

Curriculum Vitae Prof ir N.D. (Klaas) van Egmond



Klaas van Egmond (1946) is Faculty Professor on Geosciences at Utrecht University within the Utrecht Sustainability Institute. He is lecturing on sustainability and environmental issues, in particular air quality and climate change. He graduated from Wageningen University in 1972 in Food Technology and started his career with research on air, soil and water pollution at the National Institute for Health and Environment (RIVM). He published on monitoring and modeling of air quality in peer reviewed journals.

Between 1989 and 2004 Klaas van Egmond was Director Environment at RIVM, the National Institute for Health and Environment. From 2004 to 2008, he has been Director of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (MNP). As director of RIVM and MNP he was advisor to the Dutch Cabinet of Ministers and members of parliament and has been responsible for many studies on all aspects of environment and sustainability, including environmental outlooks and studies on climate and global change. Both RIVM and MNP institutes also contributed to many studies of the European Union and the UN-UNEP-program (a.o. Global Environmental Outlooks). In 2011 the Dutch Professional union of Environmental scientists rewarded Klaas van Egmond with the Rachel Carson oeuvre-price for his contribution to environmental sciences throughout his career.

Apart from his professorship at Utrecht University Klaas van Egmond is also advisor on sustainability issues at Triodos Bank (Zeist, the Netherlands). In 2011 he was one of the initiators of the so called Sustainable Finance Lab, a think tank of the Netherlands most leading economists for finding solutions to the financial crisis. He further chairs the scientific council of the Netherlands Meteorological Institute. Since 2012 Klaas van Egmond is royal member (government representative) on the national Socio-Economic council (SER).

Apart from his ongoing work on the physical aspects of environment and sustainability, Klaas van Egmond recently has extended his activities to the cultural aspects of the sustainability question, which a.o. resulted in the (Dutch) book; 'Een Vorm van Beschaving' (Sustainable Civilization; 2010) and publications. a.o. in the peer reviewed scientific literature.

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