



**International Workshop / Training School SALTA 2026 (action number 22144)  
'Practical Solutions for Salt-Affected Soils in Deltas'  
Tentative program June 9 – June 11 (updated May 29)**

**Tuesday, June 9**

**International Workshop Day 1**

Location: Auditorium University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein (*Agora 1, Leeuwarden*)  
Chair of the International Workshop will be **Prof. emeritus Eddy Moors** (former rector of IHE Delft)

Morning

- 08:30** Start registration, day 1/2. *Required*
- 09:00** Coffee and tea
- 09:45** Opening session with words of welcome by representatives of local, national and international partners
- 09:55** Welcome to SALTA by **Peter Prins** (CEO of SALTA)
- 10:05** Welcome to the SUSTAIN COST Action by **Dr. Kate Negacz and Drs. Colette Gerards**
- 10:15** 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)
  
- 12:55** Group picture

Afternoon

- 13:00** Break
- 14:00** Knowledge & Innovation Market: stands and posters of participants companies, researchers and students
- 15:00** Thematic group sessions: participants share experiences. Location: Canteen of Van Hall Larenstein.
- 16:15** Plenary closing session (auditorium). Recap of the day and wrap up group sessions. Price winning ceremony student contest.
- 17:00** Closure

Evening

- 18:00** Networking drinks / stakeholdermeeting offered by SUSTAIN COST action, bar (*World Trade Center, [Heliconweg 52, 8914 AT Leeuwarden](#)*).
- 19:00** Solidarity dinner, [Restaurant Élevé](#) (*World Trade Center, Leeuwarden*).
- 21:00** Social cultural activity, prepare your own act or performance 🎭

## 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** **Dr. Dionyssia (Sissy) Lyra FAO (WASAG):**

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 **Dr. Mai Saeed (Agricultural Research Center, Egypt)** and other 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 representative FAO: how to move forward with an action based international knowledge agenda and how to get scale in future programs?
- Closing words by **Peter Prins** (CEO of SALTA), SUSTAIN COST Action by **Dr. Kate Negacz and Drs. Colette Gerards** and representatives of partner organizations.

**13:00** Break

#### Afternoon

**14:00**

- Field visit to the SALTA testing facility
  - Including group picture
- Field visit to Salt Marshes Friesland province

**18.00** End of the program International Workshop/ Training School

#### 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)
- Drop-off in Amsterdam

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