



Team **WUR Student Challenges** has the pleasure to announce **the Nature-based Future Challenge coming up in Nov 2023!**

The Nature-based Future Challenge (nbfchallenge.nl):

In this international student competition inspired by the [vision for the Netherlands in 2120](#), multidisciplinary teams of students visualise the potential of nature-based solutions to respond to the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss in river deltas around the world. This first edition runs from November 2023 to June 2024 and is focused on the challenges faced in the Bengal Delta in Bangladesh.

Based on soil and water data, and interviews with stakeholders, student teams will create a vision for Bangladesh in 2100 and present it in the form of adaptive spatial planning maps and illustrative renderings. The results of the Challenge will provide inspiration and transformative pathways for decision-makers and a hopeful perspective for future generations.

Who can join?

The Challenge is open to any current BSc, MSc, PhD students and fresh graduates worldwide. Relevant study backgrounds include, amongst other, Landscape architecture, Spatial planning, Forestry, (Organic) Agriculture, Nature Conservation, Environmental Sciences, Land, Water, Urban and Marine Resources Management. Students can join with their own team or register as single participants and find a team through the challenge. Participation is online and most events are livestreamed.

It is a unique opportunity for students to boost their professional skills, learn from and network with industry leaders, and to meet and exchange ideas with students from universities worldwide. Top teams receive a participation certificate and travel & accommodation budget to attend the Grand Finals in the Netherlands. Last but not least, the prize for the winning team is 9000 EUR!

Challenge timeline

Registration deadline: 19 November 2023

Start Challenge: 29 November 2023

First milestone: 4 February 2024

Second milestone: 21 April 2024

Grand Finals: 11 June 2024

Learn more:

To set the mood for the Challenge and go over a few of your burning questions, we organise two events in October 2023. Make sure to join if you want to discover what is like to participate ([register in our events page](#)).

04 October @ 17h00 CEST, WUR Campus (& livestreamed): [Info Session 1 | Challenge Accepted: Imagining a nature-based future for Bangladesh](#)

17 October @ t.b.c (Online): [Online Info Session](#)

JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

[Register for the Challenge](#) (until 19 Nov 2023)

If you still have some questions about the Challenge feel free to drop me an email at monica.vidal@wur.nl .

You can also find more information about the Challenge on our website nbfchallenge.nl and in our info-kit, including the [flyer](#), the [poster](#) and a [short ppt presentation](#) with the details of the assignment and a timeline.

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