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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 the collective experiences of both presenters and the audience.
- 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 14,000 downloads per month.
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Please see our website for further information, including our conference overview video, fees, accommodation and guidance for authors and the paper template: [http://www.wedcconference.co.uk](http://www.wedcconference.co.uk)
The programme includes the following options for contributions:

**Papers and Discussion Sessions**

From Monday to Wednesday a variety of briefing and refereed papers will be presented and discussed. Papers will be grouped thematically, and sessions will include both types of papers. Briefing papers may be direct accounts of projects, or programmes and aim to share successes and failure of approaches and field experiences including lessons learnt. Top quality refereed papers from global WASH leaders are structured to incorporate new knowledge, clear rigorous methodologies and analysis. Lively and constructive discussions are common, such that experiences from the floor complement those presented and enhance the collective learning experience. Details of submission process and deadlines are provided below.

**Espresso Slots**

A number of these discussion sessions are also dedicated to mixed topic espresso slot presentations. This innovative and interactive format allows presenters to introduce strictly four slides in five minutes, followed by discussion time. Please note that presentations must be available for review 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 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://www.wedcconference.co.uk/author_info.html.

**Side Events**

Side events are 1.5 hour slots in the early evening (typically 17.30 – 19.00). International agencies, programmes or projects share results, introduce new approaches, or consult with the audience on emerging topics in the sector, using various formats. We aim to includeSide events are a 1.5-hour slot in the early evening (typically 17:30–19:00). International agencies, programmes, or projects share results, introduce new approaches, or consult with the audience on emerging topics in the sector, using various formats. We aim to include a variety of approaches, particularly WASH audience, cutting edge developments, products, services and dissemination, equity and inclusion – reaching underserved groups, community-based approaches, climate change adaptation.

**Key dates**

- **Deadline for Initial Paper submissions and Capacity Development Workshop proposals** on or before 1st February 2016. Papers will be reviewed and comments provided to authors within three weeks of submission.
- **Deadline for Side Event applications and papers revised to address review comments** to be resubmitted by authors not later than 1st March 2016.
- **Authors will be informed of acceptance of final papers by 31st March 2016.**
- **Exhibition space is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**
- **Accepted papers and posters will be presented on a CD and all presented papers will be available for free download from the WEDC Knowledge Base.**

**Exhibition**

Exhibitors enjoy a unique and valuable opportunity to meet and interact with a global audience of WASH practitioners. They can allow for some flexibility on the timing of preferred slots to help ensure programme coherence. There are side event opportunities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. These are in high demand, so we ask exhibitors to download the proposal form and apply for these by 1st March 2016. http://www.wedcconference.co.uk/exhibition.html

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**Topics**

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

1. Leadership in WASH
2. Mainstreaming equity and inclusion within institutions
3. WASH services management in the transition from emergency to development
4. Emerging transformative technologies and ‘leapfrogging’ in WASH
5. Water, sanitation and hygiene risk management – implications for WASH
6. Inclusive menstrual hygiene
7. Linking WASH, nutrition and health
8. Monitoring and learning programmes in WASH
9. **Capacity Development Workshop proposals**

We also welcome contributions on any aspect of WASH in emerging economies, including, but not restricted to: sanitation and wastewater; faecal sludge management; drainage; management; water treatment; institutional development; capacity building; gender and equity; training and knowledge management and dissemination; equity and inclusion – reaching underserved groups.

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