



Wetskills-India (Sundarbans) 2022

Announcement for participants

Wetskills for Climate Resilient Sundarbans (West Bengal)

The Sundarbans is a low-lying and nature-rich wetland area at the border of India (West Bengal) and Bangladesh. The impact of climate change, such as sea level rise, is huge in this area, as pictured by the prize-winning environmental photographer Supratim Batacharjee (also Wetskills Ambassador). This new Wetskills initiative is dedicated to co-create solutions for a Climate Resilient Sundarbans.



After five Wetskills editions in Gujarat, Delhi, Kerala, Mumbai and an online edition, Wetskills Foundation and partners invite final year Bachelor, Master, PhD students and graduates **from universities and organizations in India and beyond** to apply a new **in-person** Wetskills event with a focus on **Climate Resilient Sundarbans**. Apply for the great online opportunity to meet peers, brainstorm new ideas and present it to a jury and audience in Calcutta.



Pictures of Climate Change in Sundarbans by Supratim Batacharjee, environmental photographer.

Would you like to experience working in teams with members from various parts of India and online support by international peers, coaches and experts? 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, sustainability and climate? [Join Wetskills-India](#)

Wetskills-India (Sundarbans) 2022: 12-24 November.

Theme: Climate Resilient Sundarbans; Creating solutions for the islands of this wetland area in West-Bengal, threatened by sea level rise and other climate stress impact (implementing outcomes of the Mission of the 'Dutch Risk Reduction Team' in 2022)

Application (online) & first selection deadline: 15 October 2022

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

More information: www.wetskills.com





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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 case studies provided by the water sector during an 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 in Calcutta. The winning teams will be announced and awarded then as well.

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 & intercultural teamwork.

How can I apply? Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to 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.

What are the costs? The participation fee for **international participants is € 295,- (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 **€ 95,-**. Note: Wetskills Foundation strives to lower the costs.

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.).

Since 2010, More than 1000 international students and young water professionals have participated in one of the 56 Wetskills Challenges organized in Asia, North Africa & Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

Events Since 2010

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Participants

56

Wetskills events

27

Countries

242

Study Cases



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.

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