



# Wetskills-India (Kerala) 2019

Announcement for participants

## ‘Royal’ Wetskills Water Challenge to Kerala, India

Wetskills Foundation in partnership with RVO.nl, Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands in Delhi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands and Nuffic Neso India invites last year Bachelor, Master, PhD students and graduates to apply for a new Wetskills event in Calicut & Kochi, Kerala, India. This event will be organized aligned to a large seminar on Flood protection of Kerala in Kochi and during the **October visit of high profile dignitaries from the Netherlands** focusing on innovative solutions in the field of water.

*Would you like to experience working in international teams and experiencing the culture of Indian subcontinent? Do you have a creative mind and capable of designing game changing ideas and alternative strategies? Can you think further than just a first idea and are you passionate about water and circular solutions? [Join Wetskills-India](#)*

**Wetskills-India 2019 (Delhi): 5-17 October 2019.**

**Theme: Integrated Water and Flood Risk Management (implementing outcomes of the Mission of the ‘Dutch Risk Reduction Team’ after the devastating floods in Kerala in 2018).**

**Finals at a special workshop in Kochi in presence of Indian and Dutch business and governance delegates.**



## Application (online) and first selection deadline: 15 August

Afterwards every week a selection of the new applications till the program is full. (First Come, First Served)

### What is Wetskills?

In the Wetskills programme, the participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of four to five people, to develop innovative concepts to the case studies provided by the water sector during an extensive two-week program.

The program will start with team building activities for the first days to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites. An intensive period will follow that will focus on working on the assigned study case. International Wetskills and local supervisors will guide you during the weeks and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept. Finally, the teams will pitch their results during a special Wetskills seminar aligned to a **Indo-Dutch seminar on Flood protection of Kerala (18 October)** in Kochi and during the October visit of high profile dignitaries from the Netherlands focusing on innovative solutions in the field of water. The winning teams will be announced and awarded then as well.

Since 2010, more than 700 students and young water professionals from about 150 international universities and organizations have participated in almost 40 Wetskills Water Challenges organized in Asia (China, South Korea, Taiwan, The Philippines, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh and India), North Africa & Middle East (Iran, Oman, Morocco, Israel and Egypt), Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa & Mozambique), Europe (United Kingdom, Romania & the Netherlands North America (Canada, United States & Mexico) and Latin America (Colombia).

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### Who can apply?

Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and last year Bachelor, Master or PhD student from Indian and international universities or organizations with passion for water and intercultural teamwork.

### How can I apply?

Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to [www.wetskills.com](http://www.wetskills.com), fill out the online application form and submit it.

### Selection criteria

The Wetskills organization will make a final selection among applications received, based on quality of motivation & resume.

### What are the costs?

The participation fee for **international participants is € 125,- (excl. VAT)**. This participation fee includes accommodation, teambuilding activities, some lunches & dinners, field trips, workshop, supervision, trainings and working venues. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs.

For **local applicants** who do not need accommodation arrangements, the participation fee is **€ 20,-**.

*During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to inquire about funding opportunities to compensate the costs (university mobility funds, travel allowance etc.).*



### What do I get?

A unique learning experience where you will tackle real-world water challenges!

- You will increase your skills in: international cooperation; problem solving, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary teamwork, networking and presenting (pitch & poster);
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit Kerala (Calicut and Kochi); water-related sites & water professionals;
- You will learn and experience more about the Indian water sector, its main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

### More information

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