

Science & Students

Sao Paulo dehydrates; the city/state suffers because of a water crisis. What can science and students do?

Objective

Members of the LinkedIn discussion group 'Sao Paulo is running out of water', come from all over the world. They all have large networks and want specialized people in their network to get involved in order to get more knowledge, power and world wide support and tackle this world issue of increasing dehydration.

We have universities with highly recommended professors and students all over the world.

- Which universities are already involved in water crisis's all over the world
- Do they have already simple but high recommended solutions that governments and water companies should know?
- Are professors interested in a global, yearly challenge where multi disciplinary groups of students can pitch their water solutions?
- Should we involve them and if we do, which universities do we have in our network contacts?

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Involve universities

I thought of involving universities with their schools of architecture and urban planning (urbanism?) in the process. Instead of imaginary projects, students of the last year would study problems of small cities and suggest practical and sound measures to solve them. We could even make a contest, among several schools, each year.

The best project would receive two awards:

- a) some money (given by an enterprise or a private institution)
- b) seeing their project being hand over to the mayor.

Of course, the project would be shown to the population. Doing so, the population would see how better everyone could live, if the project were established. This would educate people in a very practical and useful way: how to improve their lives (and, of course, the planet).

Interdisciplinair

Of course we should combine students of other fields! Any good master plan needs different approaches. Multiply this method to every country of the world and we will be creating a very different professional in each area. And, of course, knowing what is better to them,

people will choose much better their representatives in the government. Cities would be places to live well and not to suffer.

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Xprize global challenge - USA

One of the biggest influencers world wide is XPRIZE Founder and CEO, [Peter Diamandis](http://www.xprize.org) <http://www.xprize.org>. The Xprize contests are famous with a lot of 'sponsors' and international contacts all over the world. Xprize initiates and facilitates big challenges mainly for students and startups. They also have their own university who stimulates multi science solutions for big international issues. I can try to involve them.

University of Delft – The Netherlands

If they are not interested, maybe other organizations like Delft's University, [Milano](#), or a Brazilian NGO/[University](#) is.

Besides that – because [BetterWorldSolution](#) is situated in The Netherlands, we can try to involve the University of Delft, specialized in water technology science also. They are used to cooperate with different universities and integrated science. This for a start.