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Mr. Arriens holds a masters degree in tropical land and water management from Wageningen University in the Netherlands with specialization in policy and management. Before joining ADB in 1992, he worked in the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Thailand, the Mekong Secretariat, UNDP, UNICEF, the International Institute for Land Reclamation and Improvement, the Royal Tropical Institute, and the International Water and Sanitation Centre. After his first water assignment in Indonesia in 1979 he has lived in Asia full-time since 1985 and has traveled extensively for work to most countries in the region.

As a leading authority on improving water governance and knowledge management in the region, he played a key role in establishing the Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO) and in knowledge networking among national water sector apex bodies, and has initiated performance benchmarking and peer review in these networks. More recently he facilitated the creation of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and its Network of Regional Water Knowledge Hubs. He is Vice-Secretary General of NARBO on behalf of the ADB.

