



Wetskills-Oman 2024

Announcement for participants



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Join the 5th Wetskills Water Challenge in Oman!

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 Muscat and surroundings, Oman, from 13 to 24 January 2024. 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 in the Gulf region are urgently needed. *Apply for this unique opportunity!*

Wetskills to Oman, Muscat, 13-24 January 2024

We are pleased to invite case owners as well as participants to apply for a spot in this Wetskills-Oman 2024 event. The programme will start in Muscat on 13 January 2024 and a field trip to Nizwa area. The programme will end with a great finale (with pitches and poster market on 23-24 January 2024, during the **Oman Water Week** in Muscat. Get ready to be part of this life changing experience including high level network events, brainstorming with international water & sustainability experts from Oman, Gulf and beyond!



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.

Events Since 2010

1 084 Participants
57 Wetskills Events
27 Countries
248 Study Cases

to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites both in and near Muscat. An intensive period will follow that will focus on working on the assigned study case. Omani 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 at the **Oman Water Week in Muscat** (22-24 January) as well. The winning team will be announced and awarded then as well.

This Wetskills edition in Muscat will be hosted by the Sultan Qaboos University. Wetskills Foundation partners with many Omani and international organisations to prepare and execute this Wetskills event,

as Oman Water Society, Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Oman.

Application and selection deadline: 5 December 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.

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.

More information: www.wetskills.com





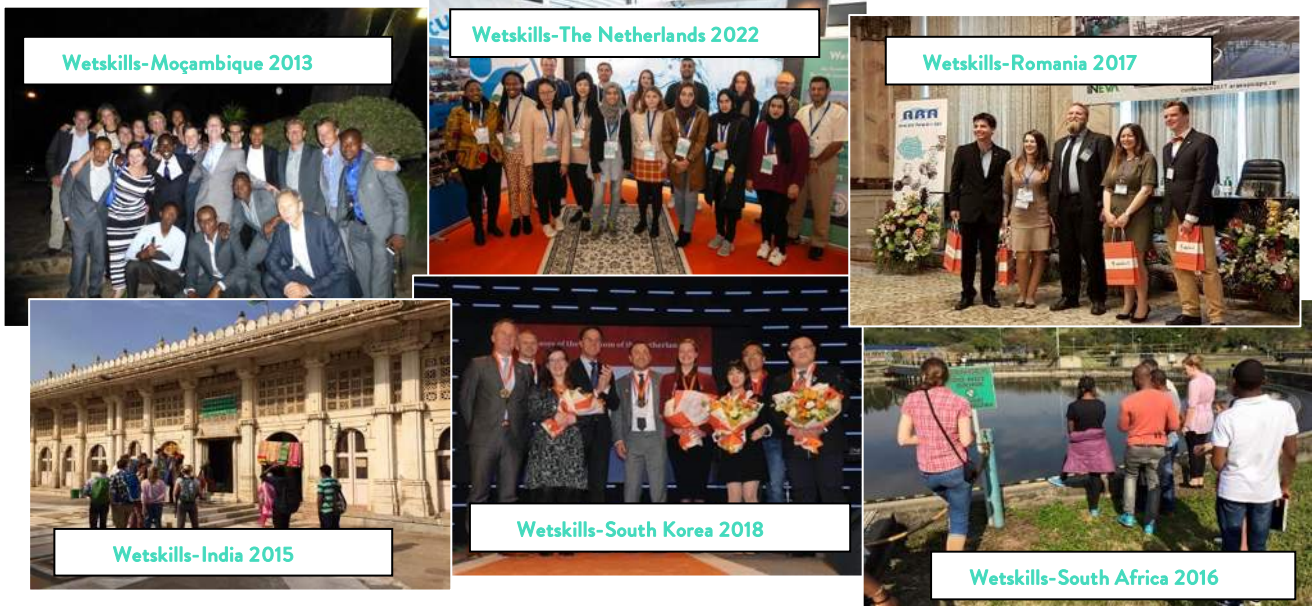
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What are the costs? The participation fee for local participants who do not need accommodation is 30 OMR. The costs for international participants and local participants who need accommodation in Muscat are € 425,- (excl. 21% VAT, only for Europe). The participation fee includes: accommodation (hostel), teambuilding activities, some lunches & dinners, field trips, workshops, working locations and Finals and Awarding ceremony. 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.).*



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 Muscat and surroundings; water-related sites & water professionals;
- Join parts of Oman Water Week (incl. Wetskills Finals & Awarding Ceremony)
- You will learn and experience more about the Oman 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

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