



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Water Management

A Shiraka professional development course

The Netherlands invites civil servants from the MENA region to apply for a professional development course on Water Management. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

The objective of the course is for civil servants working in the field of Water Management to share their knowledge and skills enabling them to lead and inspire the modernisation of Water Management in their home countries. The course also aims to strengthen participants' ties with the Netherlands and the Dutch government; especially between Dutch civil servants and their counterparts in the target countries.

Goals of the Water Management professional development course

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands is organising the professional development course with the following aims:

- Reinforcing and developing knowledge and understanding of Water Management theories and concepts.
- Providing insight with regard to integrated Water Management and socio-economic development.
- Promoting practical skills, such as change management, presentation skills and working in teams.
- Increasing the knowledge of the Dutch practice and the practice in the MENA region in the field of Water Management.
- Stimulating cooperation between the Netherlands and the Arab region as well as intraregional cooperation.

Additionally, the course provides participants with the opportunity to develop a valuable network with other civil servants in the region and in the Netherlands.

Course outline and content

What policies help to promote Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)? How is the Water Management system organised in the Netherlands? What can be learned from practical experiences in the participants countries? These questions and many others will be discussed in a two-weeks training programme organized by The Hague Academy for Local Governance in cooperation with Wageningen Environmental Research.

Through sessions delivered by international experts, field visits and practical examples from the Netherlands and the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) countries, participants will gain extensive knowledge in Water Management. They will become aware of the relevance of the relationship between government, private and knowledge institutions. They will explore as well the connection between integrated water policies, safe drinking water and the development of agriculture, industry and service sectors.

Moreover, they will acquire practical skills such as working in teams, presentation skills and change management and they will be trained to effectively contribute to the development and implementation of Water Management policies in their home countries.

Social programmes like the welcome dinner, the networking reception and other social activities will facilitate network development between the participants from the various countries as well as between the participants and their Dutch counterparts.

Dates, location and language

The professional development course will take 2 weeks in total (non-consecutive).

Part I: 31/08/2020-4/09/2020	Part II: 23/11/2020-27/11/2020
The Hague	Cairo
The Netherlands	Egypt

The courses will be in English, with interpretation into Arabic. Participants are obliged to attend both parts in full.

After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate.

Costs and fees

The Dutch government will take care of all relevant costs for participants from countries on the [OECD-DAC list](#). This includes international travel, board and lodging, visa and insurance, and tuition fees for the course. Participants from countries that are not on the OECD-DAC list will pay for their own international travel costs; flight tickets and visa. Board and lodging, insurance and tuition fees for the course will be covered by the Dutch government. All applicants are responsible for the organisation and costs of travelling to the airport in their own country. Participants from countries on the OECD-DAC list departing from an international airport outside their own country, will have to cover local travel expenses themselves and will be compensated for the international part of their journey.

Participants are responsible for the organisation of their visa application.

In case of no-shows or cancellations within four weeks before the start of the first part of the training, the organisation has the right to claim all costs incurred from the participants' employer.

Application

Applications should be made online before 19 April. To apply you have to create an account first which will enable you to fill out the online application form. Go to the website:

<http://www.shiraka.nl/en/courses/>

Click on "Apply" and scroll to Water Management. Click on "Apply here: application form". Click on create an account and enter your personal information and login information. Click on "register".

After you have registered, your account is created. Login to fill in the application form for Water Management and save the form. After saving your application form, you have successfully applied. You will receive a confirmation email.

Eligibility criteria:

- Administrative check. Fully documented applications received before the deadline.
- Match of job position and learning goals with the topics of the course and motivation.
- Between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience as civil servant in Water Management and international experience.
- No (previous) participation in other Shiraka or Matra-South Training Programmes.

We encourage female civil servants to apply. There are 25 places available, which will ideally be divided equally between the invited countries. A passive understanding of the English language would be a plus. Please be aware that this won't be used as a selection criteria.

Shiraka training programme

The course will be organised as part of the Shiraka programme, an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Shiraka is a Dutch bilateral effort dedicated to contributing to political development in the MENA region. Through this Shiraka training programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to stimulate and support sustainable transition in the MENA region and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries.

More information

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The Shiraka Training Programme is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The department International Entrepreneurship of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency implements the Shiraka Training Programme. The Water Management professional development course will be organized by The Hague Academy for Local Governance in cooperation with Wageningen University and Research.

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