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## Roundtable III: Climate Change – A Multi-Level Solution?

Tackling climate change on four levels:

- Local (Rotterdam Port Authority)
- National (Dutch House of Representatives)
- European (Elcano Royal Institute)
- International (Urgenda Foundation)



8 June, 15:30-17:00 + Reception

Schouwburgstraat 2, 2511 VA Den Haag  
Room A0.06

Global problems need local-to-global solutions. A planetary challenge like climate change requires responses on local, national, regional, and global scales. Yet what more precisely should each level contribute to overall climate strategy, and how can the different levels be best coordinated for a more effective solution? This roundtable examines the multilevel puzzle in global governance with reference to experiences of addressing climate change in the Netherlands. The panelists respectively work on local initiatives, national politics, European approaches, and global measures. The speakers discuss: (a) what are the respective strengths of their levels of work; (b) how they also depend on other levels in order to succeed; (c) how they do and don't connect with those other levels; and (d) what could be done to improve coordination between the levels. From this panel exchange we learn not only how climate change might be more effectively tackled, but also possible lessons for multilevel approaches to other global challenges.



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## Panellists



### **MAJA GROFF – Global Governance Forum (Moderator)**

- International lawyer based in The Hague
- Convenor of the Climate Governance Commission
- Co-Chair of Coordinating Committee for the International Anti-Corruption Court
- Co-author of *Global Governance and the Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2020)



### **DENNIS VAN BERKEL – Urgenda Foundation**

- Legal Counsel of the Urgenda Foundation
- Urgenda aims to achieve a fast transition towards a sustainable society with a circular economy
- Participated in landmark lawsuit against Dutch government, deeming its measures against climate change insufficient
- Previously, worked at Stibbe, specializing in European regulation



### **KASPER VAN DER GUGHTEN – Dutch House of Representatives**

- EU Advisor on Climate and Energy
- Responsible for advising Dutch MEPs on EU climate and energy policy
- Transport Attaché at Dutch Permanent Representation to the EU (2012-2017)
- Chair of Working Party of the Presidency Integrated Maritime Policy (2016)



### **LARA LÁZARO TOUZA – Elcano Royal Institute**

- Senior Analyst at the Elcano Royal Institute
- Lecturer in Economic Theory at Cardenal Cisneros University College (Madrid)
- 25+ articles published on climate change and oil spills
- Previously worked at Bloomberg, and consulted for Abengoa Research



### **HUIBERT VAN ROSSUM – Port of Rotterdam**

- Advisor of the Energy Transition Program, Port of Rotterdam
- External Affairs - Advisor Strategic Environmental Management



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