



IRC Event – 25 November 2015, 17:00-18:30

Innovative approaches to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in emergency situations, The Hague, The Netherlands

7AM Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague, the Netherlands

This event will be hosted by IRC and supported by the Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP). It brings together experts and practitioners in WASH and sustainable development.

Programme

16:30-17:00	Welcome: Coffee and tea/networking
17:00 – 17:05 17:05 – 17:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome: Patrick Moriarty, CEO, IRC• Introduction to the programme and speakers by the moderator: Rutger Verkerk, Chief Financial Officer, IRC
Speakers 17:10–17:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenges to WASH in emergency settings and innovation needs (tbc)• Demand-driven humanitarian WASH innovations – a selection of priorities and solutions by Michel Becks, Head Resilience Advisory Unit and Advisor Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at Netherlands Red Cross• Life-cycle costs of WASH in refugee camps by Dr. Ryan Schweitzer, Aguaconsult
Panel & plenary discussion 17:55-18:25	Plenary debate will focus on perspective from the audience which includes funders, implementers amongst other regarding existing challenges and possible ways forward towards sustainable urban sanitation.
18:25-18:30	Closing remarks and an invitation to drinks and networking
19:30	End



About IRC events

IRC runs a series of thematic events in The Hague, open to all interested parties. These series bring together professionals to network and discuss hot topics in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector. They are forward looking and multidisciplinary in nature presenting the latest thinking from governments, NGOs, private sector and academia.

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- 09 September 2015: [Diamonds and cocktails for better urban sanitation](#)
- 03 June 2015: [The SDGs for water and sanitation. What is new? What is different?](#)
- 05 March 2015: Domestic resource mobilization for water, sanitation and hygiene (see also the blog - [Financing universal access: the role of Water Financing Facilities](#))

2014

- 14 February 2014 : [Death of the hand pump](#)
- 3 June 2014: [Can we avoid rehabilitation programmes?](#)
- 17 September 2014: [The limits of aid, the future of trade?](#)
- 12 November 2014: [The role of public finance in reaching scale and sustainable water and sanitation services](#) (View - video impression and read the blog - [Is trade the new silver bullet?](#))

About IRC

IRC is an international think-and-do tank that works with governments, NGOs, entrepreneurs and people around the world to find long-term solutions to the global crisis in water, sanitation and hygiene services. At the heart of its mission is the aim to move from short-term interventions to sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services. With over 45 years of experience, IRC runs programmes and projects in more than 25 countries and large-scale projects in seven focus countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is supported by a team of over 100 staff across the world.

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Route

Venue: **7AM** Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague. How to get to 7AM? Follow this [link](#) to for the directions.

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Speakers



Michel Becks is the head Resilience Advisory Unit at The Netherlands Red Cross and Advisor for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at the Netherlands Red Cross. He has ample experience in WASH in emergency settings. He has worked as the Water & Sanitation Adviser at The Netherlands Red Cross, Water & Sanitation Adviser at Médecins Sans Frontières / Artsen Zonder Grenzen, Oxfam GB and CARE. Michel has an MSc, in Rural water supply and sanitation, Hydrogeology from the Wageningen University.



Dr Ryan Schweitzer is a Technical Advisor at Aguaconsult. Ryan is an environmental engineer and public health practitioner with nearly a decade of experience working WASH issues in Latin American and Africa. While at Aguaconsult Ryan has worked on research projects and assessments in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Kenya, Tanzania, Bolivia and Ethiopia.



Rutger Verkerk is the Chief Operations Officer. He has a bachelor's degree in International Land and Water Management, with a final thesis on Human Waste Disposal in Refugee Settlements. He has over ten years of professional experience in humanitarian emergency assistance, working for international NGOs particularly in Mozambique, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, India and Sudan. Within these NGOs he has been in implementing, advising and managerial functions. Rutger is a member of the IRC management team.



Dr Patrick Moriarty is IRC's CEO. He is a Civil Engineering by first degree and Water Resource Management expert. Patrick has over twenty years' experience on a broad range of issues around water, its management and its use in improving human wellbeing, predominantly in Africa and South Asia. Patrick's main area of interest is in how sector wide change processes can be ignited and supported to bring improved services (and more sustainable resource use) to a country's citizens. He finds the most professional satisfaction working in the messy interface between policy, applied research and practice.