



Since February 1, 2023, Maarten van Aalst has been the Director General of the KNMI (Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute). Within the management team, he is also responsible for the portfolios of strategy, research, external communication, and Chief Science Officer.

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Climate Centre and held the Princess Margriet Chair at the Faculty of Geo-information Science and Earth Observation at the University of Twente, where he remains a part-time professor in climate and disasters. He was also an adjunct Senior Research Scientist at the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University in New York.

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As Director General of KNMI, Van Aalst is a member of the governing council of European meteorological organizations EUMETSAT, ECMWF, EUMETNET, ECOMET, UWC, and ACCORD. He is also a member of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change (ESABCC) and a Trustee at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

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