

The Dutch Ombudsperson for Future Generations

A co-creation towards an institution for Future Generations in the Netherlands

A Worldconnectors, Earth Charter NL, NIFG, The Hague University cooperation
with contributions by VNG, WRR, Missing Chapter Foundation and Rathenau

Chairperson: Jan van de Venis

Moderator: Alide Roerink

Location: The Hague University of Applied Science (Haagse Hogeschool), The Hague

Program:

(Location: Speakers' Corner)

- 9:00 - 9:30 Reception with coffee and tea
- 9:30 Word of welcome by Worldconnectors chair Erik Thijs Wedershoven
- 9:35 Opening Jan van de Venis - acting Dutch Ombudsperson and event chair:
Presentation Vision Document Worldconnectors Working Committee Future Generations and proposal as part of / support for the Dutch Ombudsperson: Intergenerational Council for Future Generations

The Future We Want. Start with them: Children and Youth on Their Future

(Location: Speakers' Corner)

- 9.50 HRH Princess Laurentien of The Netherlands:
How to include children and youth into defining their own future.
- 10.10 Interactive dialogue with Children.
- 10.25 Dutch Youth Political Parties (Dwars, JD, Perspectief, WYPW, Liberaal Groen and JS in PvdA):
A Manifesto for Future Generations – The Constitution and Dutch Ombudsperson
- 10.35 Interactive dialogue with Youth, Political Youth Organisations and Dutch international youth representatives.
- 11:00 Feedback and discussion with all participants, children and youth.

11.15 Coffee

International dimensions, ethics and SDGs: Institutions for Future Generations (ENG)

OV 3.37 (3rd floor)

- 11.45 Marcel Szabo, Member of the Constitutional Court, former Ombudsman Future Generations in Hungary and Hon. Chair of the Network of Institutions for Future Generations (NIFG):
Hungarian and international lessons to be shared
- 12.05 Sophie Howe, Commissioner for Future Generations in Wales, Chair NIFG:
The Welsh Case
- 12.25 Shlomo Shohan, former Parl. Comm. for Future Generations in Israel, Vice Chair NIFG
Examples from Israel
- 12.45 Interaction with participants and speakers in a panel setting: Marcel Szabo, Sophie Howe, Shlomo Shohan en Ralien Bekkers, Catherine Pearce: **How does this fit in, what can we conclude for The Netherlands?**

13.00 Lunch**14:00 - 15:45 Break Out Sessions - The Interests of Future Generations in The Netherlands (NL = Dutch):**

- **Institutions** - Choosing New or Improving Existing Institutions. (Adriana van Dooijeweert (College Rechten vd Mens)) in charge, cooperation from Ms. Pearce, Mr. Szabo, Ms. Howe and politicians and people from existing institutions present (Nationale Ombudsman, etc.)
- **Corporate governance** (Nyenrode and UU; Tineke Lambooy, Wim Bartels, Remco Renes)
- **Science** (Sara Heesterbeek, Rathenau and Albert Faber, WRR)
- **Environment and land use** (Sjef Staps and Christiaan Kuipers)
- **Education** (Ties Mouwen, Thijs Struijk and Ignaz Anderson)
- **Constellation** – Through constellations, we map out ‘interests of future generations’
Leo van der Wal and Rianne Matze
- **Creating an inclusive society** (Kayin Venner and Jannet Vaessen)
- **Local Governments** (VNG, Ellen van Reesch and Maria van der Harst)

14:00 - 15:45 **Optional parallel Session for members of the Worldconnectors:** Brainstorming for Round Table themes for the coming year

15:45 **Panel reflections in response to outcomes break out sessions:** Marcel Szabo (Hungary), Sophie Howe (Wales), Shlomo Shohan (Israel), Catherine Pearce (World Future Council) and Ralien Bekkers (The Netherlands)

16:45 **Wrap up and closure** by Jan van de Venis with a call as the acting Dutch Ombudsperson, linking to the March 2017 Parliamentary elections and role future generations.

16:55 **Final words Marcel Szabo**, Hon. Chair of the **Network of Institutions for Future Generations.**

Musical performance by Ayla van Kessel and Luuk Janssen

17:15 - 18:15 **DRINKS** – A toast to the future, to future generations.

From The Earth Charter: We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): We will implement the Agenda for the full benefit of all, for today's generation and for future generations.

SDGs Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

More information and registration for this event:

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