



Wetskills-South Africa 2025

Announcement for participants

The Jubilee Wetskills event in South Africa! Join edition #10

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 Cape Town, South Africa, from 7 to 20 March 2025. 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, Cape Town, 7-20 March 2025

We are pleased to invite case owners as well as participants to apply for a spot in this Wetskills-South Africa 2025 event. The programme will start on 7 March in Cape Town and a field trip to Franschoek area. The programme will end with a great finale (with pitches and poster market on 19 March, with the Awarding Ceremony at the **14th IWA Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse** in Cape Town. 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 to allow participants to get to know each other. This includes field trips to water-related and cultural sites both in and near Cape Town. An intensive period will follow that will focus on

working on the assigned 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 the **14th IWA Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse** in Cape Town (19 March 2025). The winning team will be awarded then as well.

Wetskills Foundation partners with Department of Water and Sanitation of South Africa (DWS), Water Research Commission (WRC), University of Cape Town & Future Water Research Institute, Young Professionals of Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA), Rand Water, Blue Deal South Africa programme by Dutch Water Authorities, World Water Academy and the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to South Africa and various other organisations in South(ern) Africa and beyond.

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

1444

Participants

75

Master's Degrees

30

Countries

327

Study Cases

Application deadline (South African candidates): 15 January 2025

Application deadline (international): 8 January 2025

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.

More information: www.wetskills.com





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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 *€435,- (excl. VAT). The participation fee includes: accommodation (hostel), teambuilding activities, welcome and farewell dinner, field trips, workshops and working locations.

You also have to register yourself for the 14th IWA Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse, which will cost approximately € 200,- (we are still negotiating the price). 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: **5 South African participants (DWS staff)** can join this Wetskills at event at **Department of Water & Sanitation's cost** and **5 South African participants (students and YWPs)** at **Water Research Commission'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 14th IWA Conference on Water Reclamation and Reuse (incl. Wetskills 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

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