

# Summit Announcement & Call for Content

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## WEF SWI Stormwater Summit 2023

*Rain to Rivers: Planning for a Better Tomorrow*

June 27-30, 2023

Kansas City, Missouri, USA

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: January 18, 2023**

This conference is to be held by the Water Environment Federation in cooperation with the Kansas Water Environment Association and the Missouri Water Environment Association

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The 2023 Stormwater Summit is crafted to deepen the technical knowledge of professionals from around the world involved with meeting challenges in managing stormwater in a changing world and provide in-person and virtual forums where leading issues in the sector are discussed.

This conference will include oral presentations, interactive discussions, pre-conference workshops, tours, exhibits, technology spotlights, and opportunities for networking in dynamic settings. Potential speakers are invited to submit content for an abstract for podium presentations, interactive panel discussions, thematic sessions, and workshops. It is requested that all content be submitted under the topic that most closely matches its primary focus.

In keeping with the 2023 theme, the following topics being considered, with an emphasis on resiliency and sustainability, integrated planning and design, smart solutions, funding and financing, stormwater asset management, and regulation and policy. Content topics also being considered are presented below. Where possible, presentations incorporating equity and environmental justice are being encouraged.

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| A. Funding and Financing               | H. Innovation and Technology in Stormwater Management      |
| B. Stormwater Asset Management         | I. Operations and Maintenance                              |
| C. Resiliency and Sustainability       | J. Program Development, Management, Planning, and Analysis |
| D. Regulation and Policy               | K. Design and Modeling                                     |
| E. Environmental Justice               | L. Implementation and Construction                         |
| F. Watershed-Based/Integrated Planning | M. Linear & Urban Retrofit Projects                        |
| G. Outreach and Community Engagement   | N. Smart Solutions   |

**All abstracts, session proposals, and workshop proposals must be submitted online no later than midnight Eastern time on January 18, 2023.**

To submit, go to: [www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit](http://www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit)

For more information on submitting content and accepted presenter requirements, please see our Speaker Information page: [www.wef.org/sc-speaker-information](http://www.wef.org/sc-speaker-information)

*The Selection Criteria and Contact Info are on the Following Page*

## Important Information about Stormwater Summit 2023 Content Submissions

**Method of Submittal:** Online only please. Please visit [www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit](http://www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit) for a direct link to the online submittal site. Content must be received by Midnight Eastern on January 18, 2023.

**Abstract Review Criteria:** Abstracts shall be no longer than 9,000 characters (approx. 1000 words). One additional page may be submitted with tables, graphics, and/or images

Content will be evaluated and ranked for selection based on their total score using criteria in the following table:

Content Evaluation Criteria					
Scoring Level	Originality	Status of Project	Technical Content	Benefits & Impact	Quality
1	Nothing new	Proposed idea with no plan or results to evaluate	Concept only	Of no interest to audience	Minimal text, limited discussion of project
2	Small impact on body of knowledge	Idea with well-developed plan but no results	Well defined concept and clear goals and objectives	Modest benefit to focused audience	Clear relevant text but no tables or figures*
3	Modest impact on body of knowledge	Interesting results but much work remaining	Well defined concept, clear goals, objectives and methods	Modest benefit to broad audience	Clear text and either one table or figure*
4	Very significant improvement to body of knowledge	Preliminary results demonstrating good potential for success	Clear goals, objectives and methods. Outcomes suggested but not fully described	High interest and benefit to focused audience	Clear text with figures and tables but presentation or logic could be improved*
5	Potential breakthrough	Idea fully developed, plan completed and well documented results	Clear objectives, methods described, outcomes fully described, and (anticipated) conclusions outlined	Broad benefits to broad audience	Well written logical text with high quality figures and tables*

\*Abstracts should include figures and tables if applicable. We understand that for some abstracts, graphics may not be applicable.

**Workshop and Session Proposals:** The following pages go into detail on what is expected for a workshop or session proposal. For each, the description should be no longer than 9,000 characters (approx. 1000 words).

**After Selection:** All submitters will be notified of their placement in the technical program in February 2023. Per WEF's policy, selected abstract authors are required to submit manuscripts prior to the deadline. Session and workshop proposal submitters are not required to submit manuscripts.

Presenters are expected to register for the Conference and pay the appropriate registration fee.

No travel or assistance funds are available for speakers.

***For Questions or Additional Information Please Contact:***

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# Submitting a Session Proposal

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***Session proposals can be presented in different formats from the traditional podium presentation, such as a panel discussion, mini-workshop, and interactive discussion. We are open to whatever format you can come up with and encourage creativity.***

With an abstract proposal, the committee places selected abstracts together to form a session. However, with a session proposal, the session coordinator is responsible for finding all the speakers to fill between 1-2.5 hours and developing the timing and format of the session as a whole. Session coordinators will arrange the program and work with WEF staff to curate the session. Session proposals should be more interactive than the traditional podium presentations created through abstracts.

As a session coordinator, WEF asks that a proposal be completed and submitted for review through the online submittal site, Attendee Interactive (AI). The Specialty Conference Committee will review all submittals and announce accepted sessions at the same time as the final technical program in February.

**For complete proposals, WEF requires information on the following items:**

- ❖ **Session Title**
- ❖ **Selection of Full or Half Session**
  - Full Session: 2.5 hours total; 1.5 hours content, 45 min break, 1 hour content
  - Half Session: either 1.5 hours or 1 hour long (please indicate the length in the description)
- ❖ **Contact Information for Session Coordinator**
  - This person will be WEF's main contact throughout the process and is expected to work with the speakers throughout the development of the content for the program.
- ❖ **Contact Information for Each Session Presenter**
  - The selected speakers should be from different companies, utilities, and organizations. As an example, a successful session would not provide content from speakers who are all clients of the same consultant.
- ❖ **Session Description**
  - Should be no longer than 9,000 characters (approx. 1000 words)
- ❖ **Three Learning Objectives**
- ❖ **Session Agenda**
  - Should follow Half or Full Session timing listed above
  - Should include title, timing, and speaker for each portion to be included in the public program
- ❖ **Target Audience** (a suggested list will be provided)

**All session proposals must be submitted online by January 18, 2023  
at [www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit](http://www.wef.org/StormwaterSummit)**

*Questions about your submittal?  
Please Email: [SWSummit@wef.org](mailto:SWSummit@wef.org)*

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Pre-conference workshops are additional add-on programs available for conference registrants. A workshop is a highly interactive, hands-on, immersive learning experience. We offer both full day and half-day workshop experiences. Interaction is what makes a workshop a workshop. It needs to be well-integrated throughout the day. Do not hold the interaction until the end of the day.

Speakers and facilitators are encouraged to brainstorm and incorporate interactive activities to deliver their subject matter expertise and content in a meaningful way to the participants. As speakers also help facilitate and support the interactive components, plenty of face time, one-on-one, and small group knowledge is exchanged. **Workshops with interactive components interspersed throughout the session will be prioritized for selection.**

These programs follow strict guidelines so that the highest level of education credits (CEUs) can be awarded for all WEF workshops. In order to be approved for CEUs, workshop agendas and descriptions must be finalized at least 90 days before the event.

As a workshop coordinator, WEF asks that a proposal be completed and submitted for review through the online submittal site, Attendee Interactive (AI). The Specialty Conference Committee will review all submittals and announce accepted workshops in January.

**For complete proposals, WEF requires information on the following items:**

- ❖ **Workshop Title**
- ❖ **Full- or Half-Day Program**
  - Full-day Workshop: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
  - Half-day Workshop: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
  - Breaks for all workshops: 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Contact Information for Workshop Coordinator**
  - This person will be WEF's main contact throughout the process and is expected to work with the speakers throughout the development of the content for the program.
  - This person will ensure WEF receives all deliverables.
- ❖ **Contact Information for Each Workshop Presenter**
  - The selected speakers should be from different companies, utilities, and organizations. As an example, a successful workshop would not provide content from speakers who are all clients of the same consultant.
- ❖ **Workshop Description**
  - Should be no longer than 9,000 characters (approx. 1000 words)
- ❖ **Three Learning Objectives**
- ❖ **Description of All Breakout Group Activities and/or Interactive Components**
- ❖ **Workshop Agenda**
  - Following Full-day or Half-day workshop timing listed above
  - Should include title, timing, and speaker for each portion to be included in the public program
- ❖ **Target Audience** (a suggested list will be provided)
- ❖ **Preferences for Room Layout, Attendance, and More**

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