



FEWS news: issue 3, 2022

Dear Ms Ten Broeke - Krottje,

In this summer edition of the Delft-FEWS newsletter, you'll find a summary of upcoming events, news, and other highlights published on the [Delft-FEWS portal](#).

Regional Delft-FEWS communities are growing stronger

- A new community of [Canadian Delft-FEWS users](#) met for the very first time in Alberta during the National Conference of the Canadian Water Resources Association. The inspiring session led to initiatives to jointly explore several topics, including river ice and forecast verification.
- A large group of [German Speaking users](#) and interested parties joined the digital event organized by Hydrotec and Deltares. Insights were exchanged on current applications and processes, and recent innovations were shared.
- The [Dutch-speaking users](#) travelled to Deltares and enjoyed an informal meeting with interesting presentations, from both the modelling perspective and the more human angle. Great moments of interaction were enjoyed in the breakout sessions and the breaks. Ideas for new project initiatives emerged.

The CSB presents a new initiative for the International Delft-FEWS community

- A new digital event was introduced for the international community: the [Delft-FEWS Community Talk](#). The first event in this series, initiated by the Community Strategy Board, attracted FEWS community members from around the globe. It was fantastic to hear and about what is happening in the FEWS community and meet and connect with other FEWS users. Please join our next FEWS Community Talk on 6 October 2022, 15:00 hrs (CET).
- The [Community Strategy Board](#) (CSB) celebrated its [25th meeting](#) last week! The main topic on the agenda was how to create a vision for the Deltares Open Archive. The next CSB meeting is scheduled in November on the day before the International User Days.

Scheduled User Days and courses

- The [Australian Delft-FEWS users](#) are invited to register for the User Days in Brisbane. The 3-day program will include presentations, courses and even a field trip. COVID safe measures will be in place to ensure the health and safety of the attendees.

- Registration is open for the [Delft-FEWS International User Days](#), which are organized at the Deltares campus in the Netherlands. Community members from around the globe are invited to catch up, exchange experiences and have a good time together.
- [Many courses](#), often organized as side events to user meetings, are scheduled for the second half of 2022.

Release info and other developments

- Delft-FEWS product management is happy to announce the [availability of the Delft-FEWS Stable 2022.01 release](#)! More than 100 new features have been implemented ranging from new and improved displays to new transformations and performance improvements. This release which is available for all Support & Maintenance clients can be obtained by contacting our helpdesk at fews.support@deltares.nl.
- A national [Delft-FEWS based Flood Inundation System \(FLiFS\)](#), currently in the Proof of Concept (PoC) phase, has been developed to help reduce the impacts in Australia of tropical cyclones, storms and extensive inland flooding due to intensive rainfall and storm surge. The vulnerability of low-lying areas in floodplains and along the coast became very clear again during the recent (and ongoing!) floods on the East Coast, the heaviest in history. During these extensive floods in February/March 2022, the PoC demonstrated that a flood intelligence software solution can be built that is scalable, interoperable, fit-for-purpose, and adaptable to the real-world challenges of emergency management.
- The [RIBASIM version 7.01.24](#) has new modelling functionalities, user-friendly interface, improved computational performance and software technical changes.
- On the new [RTC-Tools portal](#) you can find the latest news, features and applications, including a blog from Bernhard Becker about the [practical training with RTC-Tools](#) he gave in Germany in June.

Did you know that...?

- Deltares is working on a **new download portal** that will host the Delft-FEWS courses materials, the demonstration version of Delft-FEWS and other large packages that are currently not hosted on the Delft-FEWS portal due to their size. The new Deltares download will also contain regular updates of Delft-FEWS patches for supported software versions.
- Delft-FEWS product management is working on a **communication plan for vulnerabilities** for the Delft-FEWS software and all the third-party libraries that are being used. This communication plan will describe the steps that are being taken when a new vulnerability is reported and will show how they will be communicated with the Delft-FEWS user community. Besides that, it also contains information about our maintenance strategy for all third-party libraries and software packages. The next step is to create a proper distribution list with contacts from each organization to be informed about critical vulnerabilities. If you have any thoughts on that, then please contact Delft-FEWS product management via fews-pm@deltares.nl.

We look forward to connecting with you on [the portal](#) and via [LinkedIn](#)!

Contact: fews-moderators@deltares.nl for all questions related to the Delft-FEWS portal.

Kind regards,

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