



## The World Bank's Second Water Sector Writing Contest on Wikipedia February 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011



### WIKIPEDIA WRITING COMPETITION GUIDE TO PARTICIPATE

\*\*\*\* REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE BY: FRIDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\* DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK: FRIDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\*\*

Each contestant will have a choice among one of three water-related categories listed below. One winner will be chosen from each category. Winners will be invited to accompany a World Bank team on a working mission trip for one week. **Please register at [lacwikipedia@worldbank.org](mailto:lacwikipedia@worldbank.org).** We will review your request to participate and give final confirmation before you begin writing.

### PARTICIPATING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

#### 1. CHOOSE A CATEGORY

- 1) **Create an article or 'note' for a country, city, region or topic without a Wikipedia note.** Research and develop one new Wikipedia article on one of the following umbrella topics: integrated urban water management (IUWM), integrated water resources management (IWRM), water supply and sanitation (WSS) or irrigation for any country, city, or region. Please be aware that your own original research is not acceptable, as Wikipedia will not allow it. The contestants will follow the outline of existing country topic overviews in their area of interest. Or, develop one new Wikipedia article on a specific sector topic (not a region, city or country sector overview), such as water tariffs, water subsidies, water and climate change, water utilities, water mapping, or water-energy nexus. Links to some examples of these articles are shown below.
- 2) **Write a short comparative analysis (no more than 2000 words) comparing a group of notes on water topics (IWRM, IUWM, WSS, etc.) using the resources from the Wikipedia notes created by the World Bank.** For example, choose a water area and write a comparative analysis using five or six Wikipedia notes from a common water topic. This is a new idea at the World Bank and we have not established examples of such comparative analyses, so feel free to create your own format. Please submit your work in PDF format only. For students registering in this category, you will be provided a full list of WPP Wikipedia notes to choose from for your analysis. You can also find articles at: <http://go.worldbank.org/33XZGJETV0>
- 3) **Improve multiple Wikipedia notes created under the WPP pilot project.** Examples include but are not limited to: updating information and resources, fixing hyperlinks, improving data, checking for errors, and providing additional information. Your work will be judged by quality AND quantity of updated notes. Please contribute to a minimum of three Wikipedia notes. For students registering to compete in this category, you will be provided a full list of Wikipedia notes to review.

## **2. REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE BY FRIDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

Please send an email to: [lacwikipedia@worldbank.org](mailto:lacwikipedia@worldbank.org) no later than **Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Please provide your name, Wikipedia username, University and program you are enrolled in, and the category of the article you will submit or the articles you intent to improve. Please submit your choice of category and ideas for confirmation before beginning your work.

## **3. SUBMIT YOUR WORK BY FRIDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

Each contestant must complete and submit their work to the World Bank by **Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011** for review and evaluation.

- Category one contestants: Submit the Wikipedia link to your live article.
- Category two contestants: Submit your comparative analysis in PDF format.
- Category three contestants: Please indicate your Wikipedia username and articles worked on.

Please remit work to the following address: [lacwikipedia@worldbank.org](mailto:lacwikipedia@worldbank.org). Only contest winners will be directly notified by **Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

A World Bank panel of consultants, sector experts and senior managers will review each submission. Your work will be evaluated on content and format so make sure to review the WPP examples and the [Wikipedia Manual of Style](#). Only winning contestants will be notified.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students must prepare the own work without guidance or oversight from professors such as the kind you would get on thesis or dissertation work.

## **AWARDS**

The World Bank will invite three first place recipients –one from each category- to accompany a World Bank team on a working mission trip most likely to take place in August or September of 2011. Winners will be provided with round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations to the country the mission trip is taking place in. The mission trip will be no longer than seven days and ideally be in the participants region of focus. The award cannot be traded for cash prizes.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to all students currently enrolled at any University worldwide. Immediate relatives of current World Bank Staff or consultants are not eligible for participation. You will need to have valid identification, passport and visa (depends on the country) or visa exemption for travel to the countries of the working mission trips. Countries TBD after contest.

## **CONTACTS**

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**All communications and questions should go to [lacwikipedia@worldbank.org](mailto:lacwikipedia@worldbank.org).**

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES & HELPFUL TIPS

- Please keep the note's length commensurate to the complexity of the topic. Conciseness will be rewarded.
- Should you have any questions, comments, thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to send us an email at [lacwikipedia@worldbank.org](mailto:lacwikipedia@worldbank.org). This is the easiest way to communicate with us.
- When you begin writing your article in Wikipedia, please use a Wikipedia "Sandbox". This will allow you to write and edit your work privately. When completed "Move" your article into a live Wikipedia format. You must "move" your article by Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Your work may be submitted in English, Spanish or French. However, if you wish to submit your work in another language, please indicate this when you register your proposal for approval.
- The tone of your Wikipedia article should be politically neutral. The Article should not include original research but be a compilation of existing information and research. Remember, this is an online encyclopedia.
- Wikipedia policy on "Spam": <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Spam>
- Writing guidelines follow those outlined within the Wikipedia Manual of Style. Please read through the guidelines and follow them in writing your piece.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Manual\\_of\\_Style](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Manual_of_Style)
- The following links provide additional assistance:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five\\_pillars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Five_pillars)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citing\\_sources](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citing_sources)
- A number of examples of past WPP articles pages to guide you  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water\\_resources\\_management\\_in\\_Chile](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_resources_management_in_Chile)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water\\_resources\\_management\\_in\\_Colombia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_resources_management_in_Colombia)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irrigation\\_in\\_Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irrigation_in_Mexico)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water\\_supply\\_and\\_sanitation\\_in\\_Burkina\\_Faso](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_supply_and_sanitation_in_Burkina_Faso)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water\\_supply\\_and\\_sanitation\\_in\\_Kenya](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_supply_and_sanitation_in_Kenya)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban\\_water\\_management\\_in\\_Monterrey,\\_Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_water_management_in_Monterrey,_Mexico)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integrated\\_urban\\_water\\_management\\_in\\_Buenos\\_Aires,\\_Argentina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Integrated_urban_water_management_in_Buenos_Aires,_Argentina)  
Topic note: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water\\_tariff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_tariff)
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- You will find good data and research materials at the following types of sites: International development banks, multi-lateral agencies, news outlets from the specific countries or cities of focus, water agency websites from specific countries or cities of focus, and scholarly works found on University databases.