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## Water related Adaptation to Climate Change from Noah till COP 17 and WWF-6

# Noah's times

- For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth
- Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; make rooms in the ark and cover it inside .....The length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits and its height thirty cubits.



# Ark of Noah

- Noah got strict instructions
- 300 cubits length, 50 cubits width and 30 cubits height
- 1 cubit is 50 cm.







## Nowadays scientists .....

"You will face a problem: the sea level will rise, there will be more floods in winter and more droughts in summer,!"

Water Manager



**IPCC** 

### Standard communication between climatologist/ hydrologist and water manager on Climate Change





## Guidances







# The Netherlands





**Below sealevel** 55% Land / 60% Population 65% National Gross Product



# Headlines



- North Sea coast
- Wadden area
- South-western Delta
- Rivers
- Rijnmond
- IJsselmeer area





# Towards COP 17

#### Water and Climate Coalition

- SIWI, Stakeholder Forum, IUCN, WWF, IWA with support from GWP, CPWC etc.
- Open ears and eyes of negotiators to get support for more WATER (in broad sense) in UNFCCC
- Central Asian countries are invited to join the call for more attention to WATER in Bonn, June 2011.





### **INVITATION to contribute to:**

- Core Group 3.3 "Respond to climate and global changes in an urbanizing world".
- Join Alliance for Global Water Adaptation



Attention of water managers to Climate Change requires and will continue to require full attention of:

> Scientists for credibility Government for legislation Public to support

## THANK YOU





