

Changing Minds, not the Climate

Culture-based solutions to climate adaptation

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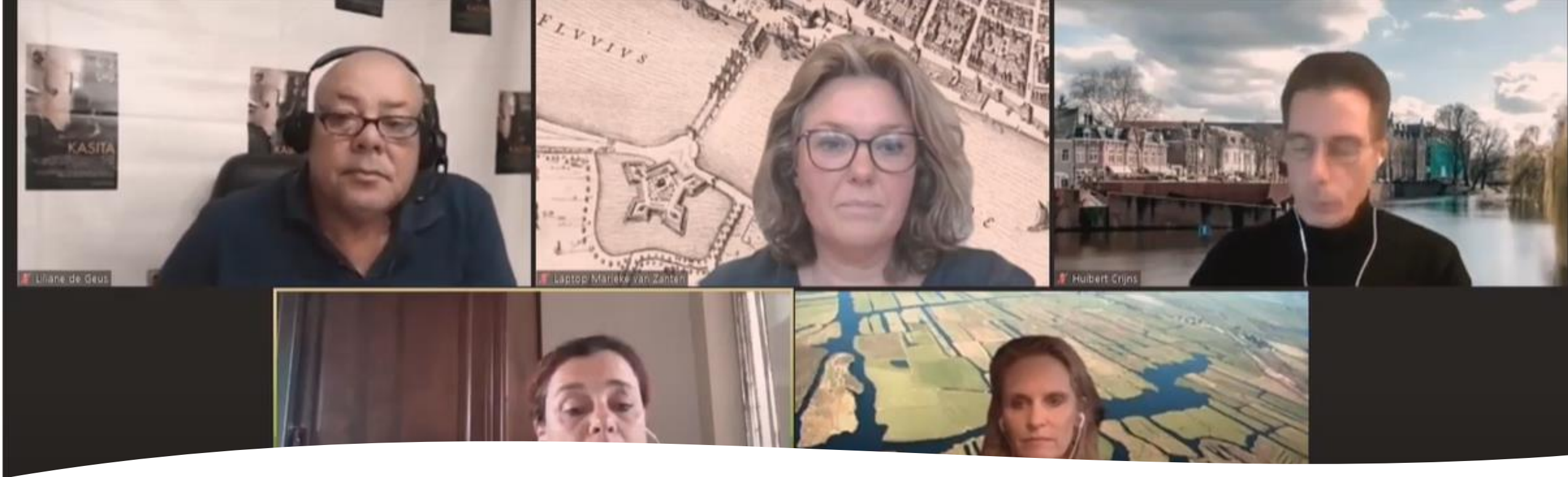
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- Cultural dimensions of climate adaptation are often overlooked. Yet, they are fundamental pillars for resilient, healthy and thriving communities.
- **‘Changing minds, not the climate’** Culture-based solutions such as local and traditional forms of knowledge, building on experiences from the past, and the use of culture and heritage are of vital importance in order to create the necessary change in mindset and to make climate action more inclusive.





Culture-based solutions

- **Organisation of a side-event at the climate adaptation summit** on the powerful role that culture and heritage can play in finding local solutions to climate adaptation. **Not only does climate change force us to protect our heritage, our heritage can also protect us.**
- Four projects with culture-based solutions to particular climate related challenges in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- An innovative approach of **'culture-based solutions'** to connect the heritage and the climate change domains.



Publications

- [statement on 'culture-based solutions'](#) to climate adaptation.
- two papers that resonate the Commission's conviction that climate adaptation is a human and cultural challenge:
 - Best practices paper with **practical examples** from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, from which lessons can be drawn about the great potential of culture-based solutions to local climate action
 - [background paper](#) 'Changing minds, not the climate: culture-based solutions to local climate adaptation'



How to support our mission?

- We call on all National Commissions to join hands:
 - ✓ to **join** us in our efforts by encouraging (on a national level) cross-sectoral collaboration and strengthening knowledge exchange
 - ✓ to **share** with us concrete examples and projects of culture-based solutions in tackling climate challenges
 - ✓ to **become part** of the international culture and climate network that we are currently building.



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