



**Water – the major challenge in adaptation to climate change:**

## **DWF addresses the global perspective and the role of Danish know-how**

The recent Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability stated it clearly: climate change will have huge impacts on water resources, through extreme rainfalls, severe floods and serious droughts. These impacts, combined with sea level rise and increased water temperatures, pose a threat to the future of human development, especially in the developing countries. Some of the global ‘hot spots’ are Africa South of Sahara, the mega-deltas of Asia, including their big cities, the small island states and the Arctic. But we shall all be affected, also in Denmark and the rest of Europe.

Danish Water Forum invites you to a meeting with focus on the global perspectives and review of the Danish position as an advanced “knowledge society” in addressing climate issues. You will meet one of the key players in the global climate change debate, **Mr Henk van Schaik**, Coordinator of the Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate, who anchored the climate discussions in the World Water Forums in Kyoto in 2003 and Mexico in 2006.

**Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 14.00 – 17.00**

**Venue: GEUS, Øster Voldgade 10, 1350 København K.**

### **Programme:**

- 14.00 Welcome by Torkil Jønch Clausen, Chairman of DWF
- 14.10 “The global perspective on water and climate change”:  
Henk van Schaik, Programme Coordinator: Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate.
- 14.50 “A European example: The Dutch approach to adaptation to the water challenge”  
Henk van Schaik
- 15.10 Discussion
- 15.25 “The Danish approach in the climate debate, with special focus on water”:  
Inger Bergmann, Head of division, The Water Unit, Danish EPA,
- 15.45 “Adaptation-strategies in a global perspective: What's in it for Danish companies?  
Technologies, knowledge and cooperation”  
Bjarne Palstrøm, Director, Environment and Transport, Confederation of Danish Industries.
- 16.15 Panel debate with representatives from authorities, consulting, research and industries
- 17.00 Closing of the meeting.

Participation in the meeting is **free**, but requires registration at [dwf@danishwaterforum.dk](mailto:dwf@danishwaterforum.dk) with “Climate Change” written in the subject line. You can also contact Danish Water Forum secretariat: Att. Hanne Berthelsen at +45 4516 9038.

Registration not later than Friday 28 September 2007.