Welcome to the third NL for World Bank newsletter.

**Developing the Netherlands-WBG relationship**

The World Bank and the Netherlands are currently discussing various strategic partnerships. Doing so enables a greater development bang for our buck, and ensures that the exceptional qualities of the Dutch private sector can be better utilized in World Bank projects.

The shining example of these partnerships is our cooperation in the field of water. Last October, the Netherlands became a ‘co-creator’ of the WB Water Global Practice. As Minister Ploumen noted “This unique cooperation with the WBG leverages more available capital. That works to the advantage of those directly affected, but it also benefits our own water sector.”

Currently, the Netherlands and the WBG are in the initial phases of discussing cooperation in the field of agriculture. The WBG is particularly interested in Dutch knowledge in fields like climate smart agriculture and supply chain management. Therefore, stay tuned to our blog to ensure you get the latest information about both WBG-Netherlands Partnerships.

Read the full story at the blog [NL4WorldBank](#).

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**Guidebook to doing business with the WBG**

_Zakendoen met de Wereldbank Groep_ - updated version online (march 2015)!

**Spotlight on...**

Executive Director Frank Heemskerk’s presentation at the company luncheon on December 2, 2014.

**NL for World Bank Blog**

Over the last couple of months, thousands of visitors have made their way to the NL4WorldBank blog. Wonder what it is they keep coming back for?

- Latest eConsultant2 tenders in relevant sectors;
- Recently approved projects in relevant sectors;
- In-depth background articles on the various WBG institutions;
- Tips on how to win contracts;
- Useful factsheets;
- Relevant WBG news & reports.

If you have questions, visit the "Get Connected" tab at the NL4WorldBank blog.

**Top 3 Popular Blog Posts:**

_The IFC_

_Operational Procurement vs Corporate_
Spotlight on...

Country Partnership Frameworks (CPFs): what they are, how they work, and how you can use them to your advantage at an early stage... read more.

The World Bank and Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

UPDATED: ‘Zakendoen met de Wereldbank Groep’

In July of 2014, the World Bank Team at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, DC first published the Guidebook 'Zakendoen met de Wereldbank Groep'. Since then, some information has changed.

We’re pleased to announce the publication of the updated guidebook. In this version, attention is given to the new Global Practices and Cross-Cutting Solution Areas, the procurement review, and to other general procurement information.

Read it here!

Latest eConsultant2 tenders:

Guinea PPP Support Project (Deadline: 09 March, 2015)

Strengthening smallholder supply chains for soy and poultry in Zimbabwe (Deadline: 09 March, 2015)

PPP Consultant Senegal (Deadline: 11 March, 2015)

Economic cost of natural gas in Myanmar (Deadline: 11 March, 2015)


World Bank Group Furthers Strategic Engagement with the Netherlands

In early February the World Bank Group and the Netherlands held a series of policy meetings to discuss the strategic priorities of our partnership for the years to come. Our mutual priorities in this are fragility, conflict and violence; water; and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
The role of the private sector in this cannot be understated. As Koen Davidse, head of the Dutch Delegation stated: "We hope to promote the one World Bank Group approach and to work in close partnership with the private sector, civil society, and knowledge institutions in development, including from the Netherlands."

The full article can be read here.

**Agenda**

23 - 27 March 2015
Washington, DC; Land & Poverty Conference

17 - 19 April 2015
Washington, DC; Spring Meetings

4 - 7 May 2015
Washington, DC; Energy Sector Mission

12 - 13 May 2015
Prague, Czech Republic; IFC Global Private Health Conference

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