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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands



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# SIDS Fellowship Programme

## for Water Professionals

IHE Delft is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world and is based in Delft, the Netherlands. The Institute confers fully accredited MSc degrees, and PhD degrees in collaboration with partner universities. In addition, more than 1,000 Tailor-made and Short courses have been delivered to participants world-wide in the last 10 years. Also, numerous research and institutional strengthening projects are carried out throughout the world.

The mission of IHE Delft is to undertake capacity development with a special focus on the Global South and with education, research and institutional strengthening as its core activities.

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## Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

**Small Islands Developing States share similar sustainable development challenges. These include growing populations, susceptibility to natural disasters and fragile environments. SIDS countries are also increasingly suffering from water related issues, mostly due to climate change, with some islands even facing disappearance because of sea level rise.**

The SIDS fellowship programme started in 2015 with the aim to strengthen the capacity of professionals and decision makers in order to improve water management and be prepared to address future challenges, such as dealing with climate change. Under the programme, 57 water professionals from 20 countries,

responsible for key decision making processes in the SIDS' government, successfully graduated or will soon defend their MSc thesis at IHE Delft. Another 67 water professionals and decision makers from 29 SIDS countries participated in short courses to enhance their expertise on relevant topics.

## ODA-eligible SIDS

### **The AIMS (Africa, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea)**

Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome & Principe

### **The Caribbean**

Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname

### **The Pacific**

Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

## Fellowships

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands has made available a number of fellowships for the MSc programme Water and Sustainable Development at IHE Delft starting in November 2022.**

MSc Fellowships will be provided to participants from ODA SIDS countries and cover the cost of tuition fees, accommodation, insurance and travel.

During the taught part in Delft, extracurricular workshops will be organised to strengthen the relations amongst SIDS water professionals and to stimulate the building of a Community of Practice.

For more information about eligibility and how to apply, visit our website page <https://www.un-ihe.org/fellowships> (SIDS fellowships). Apply for the fellowship before **1 May 2022**.



**Amit Singh**, from Fiji completed his MSc in Water Management, specialising in Water Resource Management.

Before studying at IHE Delft, Amit was working on water and sanitation projects at a regional organisation in Fiji, doing field, groundwater and service water assessments.

After completing his Master's, he returned to Fiji and is currently working at the Fiji Water Authority doing, amongst others, delineation for water catchments. Additionally, he is passing on his knowledge and skills to his colleagues.



**Maxine Welsh** is from Grenada, and recently completed her MSc in Water Management and Governance.

"Apart from using my new knowledge professionally by working with local government as well as local and regional organisations, I intend to continue working with NGOs and youth organisations to encourage local and community based implementations geared towards environmental and natural resource management. I am also ready to work with the network of colleagues I engaged with during my research. I intend on continuing that relationship whereby we can support each other in our activities and share lessons from academic and professional experiences."



**Crystal Conway** is from Guyana, and completed the MSc in Water Science and Engineering, specialising in Hydroinformatics. She is currently putting theory into practice as a GIS engineer at the National Irrigation and Drainage Authority of Guyana.

As a GIS engineer she is tasked with mapping the thousands of kilometres of drainage and irrigation networks. Not only will she help build a workable GIS, she aims to take it to the next stage, and wants engineers to be able to use the data to put drainage systems in places where they know it will do most good. "They would be able to do modelling based on data collection. Previously there was none – but now you can have a national system."