



# Wetskills-Bangladesh 2019

## Call for Cases

### **BRING IN YOUR WATER CASE**

#### Wetskills Water Challenges

The Wetskills Water Challenge is a two-week event for university level students and young water professionals from around the globe. Participants work in multidisciplinary and intercultural teams to develop out-of-the-box solutions for water challenges posed by Case Owners.

Since 2010, more than 650 students and young professionals from about 150 international universities and organizations have participated in one of the 33 Wetskills Water Challenges held in: Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia and India), North Africa & Middle East (Israel, Oman, Morocco, Iran and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (United Kingdom, Romania, Spain & the Netherlands), South America (Colombia) and North America (United States & Canada).

Join this first edition of Wetskills Water Challenge in Bangladesh, organised in Dhaka and Sirajganj.

In July 2019 a Wetskills Water Challenge will be organized in Bangladesh for the first time. This event is organized by the non-profit Wetskills Foundation (based in The Netherlands) in cooperation with the CORE project partners BUET and IHE Delft. The creative and collaborative spirit flows through our multidisciplinary teams, with the wide experience in natural sciences and engineering, as well as on social, economic and political sciences, in policy and business management. We hope you will join us to be part of this unique Wetskills experience in 2019!

***This edition will present the results during a dedicated event in Dhaka  
(30 June-12 July 2019)***

#### Programme

Wetskills will formally start on 30 June 2019 with three days visit to Sirajganj for visiting the testing facility on floating constructions. The programme exists of team building, cultural activities and water-related excursions. On the 3 July an opening event will take place in Dhaka. At this session, called

BrainHurricane, case owners present their challenge to the student teams and diverse experts will brainstorm with the teams.

Over the next eight days the participants' teams will work on the challenge with periodic guidance of Dutch and Bangladeshi supervisors and support from diverse local experts from academia, companies and governmental institutes.

The Wetskills programme is aligned with the CORE project and its pilot site in Sirajganj. Each team will present its solution at the end of the (two-week) challenge during a special pitch session and poster market as part of a special event in Dhaka. Leaders in business, academia and government will attend the finals and awarding.

***We are looking for companies and organizations to bring in their Water Challenges!***

#### Case topics

The case owners, active in or related to the water sector, determine the challenge and topic of the study cases of Wetskills. Examples of previous topics are: reuse of wastewater, dew harvesting, water scarcity, storm water management, deployable flood defense systems, geothermal and thermal exchange energy systems, coastal master plan development, resiliency, water governance, awareness, etc. See [www.wetskills.com](http://www.wetskills.com) for cases of the previous Wetskills events.

***Does your company, organization or institute in the water sector have a challenging water case?***

Wetskills-Bangladesh will be an excellent opportunity to showcase your organization's expertise and commitment to innovative solutions, prove your corporate social responsibility and enable your involvement in the local community.

Are you an innovative company, organization or institute and do you have a challenging water case? Come on board!

Contact Johan Oost at the Wetskills Foundation ([johan.oost@wetskills.com](mailto:johan.oost@wetskills.com)).



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### WetsNext

The WetsNext programme initiates and stimulates follow-up activities based on the concepts and results of the Wetskills Challenges. The partners of this Wetskills edition strive to follow-up the outcomes with further (feasibility or pilot) studies, done by Young Professionals and students, but intensively guided by case owners, Wetskills alumni, other interested partners. Main aim: to follow-up great ideas, to implement them and to gain impact!

### Case Owner Benefits

- Case Owners will receive the results: a poster and a paper (approx. 6 pages) outlining the innovative concept the team came up with for the Case Owner's case study.
- The name and logo of Case Owners will be reported in Wetskills press releases with a broad distribution.
- Promotion through the website and social media for Wetskills, the event partners and other relevant organizations and during other Wetskills Water Challenges.
- The logo of the Case Owners will be displayed on the poster presented at the final presentations.
- Case Owners will get their own international team of enthusiastic students and young professionals.
- Case Owners get the opportunity to grow their business network through participation in the energizing Wetskills event.
- Press releases and tailored appointments for promotion and communication for own use.

### Case Owner responsibilities

- Case Owners will provide a study case (the water challenge) for the Wetskills programme in China (further Wetskills-China 2019).
- Case Owners will support the team via face-to face or remote meetings (using Skype, and e-mail) on the first day, the last day, and at halfway point.

- Case Owners and Wetskills will jointly provide an expertise during the program (also on distance with cell phone, email, Skype). This expert may come from other organizations, e.g. a professor from the university.
- Case Owners will donate € 3000 (excl. VAT) in support of the organization and the participants of Wetskills-Bangladesh 2019.

### Wetskills' responsibilities

- The Wetskills Foundation will assist in developing a great case study for the participants.
- The Wetskills Foundation will form combined international, multidisciplinary teams of participants and guide them to reach solutions through processes of divergent thinking to solve the Case Owner's challenge.
- The study case and poster of the team (excluding the short memo) will be published on the Wetskills website, [www.wetskills.com](http://www.wetskills.com).\*
- The results will be presented during a special session in Dhaka, in the presence of leaders in business, government and academia.
- The winning team will be awarded in these sessions as well.

\* If some information is confidential, Wetskills and the concerning team will act accordingly.

### Donor benefits

You do not need to be a Case Owner to be part of Wetskills. Wetskills-Bangladesh 2019 welcomes the participation of businesses, organizations and individuals through donations.

- Donors will receive logo representation.
- Donors will be mentioned in PR & Communication
- Donors will have the opportunity to meet and greet with participants and Owner Organizations.

We would like to tailor your requests as Donor or Case Owner.

## Our Partners

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