

IRC Event – 30 March 2016, 17:00-18:30

# 'Reaching universal coverage: an Agenda for Change', The Hague, The Netherlands

7AM Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague, the Netherlands

This event will be hosted by IRC and supported by the Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP). It brings together experts and practitioners in WASH and sustainable development.

## **Programme**

16:30-17:00	Welcome: Coffee and tea/networking
17:00 – 17:05 17:05 – 17:10	Welcome     Introduction to the programme and speakers by the moderator: Patrick Moriarty, CEO, IRC
Speakers 17:10–17:55	<ul> <li>A roadmap towards universal coverage, and tools along the way by Stef Smits, Senior programme officer, IRC</li> <li>Getting to Universal coverage in Uganda by Jane Nabunnya Mulumba, IRC Country Director Uganda.</li> <li>A roadmap for universal coverage by Dick Bouman, Programme manager and Fund manager for VIA Water</li> </ul>
Panel & plenary discussion 17:55-18:25	Plenary debate will focus on perspective from the audience which includes funders, implementers amongst other regarding possible ways forward to overcoming the last mile challenge of reaching the un-served population, and come forward with an agenda for change.
18:25-18:30	Closing remarks and an invitation to drinks and networking
19:30	End

### **About IRC events**

IRC runs a series of thematic events in The Hague, open to all interested parties. These series bring together professionals to network and discuss hot topics in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector. They are forward looking and multidisciplinary in nature presenting the latest thinking from governments, NGOs, private sector and academia.

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#### 2015

- Innovative approaches to WASH in emergency situations
- Working towards sustainable urban sanitation
- The SDGs for water and sanitation. What is new? What is different?
- Domestic resource mobilization for water, sanitation and hygiene (see also the blog Financing universal access: the role of Water Financing Facilities)

#### 2014:

- Death of the hand pump
- Can we avoid rehabilitation programmes?
- The limits of aid, the future of trade?
- The role of public finance in reaching scale and sustainable water and sanitation services (See also video impression)

#### **About IRC**

IRC is an international think-and-do tank that works with governments, NGOs, entrepreneurs and people around the world to find long-term solutions to the global crisis in water, sanitation and hygiene services. At the heart of its mission is the aim to move from short-term interventions to sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services. With over 45 years of experience, IRC runs programmes and projects in more than 25 countries and large-scale projects in seven focus countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is supported by a team of over 100 staff across the world.

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Route

Venue: **7AM** Buitenhof 47, 2513 AH The Hague. How to get to 7AM? Follow this link to for the directions.

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## **Speakers**



**Stef Smits** is the coordinator of IRC's country programme in Honduras. His main area of work is sustainability of rural water supplies. Stef has more than 14 years of experience in Latin America, Southern Africa and India.



Jane Nabunnya Mulumba is the Country Director for IRC Uganda. Jane has 15 years of experience; a Masters' degrees in Communication and Public Policy Management. Building relationships and partnerships has always been an important part of Jane's work.



**Dick Bouman** is water expert with a life-long experience in Africa. Since 2006 he is programme manager at Aqua for All and actually fund manager of the VIA Water innovation programme. He is convinced that we need to look at new solutions and new players to get full and sustainable access to water and sanitation by 2030.



**Dr Patrick Moriarty** is IRC's CEO. He is a Civil Engineer by first degree and Water Resource Management expert. Patrick has over twenty years' experience on a broad range of issues around water, its management and its use in improving human wellbeing, predominantly in Africa and South Asia. Patrick's main area of interest is in how sector wide change processes can be ignited and supported to bring improved services (and more sustainable resource use) to a country's citizens. He finds the most professional satisfaction working in the messy interface between policy, applied research and practice.