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Jan Willem den Besten works for the National Committee of IUCN in the Netherlands (IUCN NL) as Senior REDD+ and Climate Finance Advisor. He holds degrees in Environmental Science and Forest and Nature Conservation Policy.

Having worked in South Asia and the USA for most of his career, he currently coordinates the work of IUCN NL on forests and climate Change. Building local capacity for inclusive forest governance and private sector engagement are central to this work.

Jan Willem is also coordinator of the Dutch Agro-Water Climate Alliance. This alliance is set up in collaboration with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and brings together private sector companies in the Netherlands to track and mobilize climate investments. The alliance works on synergies between food, water and energy security when promoting climate resilience in productive landscapes.