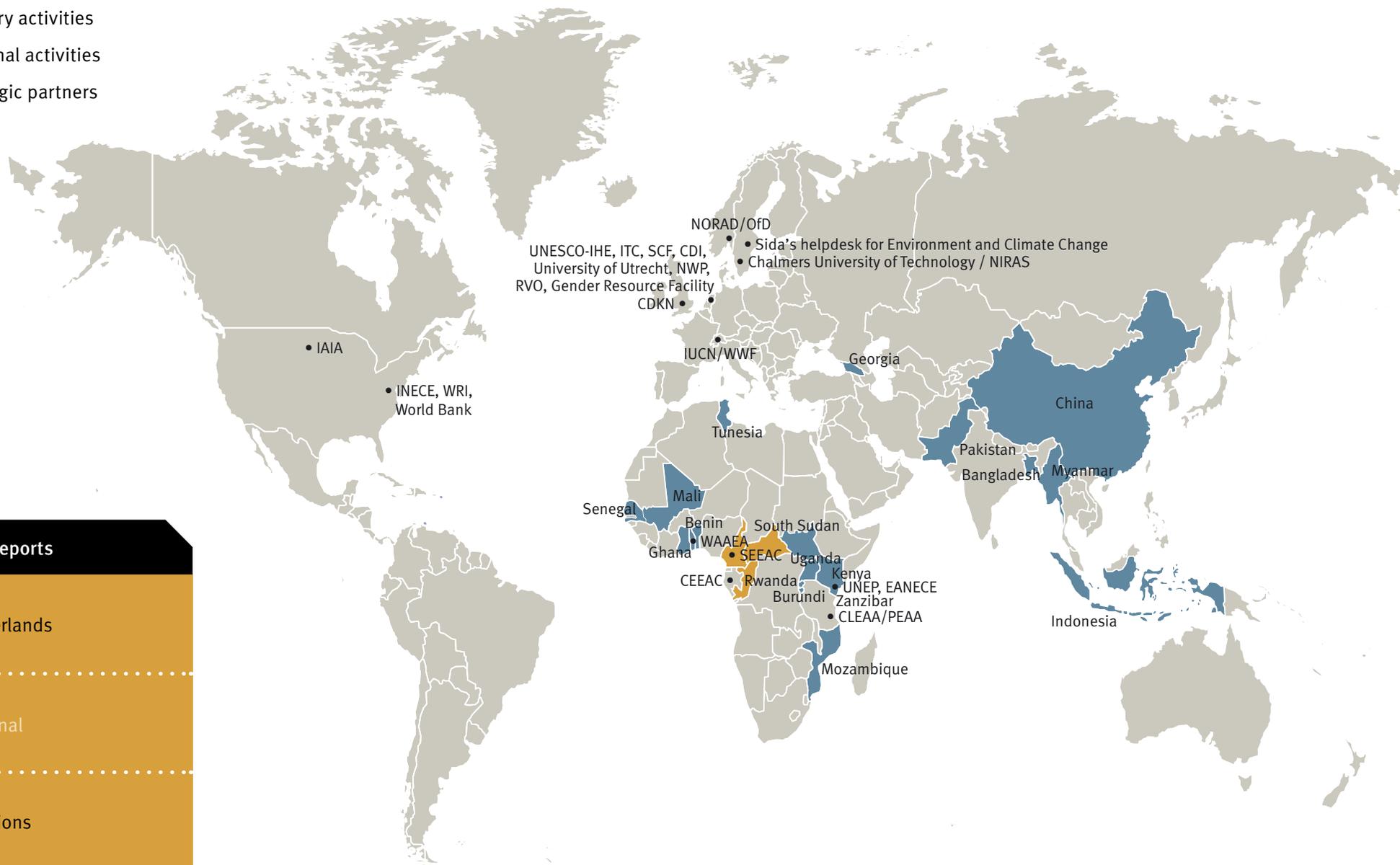
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<b>CBI</b>	Centre for the Promotion of Imports from developing countries	<b>NIAP</b>	National Impact Assessment Programme (Pakistan)
<b>CDI</b>	Centre for Development Innovation	<b>NORAD/OfD</b>	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation/ Oil for Development
<b>CDKN</b>	Climate & Development Knowledge Network	<b>NWP</b>	Netherlands Water Partnership
<b>CEEAC</b>	Communauté Economique des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale	<b>ORIO/DRIVE</b>	Development-related Infrastructure Facility/ Developmentally Relevant Infrastructure Investment Vehicle (Netherlands Enterprise Agency)
<b>CLEAA</b>	Capacity Development and Linkages for Environmental Assessment in Africa	<b>PAANEEAC</b>	Programme d'Appui aux Associations Nationales pour l'Évaluation Environnementale d'Afrique Centrale
<b>DGIS</b>	Directorate General International Cooperation	<b>PEAA</b>	Partnership for Environmental Assessment in Africa
<b>DME</b>	Directorate Climate, Environment and Water	<b>PEOTT</b>	Plano Especial de Ordenamento Territorial da Província de Tete
<b>DSU</b>	Dutch Sustainability Unit	<b>PPP</b>	Development-related Infrastructure Facility/ Developmentally Relevant Infrastructure Investment Vehicle (Netherlands Enterprise Agency)
<b>EANECE</b>	East African Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement	<b>RVO</b>	Netherlands Enterprise Facility
<b>EIE(S)</b>	Études d'Impact Environnemental (et Social)	<b>SCF</b>	Sustainability Challenge Foundation
<b>EKN</b>	The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	<b>SEA</b>	Strategic Environmental Assessment
<b>E(S)IA</b>	Environmental (and Social) Impact Assessment	<b>SEEAC</b>	Secrétariat pour l'Évaluation Environnementale en Afrique Centrale
<b>FDOV</b>	Facility for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Food Security (Netherlands Enterprise Agency)	<b>SRHR</b>	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
<b>FDW</b>	Facility for Sustainable Water (Netherlands Enterprise Agency)	<b>SWOT-analysis</b>	Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats
<b>GWW</b>	Ghana WASH Window (Netherlands Enterprise Agency)	<b>ToR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>HoAREC&amp;N</b>	Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre and Network	<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>IAIA</b>	International Association for Impact Assessment	<b>UNESCO-IHE</b>	Institute for Water Education
<b>IFC</b>	International Finance Corporation	<b>UNFCCC</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>INECE</b>	International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement	<b>WAAEA</b>	West African Association for Environmental Assessment
<b>ITC</b>	International Institute for GEO Information, Science and Earth Observation	<b>WRI</b>	World Resources Institute
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature	<b>WWF/WNF</b>	World Wildlife Fund/Wereld Natuur Fonds
<b>IWRM</b>	Integrated Water Resources Management		
<b>MFA</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs		

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