

WAITRO Innovation Challenge 2020

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Solving water-related challenges around the globe

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The WAITRO Innovation Award is a competition open to all research and technology organizations (RTOs) and universities that are active members of WAITRO. Monetary prizes up to USD 25,000 reward innovative project ideas and facilitate the implementation of projects. The prize will be awarded every two years during the WAITRO Global Innovation Summit. The WAITRO Innovation Award will have a particular focus during each cycle; WAITRO's Executive Board agreed on water as a main topic for the summit in 2020.

AWARD PROCEDURE

Matchmaking: The WAITRO Innovation Award is available to projects that were initiated using WAITRO's matchmaking system. This is to ensure a focus on "Bottom-up WAITRO Research Collaboration".

Application: Applicants submit their project outline to the WAITRO Secretariat using the online application form on the WAITRO Intranet (password restricted area for WAITRO members only).

Deadline: March 31st 2020

Evaluation and selection of pre-finalists: Proposals will be reviewed (eligibility check) by the WAITRO Executive Board and the WAITRO Secretariat. An Evaluation Committee will select pre-finalist proposals based on the quality of project outlines.

Capacity Development: Pre-finalists will be invited to a special WAITRO Capacity Development Workshop in June/July/August/September 2020, where they have the chance to discuss ideas with their partners and further develop their proposal further.

In September, there will be online meetings with the pre-finalists, in which they will pitch their idea. The Evaluation Committee will select finalists to attend the WAITRO Global Innovation Summit 2020.

WAITRO Global Innovation Summit 2020: Finalists present their project proposals and the audience votes for the winners.

When: December 2020

Where: CSIR Convention Center, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

AWARD VALUE

- 2 prizes at USD 25,000 each (award may only be spent for approved project-related activities)
- Participation at a workshop to further develop the project idea with the partner(s)
- Training for making a good, professional pitch at the WAITRO Innovation Summit 2020
- Presentation of project proposal at the WAITRO Innovation Summit 2020
- Presentation of project at WAITRO Innovation Summit 2022 (two years later)

FURTHER INFORMATION

For detailed information, please visit:

<https://www.waitro.org/waitro-innovation-award-2020/>

Get more information on the eligibility, evaluation criteria, the application and assessment procedures, and the required application documents here:

<https://www.waitro.org/application-wia2020/>

QUESTIONS?

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