



International Workshop SALTA 2026

Practical Solutions for Salt-Affected Soils in Deltas

Tentative program (February 2, 2026)

Tuesday, June 9

International Workshop Day 1

Location: Auditorium University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein (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 Speaker 2 (tbc). Current status on crop salt tolerance and methodology to conduct (field) research to determine exact threshold values.

11:15 Coffee, tea and bites

11:45 Dr. Ed Barrett – Lennard (Australia). Saline agriculture and translating scientific knowledge to guidelines and practical solutions for farmers.

12:15 Q & A

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

Afternoon

13:00 Lunch

- 14:00 Information market: stands & posters of companies and knowledge partners
- 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 in 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 near the Wadden Sea (Dokkum, local ingredients)