

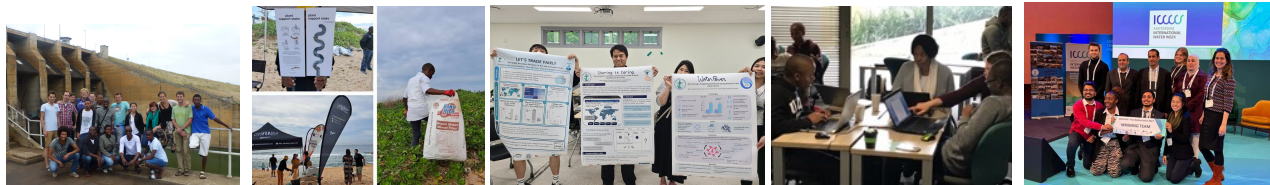


Wetskills-Mozambique 2024

Announcement for participants

Innovating for Climate Resilience at the 2nd Wetskills Challenge in Mozambique

The Wetskills Foundation, in proud collaboration with the Government of Sofala Province, is delighted to announce the return of the Wetskills Challenge to Mozambique. This event, taking place from **13 to 25 July 2024**, aims to connect a diverse cohort of local, regional, and international students, recent graduates, and young professionals. Together, we will tackle the urgent water challenges exacerbated by climate change through collaborative and innovative solutions. Join us in the heart of Mozambique for a fortnight of water innovation aligned with the **UN Habitat Conference on Climate Resilience**.



Wetskills will commence on 13 July 2024, with sessions focused on team building, cultural engagement, and water-related excursions in and around the state of Sofala. These preliminary activities culminate with the official opening event on 16 July, featuring the Brain Hurricane session. During Brain Hurricane, case owners will introduce their challenges to the participating

Since 2010, over 1300 international students and young water professionals, including approximately 160 from Southern Africa, have participated in 69 Wetskills Challenges organised across Asia, North Africa & the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America.

student teams, sparking collaborative brainstorming sessions with a diverse panel of experts.

Over the following eight days, participant teams will actively address the challenges, guided by local and international Wetskills supervisors. A range of local experts drawn from academia, corporate entities, and governmental institutes will provide valuable insights and support.

Concluding the program in a 1.5-hour session, the teams will showcase their outcomes during a dedicated session at the UN Habitat event in Beira on 24 July. This includes presenting a 2-minute pitch and displaying posters on their concept at the poster market. Guests from the business world, academia, and governmental sectors are expected to be part of the audience during this finale, adding to the excitement of the awards ceremony.

The Wetskills Foundation collaborates closely with esteemed partners, including the Government of Sofala Province, The Water Research Commission, Rand Water Academy, VEI, YEP, the Department of Water and Sanitation of South Africa, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Mozambique, and various other organisations in Southern Africa and beyond.

Application deadline: 31 May 2024

(First Come, First Served)

Who can apply? Any Young Water Professionals (less than 5 years of working experience) and Bachelor (last year), Master or PhD students and recent graduates with a passion for water and intercultural teamwork from Southern Africa and beyond.

How can I apply? Prepare a motivation letter and resume, go to <https://wetskills.com/event/wetskills-mozambique-2024/>, fill in the online application form, and submit it.

Selection criteria: The Wetskills organisation will make a final selection among applications based on the quality of motivation and resume.

What are the costs? The participation fee for the Wetskills program is €395* (excluding VAT, which is applicable only in Europe). This fee covers accommodation (in a hostel with shared rooms), team-building activities, some, **but not all**, lunches and dinners, field trips, workshops, and working facilities. Participants are also responsible for travel expenses (such as plane tickets and local transportation), meals on working days, and other personal costs.

The **WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION** will fund **FIVE** Participants (Registered at South African Institutions) to travel and participate in the event.

Additional information: For further information regarding participation and other details, contact Craig Tinashe Tanyanyiwa at craig.tinashe@wetskills.com and Johan Oost at johan.oost@wetskills.com.

