



Wetskills-México 2023

Announcement for participants

Join the second edition of Wetskills Challenge in Mexico

The Wetskills organization and partners invite Young Professionals Bachelor, Master, PhD students with a passion for water & sustainability to apply for the **Wetskills Challenge** programme in México. This second edition of Wetskills, aligned to the Aquatech-Mexico, will take the participants to Mexico City in two weeks, visiting interesting and relevant water-related locations. 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 water issues are urgently needed. Get ready to be part of this life changing experience including high level network events, brainstorming with Mexican and international water experts with the **Finale at the Aquatech-Mexico!**

Apply for this unique opportunity to participate in Wetskills Water Challenge!



Wetskills-México 2023:

Mexico City: 27 August – 7 September 2023 (with host: **Universidad Panamericana**)



The Wetskills participants will work in mixed and multidisciplinary teams of about five participants to develop innovative, out-of-the-box solutions for case studies brought in by organizations and companies from water sector (combination of industries, governments, NGOs and knowledge institutes) during an extensive two-week program. Arriving in Mexico, the participants will first get to know each other through some teambuilding activities and visit cultural and water-related sites. The challenge will start officially with the so-called BrainHurricane, organized at the **Universidad Panamericana**. The case owners will meet the teams (online) and briefly introduce the cases. In a speed date session with experts the teams get information regarding their case. After this BrainHurricane the teams get to work on their cases for several days. The local and international supervisors will guide the teams and its participants during the two-week program and facilitate your team to find its own innovative concept.

Since 2010, More than 1100 international students and young water professionals (of which about 140 from Southern Africa) have participated in one of the 61 Wetskills Challenges organized in Asia, North Africa & Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

Events Since 2010

1160

Participants

61

Wetskills Events

27

Countries

266

Study Cases

The finals (pitches & poster presentation) and the Awarding Ceremony are during the **Aquatech-Mexico Conference & Exhibition** in cooperation with the **Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Mexico**. All participants will be part of this largest water-event in Mexico.

Deadline for application and selection: 15 June 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 Mexico, Americas 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. The Wetskills organization will make the selection among applications received. The selection is based on quality of motivation letter & resume.

What are the costs? The participation fee for **local participants** is **1000 peso** and **international participants: € 425,- (excl. 21% VAT, only for Europe)**. The programme fee includes: accommodation in Mexico during the programme (only for international participants with the higher fee), field trips, social activities, workshops, working locations, supervision, some of the meals and the Finals and Awarding ceremony. The fee also includes access to the Aquatech-Mexico. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses (like plane tickets and local travel), meals during working days and other personal costs, which are excluded the participation fee.

Note: The Wetskills organisation is striving to find possibilities to keep the costs to the participants at a minimum. 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 become part of Aquatech-México Conference & Exhibition;
- You will get the opportunity to connect with other international water students/young professionals;
- You will visit several water-related sites in Mexico
- You will learn and experience more about the international 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 information about the event and participating, contact Johan Oost (johan.oost@wetskills.com).

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