

JOINT OPENING PLENARY 2010



MR WIM KUIJKEN

GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONER FOR THE DELTA PROGRAMME

The Netherlands

Mr. Kuijken was born in 1952 in Amsterdam, and studied Economics at the VU University in that city. He specialized in Spatial Economics and Transport Economics. In 1979 he started a long career in the Netherlands civil service. He worked at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior. He spent four years outside of the national civil service as City Manager of The Hague, before becoming Secretary General of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Affairs in 1995. He was Secretary General of the Prime Minister's office under two consecutive Prime Ministers until 2007, after which he became Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management. He was Chair of the Secretaries General Council from 2006 till 2009. He holds several other positions in fields related to water, education, and public service. The Cabinet Appointed Mr. Kuijken as the first Government Commissioner for the Delta Programme on February 1st of 2010.

