



Wetskills-South Africa 2023 (Durban)

Announcement for participants

Welcome to the 8th Wetskills Challenge in South Africa!

The Wetskills Foundation invites Bachelor, Master, PhD students and recent graduates with a passion for water, climate and sustainability to apply for the Wetskills Challenge programme in Durban, South Africa, from 28 May to 9 June 2023. With water higher on everyone's agenda than ever because of the persistent droughts and floods, quality issues and so on, your solutions to pressing South African water issues are urgently needed. *Apply for this unique opportunity!*

Wetskills to South Africa, Durban, 28 May to 9 June 2023



We are pleased to invite (again!) case owners as well as participants to apply for a spot in this Wetskills-South Africa 2023 event, this time in Durban. The programme will start on 28 May 2023 in Durban. The programme will end with a great finale (with pitches and poster market on 8 June, during the **CoCreateMYCITY Event (with special theme: Water in the City)** in Durban, organized by the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands and City of Durban. Get ready to be part of this life changing experience including high level network events, brainstorming with South African, Southern African, and international water experts!



The participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of four to five people, to develop innovative concepts to real-life case studies provided by the water sector (combination of industries, governments, NGOs and knowledge institutes) during an extensive two-week program. The program will start with team building activities for the first two days

Since 2010, More than 1100 international students and young water professionals (of which about 140 from Southern Africa) have participated in one of the 57 Wetskills Challenges organized in Asia, North Africa & Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.



to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites both in and near Durban. An intensive period will follow that will focus on working on the study case. South African and international 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 Workshop aligned to during the **cocreateMYCITY Conference in Durban on 8 June**, The winning team will be awarded then as well.

Wetskills Foundation partners with Department of Water and Sanitation of South Africa (DWS), Young Professionals of Water

Institute of Southern Africa (WISA), Rand Water Academy, Blue Deal South Africa programme by Dutch Water Authorities, Water Research Commission, Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to South Africa and various other organizations in South(ern) Africa and beyond.

Last Call for Application: 10 May 2023

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

Who can apply? Any Young Water Professionals (up to 5 years of working experience) and Bachelor (last year), Master or PhD student and recent graduates with passion for water and intercultural teamwork, from South(ern) Africa and beyond.

More information: www.wetskills.com





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How can I apply? Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to www.wetskills.com, fill in the online application form on the website and submit it.

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

What are the costs? The participation fee for the Wetskills program is *€395,- (excl. VAT). The participation fee includes: accommodation (hostel, sharing rooms with more people), teambuilding activities, some but not all lunches & dinners, field trips, workshops and working locations. Participants are further responsible for their own travel expenses (plane tickets, local travel, etcetera), meals during working days and other personal costs. *During past editions participants often successfully arranged financial compensation for their Wetskills participation from their university or employer (mobility funds, travel allowance, training budget etc.).*

*Note: **10 South African participants (students and DWS staff)** can join this Wetskills at event at **Department of Water & Sanitation's cost**. The selection for these vouchers will be made amongst after the deadline.



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 Cape Town and surroundings; water-related sites & water professionals;
- Join parts of the CoCreateMYCITY programme in Durban (incl. Wetskills Finals & Awarding Ceremony)
- You will learn and experience more about the South African water sector, the main stakeholders and organizations, contemporary issues and current business opportunities;
- You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of the program.

More information

For more info about participation and other info you can also contact Johan Oost: johan.oost@wetskills.com.



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