



Rijkswaterstaat  
Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat



network for female geoscientists

**GAIA and RWS cordially invite you to  
participate in a  
Workshop for Women**

**Present Yourself and Your Work!**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Kortenaerkade 1, 2518 AX Den Haag**

Your director steps into the elevator and asks you what you are currently working on. *What do you say?*

At an important meeting you have to introduce yourself. *How do you make sure people will remember your work and key expertise?*

Visibility is crucial for career development. However, acknowledgement does not come automatically, indeed, you will have to present yourself and your work! Women often struggle with this, thinking it is immodest to place oneself in the spotlight, and that good work will be automatically noticed.

Research has shown that, under similar circumstances, people expect less ambition from women and give women less challenging tasks than men. Small prejudices maintain these differences (see [www.vrouwen.net/gaia/](http://www.vrouwen.net/gaia/))

The GAIA Ambassadors Network (GAN) has therefore organized this workshop for women working in technical disciplines at the GAN-organizations (listed below), and for members of GAIA and NIMF.

**Program**

During the workshop, you will work on your own communication and personal presentation skills.

13:00 Coffee/tea

13:30 Opening by Rijkswaterstaat

13:45 Workshop by E-Quality

17:00 Drinks offered by Rijkswaterstaat

Optional (own cost): Dinner in Den Haag

Participation in the workshop is free of charge. Please register ASAP, and by March 16 at the latest, at:

[gaianetwerk@live.nl](mailto:gaianetwerk@live.nl)

GAIA is the Dutch network for female geoscientists. GAIA's Ambassadors Network (GAN) is comprised of the directors of 10 organizations employing female geoscientists: KNMI, TNO, Deltares, Shell, VU, UU, TUDelft, Fugro, Grontmij, and RWS-Waterdienst. The objective of GAN is to improve the career development of women working in technical disciplines within these organizations.

More information: <http://www.vrouwen.net/gaia/> and <https://public.deltares.nl/display/GAIA/>