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He has experience in the field of integrated water management spans over 25 years, and includes extensive working experience in the private sector, civil society, the academe and government.

In November 2014 he was appointed as the Chairman of the Amstel, Gooi and Vecht (AGV) Regional Water Authority. In the Netherlands, Regional Water Authorities are the oldest democratic government institutions, holding responsibility for water security and - quality in their regions. Since 2006, AGV has integrated its services with those of the drinking water and sewerage departments of the City of Amsterdam. Thus Waternet, the Netherlands single integrated water cycle utility was formed.

Before joining AGV, he served as the Managing Director of Vitens Evides International (VEI), an international partner utility in the field of urban water services. Prior to this, he worked for Shell Global Solutions as Executive Strategy Consultant, served as Director of the WWF College for Conservation Leadership and later as Conservation Director for the World Wide Fund for Nature in the Netherlands. During first ten years of his career he held a University Lecturer position at Leiden University (the Netherlands).

He is specialties in integrated water management, urban water services, utility management, governance, public private partnerships, international cooperation, sustainable natural resource management, strategy and leadership