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**43rd WEDC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

# **WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

*Online with free access for all delegates\**  
**9–13 September 2024**

## **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**We invite you to participate in the WEDC International Conference – a valued and respected platform for reflection, debate and exchange of knowledge and ideas, rooted in practice.**



Water Engineering and Development Centre (WEDC)  
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## About our conferences

Our conferences bring together participants from the research, practice and policy communities to discuss and explore the broad range of issues related to water engineering and development.

They typically attract attendees from more than forty countries. In addition to traditional presentation and poster formats, the conferences incorporate sessions where participants can discuss key themes. There are opportunities for international agencies to provide training for sector professionals, workshops to support students, and exhibitions from other sector stakeholders.

## About this conference

Our title for the forthcoming conference – *Water and Climate Resilience* – recognises that the world faces a future that is uncertain as we face the global challenge of reducing the impact the changing climate has on the water sector.

For over fifty years, WEDC has sought to develop the knowledge and capacity of both individuals and institutions across the world working to meet the challenges of the sector, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. The WEDC International Conferences continue to be key to supporting learning and sharing, which is critical for progress towards global goals and aspirations. To this end, we encourage open and honest exchange and debate of our experiences within our changing environment.

The conference comprises keynote presentations on Monday 9 September 2024, followed by four days of online presentations; interactive discussions of peer-reviewed content; agency events from international organizations working in the sector; and online exhibitions.

## Conference focus

The title of the conference reflects its focus. We invite delegates to submit an abstract or poster proposal for review on a subject that

specifically addresses the issues related to water and climate resilience and adaptation within the context of one or more of the following topics:

- Disaster risk management
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services
- Emerging technologies for water management (inc. AI)
- Flood management
- Nature-based solutions
- Water security
- Water quality

## Delegate contributions

Delegates may submit for review two types of conference contributions – i.e:

- **Extended abstracts** with a view to presenting a 10 minute recorded themed presentation of the subject followed with 10 minutes of discussion. The abstract is *limited to two pages*. We ask authors to closely address an aspect of one of the topics listed above within the context of climate resilience.
- **Poster proposals** related to the conference focus and one of the topics, outlining the subject. There is the opportunity to display the poster in the Poster Gallery. There are also additional opportunities for a selection of posters to be presented live in one of the poster sessions.

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## Templates

Templates for all contributions and guidance documents for authors and presenters are available from our conference portal

[My WEDC](#).

If you wish to submit an abstract or poster proposal, please read the document *Guidance for Authors and Presenters* carefully before you submit your contribution as it contains detailed information about the requirements for submission as well as the review process. It will also advise you what to do next if your abstract or poster is accepted.

**The deadline for submission of extended abstracts and poster proposals is 1 March 2024.**

**Authors will be informed of the outcome of the review by 30 April 2024.**

## Agency events

International agencies are invited to present a session and/or training for delegates (who may include their staff from across the globe) on a subject of their own choosing within the broad focus of the conference.

Agency events are 1.5 hour slots integrated into the conference programme. An event is an opportunity for an agency to review and reflect on current programmes or projects, share results, introduce new approaches, or consult with the conference audience on emerging topics in the sector through live interactive presentations and discussions. We aim to include an exciting variety and balance of topics in our agency event programme.

These events are in high demand, so we ask convenors to send an expression of interest by email to [Rod Shaw](#), Conference Manager, in the first instance. Then to confirm attendance, download the application form from the conference website and apply formally by **14 June 2024**.

Please note that there is a fee of £950 for holding an agency event. Any number of delegates may attend at no additional cost, according to an agency's requirements and

capacity, so long as the total number of conference delegates does not exceed the maximum limit.

## Exhibitions

Exhibitors will enjoy a unique and valuable opportunity to showcase their cutting edge developments, products, services and approaches in the exhibition area with direct links to their product websites.

Visit the website for further details and apply by email to [Rod Shaw](#) by **14 June 2024** attaching an exhibitor booking form.

Please note that there is a fee of £500 for an exhibition. There is no restriction to the number of your staff you may wish to ask to mind your virtual stall, so long as the total number of conference delegates does not exceed the maximum limit.

## Conference Proceedings

Accepted presentations and posters to be presented at the conference will appear in the *Conference Proceedings*. Authors and other contributors should note that a condition of submission of a presentation will be that they consent to these appearing online as items in the Proceedings.

The Proceedings will be stored in Loughborough University's Institutional Repository indefinitely, as a publicly accessible resource.

All delegates should note that live discussions and chats will also form part of the Proceedings. Contributors and other delegates will be asked on registration to accept these terms and conditions. However, you may participate without featuring in the Proceedings provided that you are not a presenter or contribute to the session discussions.

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## Provisional timetable

Friday 27 August	Registration deadline for delegates. (Please note that the registration deadline for authors and presenters is 31 July)
Monday 9 September	Plenary Session with keynote speakers
Tuesday 14 – Friday 13 September	Presentations, posters and discussion sessions, agency events, exhibitions

## Donations

Although access to the conference is free of charge, we would be grateful to receive voluntary donations as contributions to the John Pickford Scholarship Fund. The fund helps to support disadvantaged students to study one of our educational programmes in the UK or by distance learning. You can make a donation on [Loughborough University's Online Store](#).

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## Registration

Authors, presenters, exhibitors, and agency staff are required to register for the conference by **31 July 2024**. The registration deadline for all other delegates is **27 August 2024**.

## How to register for the conference

Registration is a two-stage process:

**Firstly**, please sign up to [My WEDC](#) and create a profile. If you already have one, *please do not create a duplicate*. Instead, amend your existing profile. You can do this now to receive notifications of updates throughout 2024. Once you have signed up, you will find the documents, templates and forms for participation at the conference, including the extended abstract template; the poster proposal form; and application forms for agency events and exhibitions.

**Secondly**, when registration for the conference is open later in 2024, please login into [My WEDC](#) which will direct you to the 43rd WEDC International Conference registration point.

*\* In the event that the maximum number of registered places at the conference is reached, priority for entry will be given to authors, reviewers keynote speakers, agencies, exhibitors and WEDC staff.*



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