



Water Management

A Shiraka professional development course

The Netherlands invites civil servants and relevant semi-public organisations from the MENA region to apply for a professional development course on Water Management. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.

The objective of the course is to provide those who are 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 stakeholders in the Dutch water sector.

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 personal skills, such as change management, presentation skills and working in teams.
- Increasing the knowledge of best practices in the Netherlands and across the MENA region in the field of Water Management
- Stimulating cooperation between the Netherlands and the MENA region as well as intraregional cooperation.

Study visits and social activities are part of the course. Additionally, the course provides participants with the opportunity to develop a valuable network with counterparts in the region and in the Netherlands.

Course outline and content

Which 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 blended training programme organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance in cooperation with Wageningen University and 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 also explore 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 stakeholder analysis, problem identification and managing change while being 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 5 weeks in total (non-consecutive), with 4 weeks online and 1 week in the Netherlands. Participants will be updated in case there are changes to the programme.

Part I: 22 August – 16 September 2022

Online

Part II: 7 – 15 November 2022

The Hague, Netherlands

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, PCR tests 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 participants 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 and PCR tests. Participants have the obligation to comply with the Covid-19 (travel) measures and regulation of the Dutch Government, in force upon their arrival and stay in the Netherlands. For more information see: [Coronavirus COVID-19 | Government.nl](#)

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 17 April 2022. 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>

Click on "Register" and scroll to Water Management. Click on "Apply". You will be asked to login using an e-mail address and password. If you do not have an account yet click on register and fill in the required information. Click on "register". You will now receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your e-mail address. After you have confirmed, 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 e-mail.

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 in Water Management.
- No (previous) participation in other Shiraka or Matra-South Training Programmes.

We encourage women to apply, as we highly value diversity amongst our participants. 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.

The Shiraka programme aims to close the gap between government and civilians, among which the semi-public sector. Civil servants are the main target group. However, a limited amount of places is available for participants from semi-public organisations. We welcome participants from organisations that are closely liaised to public actors in the water sector, play a direct or active role in the value chain, or are directly affected by policy development and should therefore be involved.

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.

Shiraka and the COVID-19 outbreak

If the international health and travel restrictions make it impossible to organise a training in the Netherlands, an alternative solution will be offered. This alternative could be an online training.

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 organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance in cooperation with Wageningen University and Research.

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