

## [Dhaka selected by Dutch govt for Water Mondiaal](#)

The government of Netherlands has identified Bangladesh as among the five delta countries to start with its international cooperation aiming at intensifying technical cooperation within the framework of Water Mondiaal.

Water Mondiaal is the international cooperation section of the Dutch National Water Plan (NWP) which envisages co-operation with countries in low-lying delta areas with the objectives to reduce vulnerability against floods and climate change effects by ensuring supply of sufficient and clean water.

Officials said a mission arrived in the city on August 15 as a follow-up to the country selection and will assess progress since the pre-identification mission in April.

The pre-identification mission gave a positive indication that Bangladesh's public and private sectors and think tanks will be eligible for the Dutch support.

The officials said the mission identified a master plan and said the southern delta is the best choice to start Water Mondiaal in the country.

Water Mondiaal envisages to contribute to the broadening of the existing cooperation programme with Bangladesh in the water sector and high level exchange of knowledge and experiences, capacity building and institutional strengthening between all components of the Bangladesh and the Netherlands.

The pre-identification mission, based upon its positive assessment on bilateral cooperation in the water sector, proposed a number of further steps to operationalise this cooperation: a high level workshop in October 2010 and an identification mission in December 2010, so that a Formulation mission would be possible during the first half of 2011.