

**Curriculum Vitae, Drs. Robert van Cleef**

**Surname** : Van Cleef  
**Name** : Robert  
**Date of birth** : July 21, 1967  
**Nationality** : Dutch



**Education** : Amsterdam University, Business Economics, Environmental Science at the University of Amsterdam, Wageningen and Leiden.  
**Graduated** : July 1992

**Language skills:** (Mark 1 to 5 for competence, where 5 is the highest)

<i>Language</i>	<i>Passive</i>	<i>Spoken</i>	<i>Written</i>
English	5	5	4
German	4	4	3
French	3	3	3
Dutch	Mother tongue		

**Membership of professional bodies:**

- Member of Society of Royal Water Network (KWN);
- Member of Society of Environmental Economics.

**Present position:**

- Business Partner Sterk Consulting BV, a small consulting company specialised on water management, legal and economic issues.

**Key qualifications (relevant to the project):**

Robert van Cleef graduated in Business Economics from the University of Amsterdam in 1990. One year later he graduated for a Masters degree in Environmental Science at the University of Amsterdam, Wageningen and Leiden. He was employed for ten years at KPMG Sustainability working as a senior consultant for the water-, waste and electricity market. In 2004 he was the cofounder of Sterk Consulting a consultancy that focusses on economic and legal aspects of water management.

Within Sterk Consulting Robert is responsible for the theme ‘economic and financial aspects of water management’. He specialized in the financing of water system both on an national and an international level. Together with the Water Governance Center he developed the Financing Assessment Tool (FAT) and was co-author of the publication ‘Building blocks for good water governance’. In recent years he did research on the financing system of sweet water and the cost recovery principle of Dutch water management. Internationally Robert functions as an international trainer on water governance (The Hague Academy) and over a period of three years Robert supported the Water Resources Management Agency (WRMA) in Kenia (Naivasha) to develop a sound financing and institutional framework.

Robert often works together with universities, engineering firms and other knowledge institutions. He regularly speaks at seminars and conferences and publishes regularly on his field.

## **Specific experience / key expertise**

Robert financial and governance expertise in short. Knowledge of:

- Financing systems of The Netherland;
- Financing systems other countries such as Kenya, South Africa, European countries...);
- Expertise on water governance both on a national and international level;
- Financial and tax issues on water management.

## **International publications**

- Building blocks for good water governance, Chapter 5 Adequate financing of water management, Water Governance Centre, Co writer Herman Havekes, 2016;
- Financing Water Management: Weak water financing systems lead to disaster! (co-auteur Efthymia Fachouridou), Water Governance 04/2015.