



WETSKILLS ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA

Date: 9 March 2021

Time: 14.00 – 15:00 (Central African Time)

13:00 – 15:00 (Central European Time)

Register: <https://knw1.typeform.com/to/mgbsTu1A>

International context

A cooperative approach is necessary to deal with the present and future challenges on water resources and water services. Due to Climate Change the variability in rainfall will increase, which will lead to more and more intense extreme events like droughts and floods in water sensitive areas like Southern Africa. Climate change has both direct and indirect effects on people's welfare, human development and capacity to adapt. It will also effect the ecosystem structure and associated faunal diversity.

A few years ago the City of Cape Town feared to meet with 'Day Zero'. And flash floods occurred several times in the last years with a lot of damages and even casualties. Especially in the field of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) there is a need for international cooperation to face the challenges of the future together, to learn from each other and to bring in the innovative strengths of the young professionals. Two examples of this innovative international co-creation of the future are the Blue Deal and Wetskills.

Wetskills

Wetskills Challenges provide a platform to integrate experiences from various generations, backgrounds, cultures and disciplines in an innovative and interactive way. On top of that Wetskills provides eye-catching exposure in our worldwide water network.

The Wetskills Water Challenge is a two- week thinktank for (Bachelor (final year), Master and PhD) students and young professionals (Maximum 5 years working experience) with a passion for water, sustainability and climate from all over the world. They meet in a country and work on water/ sustainability-related topics in transdisciplinary and transcultural teams.

The study cases are provided and formulated by case owners (businesses, governments, knowledge institutes). The study cases describe a water/ sustainability-related challenge, based on the regional challenges of the hosting country where the Wetskills is organized. The team is challenged to create an out-of-the-box and applicable solution for the case owner. The innovative concepts that result from this programme are pitched during a high level event in the form of an ice-breaking and energizing session.

The Workshop

The Wetskills contributions to the workshop will focus on the Finals & Awarding of the online W@tskills-South Africa 2021, where three team of Southern African and European participants worked on out-of-the-box ideas for cases. Besides this, Wetskills will also organise a workshop on the cooperation with Southern Africa since 2011.



Programme

Facilitators: Mr. Odwa Mtembu, Ms. Ioana Dobrescu and Mr. Johan Oost

Time CAT	Time CET	Item	Person
13:45	12:45	Registration / Meet and Greet	All
14:00	13:00	Finals W@tskills-South Africa 2021	
14:00	13:00	Welcome by the Facilitator	Mr. Odwa Mtembu
14:05	13:05	Importance of intergenerational dialogue for water and partnership with Wetskills	Ms. Verena Meyer
14:10	13:10	W@tskills-South Africa 2021 Introduction Programme (incl. movie)	Ms. Ioana Dobrescu
14:15	13:15	Introduction of the jury members	Mr. Odwa Mtembu
14:20	13:20	Team 1: pitch presentation Q&A with jury	
14:30	13:30	Team 2: pitch presentation Q&A with jury	
14:40	13:40	Team 3: pitch presentation Q&A with jury	
14:50	13:50	Wrap-up Short reaction jury	Mr. Odwa Mtembu
14:55	13:55	Break (Jury will discuss the winning team)	
15:00	15:00	#Wetskills10 Jubilee Celebration Cooperation with Southern Africa	
15:00	14:00	Welcome by the Facilitator	Ms. Ioana Dobrescu
15:05	14:05	Wetskills in/with Southern Africa And movie	Mr. Johan Oost
15:15	14:15	Dialogue with partners: Ronald Brown Keimpe Sinnema	Mr. Johan Oost
15:25	14:25	Interview with several alumni (video clips)	Ms. Ioana Dobrescu
15:35	14:35	WetsNext: Lesotho (video)	Mr. Phomolo Khonthu
15:40	15:40	Panel discussion on cooperation in practice and value for the intergenerational dialogue with a.o.: Mr. Henk Ovink Ms. Susan Andrews	Mr. Odwa Mtembu
15:50	14:50	Wrap-up	Ms. Ioana Dobrescu
16:00	15:00	Awarding W@tskills-South Africa 2021	
16:00	15:00	Welcome back Jury report	Mr. Henk Ovink South Africa (TBC)
16:05	15:05	Announcement of winning team Reactions of team members	Mr. Henk Ovink South Africa (TBC)
16:10	15:10	Closing Remarks	Mr. Johan Oost
		Wrap-up	Mr. Odwa Mtembu
16:15	15:15	End of official programme	
16:15	15:15	Online Networking and socializing	
17:00	16:00	Closing Online session	