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in water and sanitation

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40th WEDC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Local Action with International Cooperation
to Improve and Sustain Water, Sanitation
and Hygiene (WASH) Services**

CALL FOR PAPERS and other contributions

24–28 July 2017, Loughborough, UK

We are proud to invite you to celebrate our unparalleled (more than 40 years) history at our 40th conference hosted at home with us in Loughborough.

The title reflects the WEDC conference vision and ambition — to learn from our shared experiences, and achievements to support the sustainable delivery of local WASH services through international cooperation.

The week includes three days to discuss and debate peer reviewed content, followed by two days of tailored capacity development workshops.

Our programme structure incorporates a variety of innovative presentation and learning formats, which readily enable networking and facilitate collective learning. Typically attracting participants from research, practice and policy communities across more than 40 countries, this is truly a unique international event.

Come and join us!



<http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/>



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Our programme includes the following options for contributions

Papers and discussion sessions

From Monday to Wednesday a variety of papers, grouped thematically, will be presented and discussed.

Papers may be direct accounts of projects, or programmes and aim to share successes and failure of approaches and field experiences including lessons learnt or they may introduce new knowledge developed with clear rigorous methodologies and analysis. The paper submission deadline is 24th February 2017. Papers will usually be reviewed within three weeks from the date of submission. See guidance for authors and select the conference paper template from: http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/author_info.html

Espresso slots

A number of the discussion sessions are also dedicated to mixed topic espresso slot presentations. This innovative and popular format allows presenters to introduce strictly four slides in five minutes, followed by discussion time. Please note that presentations must be received a minimum of a day in advance of presentation, provided that spaces are available. Slides are reviewed beforehand and will be included in the Conference Proceedings. Please send your slides to J.Fisher1@lboro.ac.uk

Posters

Posters are simple summaries of a relevant topic or project, reviewed by the Editor. These will be prominently displayed during the conference, with time allocated for dedicated discussions. Posters can be submitted for review by the Editor up to the end of June 2017. Please send your posters to R.J.Shaw@lboro.ac.uk for review. Hard copies of posters

which have passed the review should be handed in for display during registration in Loughborough. Poster preparation guidelines are available from http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/author_info.html

Side events

Side events are a 1.5 hour slots in the programme. International agencies, programmes or projects share results, introduce new approaches, or consult with the conference audience on emerging topics in the sector, using various formats. We aim to include an exciting variety and balance of topics in our side event programme. There are side event opportunities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. These are in high demand, so we ask conveners to download the proposal form and apply for these by 3rd March 2017: http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/side_events.html

Exhibition

Exhibitors enjoy a unique and valuable opportunity to meet and interact with a global practitioner WASH audience, see cutting edge developments, products, services and approaches, particularly during break times when delegates meet and mingle in the exhibition area. Typically our delegates number around 400, from more than 40 countries, and include a diverse range of professionals and decision makers. See the following link for further details and a booking form: <http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/exhibition.html>

Capacity development workshops

We invite partner organisations to submit proposals for capacity development workshops. These may be of full or half day duration. The capacity development application form can be found on our website. <http://wedc.lboro.ac.uk/conference/40/workshops.html>

Topics

We particularly welcome submissions which will contribute to the following specific thematic discussions:

1. The water energy nexus
2. Faecal sludge management in urban contexts
3. Approaches to safely manage drinking water
4. WASH services in the transition from emergency to development
5. Disaster risk management — implications for WASH
6. How to instigate menstrual hygiene management
7. How to link WASH, nutrition and health
8. Achieving improved sustainability of WASH services
9. Success and challenges in transboundary water management

We also welcome contributions on any aspect of WASH in emerging economies, including, but not restricted to:

sanitation and wastewater, faecal sludge management, water treatment, water supply, solid waste management and urban drainage, climate change adaptation, IWRM, sector and project financing, institutional development, capacity building and training, knowledge management and dissemination, equity and inclusion — reaching underserved groups, community-based approaches.

Key dates

Deadline for initial paper submissions and capacity development workshop proposals: 24th February 2017.

We aim to review papers and provide comments within three weeks of submission.

Deadline for re-submission of revised papers addressing review comments: 24th March 2017.

Deadline for side event applications: 3rd March 2017.

Deadline for the receipt of poster pdfs: 30th June 2017.

Exhibition space is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

It is vital that the deadline dates for submissions are adhered to in order to allow time for reviewers to assess the papers and to give authors opportunity to make corrections, and to ensure the inclusion of papers in the conference pre-prints and the programme. Authors will be informed of the outcome of the final papers review by: 21st April 2016.

Accepted papers

Accepted papers and posters to be presented at the conference will appear in the pre-prints. Afterwards, the Proceedings will be available on a USB memory stick and all presented papers will be available for free download from the WEDC Knowledge Base.

Please see our website for further information, including our conference overview video and guidance for authors and the paper template:

<http://www.wedconference.co.uk>

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<https://wedc-knowledge.lboro.ac.uk>

Provisional programme

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 24th July	Registration / Conference opening ceremony / Paper and discussion sessions / side events		
Tuesday 25th July	Paper and discussion sessions / side events		Networking night
Wednesday 26th July	Paper and discussion sessions / side events		Gala Dinner
Thursday 27th July	Capacity Development Workshops (themes to be announced)		
Friday 28th July	Capacity Development Workshops (themes to be announced)		

The unique features of the WEDC International Conference

- Conference sessions are facilitated by sector experts, who dedicate equal time to presentation and facilitated discussion ensuring that key lessons are identified, and that the collective experiences from participants are shared to enhance the learning of both presenters and the audience.
- Our focus on sharing of practice and experiences seeks to actively encourage constructive dialogue and debate between researchers and practitioners. This helps to ensure that future research addresses the needs of practitioners and that practitioners are aware of the latest research findings.
- Our open access database of conference papers is a unique repository within the sector and enables sharing of current experiences beyond the conference audience with up to 20,000 downloads per month.
- Our audience is predominantly (more than 70 percent) from low- and middle-income countries; as such, experience is shared by people working in similar contexts, where lessons and good practice are more readily transferrable.

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