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| **Do you want to participate in a Wetskills Water Challenge for the Egytian/Dutch High level panel meeting in Egypt?**  **17 November – 1 December 2012** |

**The Wetskills organisation invites Dutch and Egyptian University students to apply for a unique opportunity to participate in the Wetskills Water Challenge in Egypt and be the ambassador of their (water) course in Egypt.**

***The Wetskills Water Challenge is an event for students from all over the world. The participants develop their own innovative and creative concepts for broad water issues in a changing world. This program is a successor of the Wetskills Water Challenges held during the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, the International Water Week Amsterdam (2011), Delta Summit in Jakarta (2011), the Royal visit of the Dutch Queen in Sohar, Oman (2012) and during the WISA congress in South Africa. The 7th edition is organized parallel to the Egyptian-Dutch High level panel meeting on Water Management.***

**Wetskills program**

The Wetskills Innovation Challenge is a two-week event for students from all over the world. The participating students develop their own innovative and creative solutions for water issues. In multidisciplinary groups, the students gain more in-depth knowledge on the Challenge topic by workshops of renowned water experts and field trips. Moreover there will be attention for development of presentation skills and collaboration in intercultural and multidisciplinary groups.

**Egyptian / Netherlands Panel on water cooperation**

For more than 36 years, the Advisory Panel on Water Management (APP) contributed to Egyptian-Dutch development cooperation in the water sector. The Panel has always functioned as a think-thank and as a communication body between departments and ongoing water and sanitation projects. The Egyptian side of the panel is represented by various Egyptian ministries and the Holding Company for Drinking Water and Sanitation. The Netherlands is represented by the ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and the Netherlands Water Partnership. The panel will meet in Egypt during the second week of November to discuss the way forward of the Egyptian/Dutch water cooperation. Goal of the meeting is to take a decision on concrete projects for future cooperation. The Wetskills students have the opportunity make a valuable contribution to this.

**What is the project in Egypt about?**

The project was formulated to offer a selection of very motivated Dutch and Egyptian students (Bachelor and Master) a unique opportunity to work together on a number of water issues. The issues will be formulated by parties of the Dutch water sector and their Egyptian partners. They will work on a concept in collaboration within their group during an extensive two-week program in Egypt (**17 November – 1 December 2012)**. In multidisciplinary and international-oriented groups, the students gain more in-depth knowledge on the water issues of tomorrow. The groups will present its case during a central presentation event in the Egyptian/Ducht High level panel meeting on Water Management (28 and 29 November). The results of the Wetskills Water Challenge will be promising, inspiring and creative visions.

In Egypt (see flyer with the program) the program starts with a teambuilding study trip of 2-3 days, in order to get familiar to each other and visit water related sites. In the program the students will follow lectures and workshops by renowned water experts and will get some field trips in Egypt.

**Who can apply?**

***Any*** Dutch or Egyptian Bachelor university or Master student[[1]](#footnote-1) in a higher education institute or university ***with passion for water*** and intercultural teamwork may apply.

**Selection criteria**

Quality of motivation letter, quality of CV, recommendation by the course manager. The Wetskills organization will make a final selection.

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| **Apply before the 7th of October** |

**How can I apply?**

Submit your motivation letter and CV to Mr. Bas Botermans or Rick Heikoop (see contact details below).

**What do I get?**

You will increase your skills on: international cooperating, working in teams, networking and presenting. It gives a good opportunity to get contact with Dutch water students from various universities and with Egyptian students. You will learn more about the Dutch and Egyptian water sector and its parties and collaboration. You will learn more about water management of the Nile delta and cross border issues of the river Nile.

Besides it is unique opportunity to actively participate during Egyptian/Dutch High Level Panel Meeting on Water Management and contribute to the future cooperation between Egypt and the Netherlands. After completion of the program you get an official certificate of participation (on paper and on your personal LinkedIN page)

**Prize**

The winning group (the groups that presents the best case) will be invited to the Wetskills Water Challenge that is organized in November 2013 during the International Water Week 2013 in Amsterdam.

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1. Water management, civil engineering, coastal management, spatial planning etc [↑](#footnote-ref-1)