



Workshops Info – WRF 2021

Workshops at WRF 2021

The WRF 2021 conference—under the theme of a “*A Green Deal for Sustainable Resources*”—will be co-hosted by the **World Resources Forum Association (WRFA)** and the Ghanaian **Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI)**, and will take place on **12-14 October 2021** with a hybrid format: three days of online sessions and two physical hubs in Accra (Ghana) and Zürich (Switzerland).

In line with previous editions, the program of WRF 2021 will include a series of **parallel workshop sessions**, which are organized and hosted by partner organisations working on projects and initiatives related to the three conference tracks: **primary resources**, **secondary resources** and **circular economy**. This year, due to the hybrid format of the event, all the workshops will take place online.

By providing an open space for contribution to international organisations active in the fields of industry, policy, entrepreneurship, research, non-profit and civil society, the WRF conference aims at creating the conditions for participants to confront experiences, learn from each other, create linkages, and explore synergies for future cooperation. Organising a workshop for WRF 2021 allows you to actively participate in the co-design of innovative solutions related to the governance and use of natural resources.

What we are looking for

A workshop proposal covers the **entire organisation** of a workshop, including topic and format selection, inviting speakers and moderator, and a workshop report. The WRF team takes care of the overall organisation of the online event, providing the platform and technical support if needed. Furthermore, WRF is happy to support the promotion of the workshop and to provide additional support to ensure an engaging and flawless session.

Workshops put emphasis on **concrete cases, solutions, lessons learned**, and **future agendas**. Key questions to focus on during the workshop are: What was successful? What did not work, and why? What do we need to make it work? How can it be replicated into different contexts? What can be the potential relevance and impact on a global scale?

Workshops integrating **cross-cutting topics** such as governance, policy, innovation, multi-stakeholder participation, financing, communication, education, digitalisation, linkages to climate change, and poverty will be prioritised.

Given the virtual nature of the event, it is important to adopt **creative workshop formats** able to ensure dynamic interaction, idea generation, match-making opportunities and active participation in a multi-stakeholder setting.

Workshops at WRF 2021 are programmed to last **50 mins** each.

WRF 2021 Conference Tracks

Primary Resources <i>Fair resource extraction for a quality future</i>	Secondary Resources <i>From waste to resources for development</i>	Circular Economy <i>Designing systems for circular resources</i>
<p>Mineral governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible sourcing • Perspective of extractive economies • Public-private partnership initiatives • Supply security 	<p>Special waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-waste • End-of-life Vehicles (ELVs) • Plastics • Batteries • ODS Management 	<p>CE across sectors and products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics • Plastics • Food systems • Textiles
<p>Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and environmental impacts • Minamata convention • Driving forces in global value chains • Informal ASM integration 	<p>Innovation and technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous waste treatment • Take-back systems • Due diligence approach • Informal-formal partnerships 	<p>Rethinking business models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From products to services • Product design • Industrial Symbiosis • Nature-based solutions • Enabling environment
<p>Trade & Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade flows • Illicit Financial Flows • Transparency and traceability methods, • Sustainable financing • legal and regulatory provisions 	<p>Favourable framework conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and regulations • EPR and financing • Transboundary movement • Inclusive recycling 	<p>Africa circular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The human side of circular economy • Low carbon solutions • Leap-frog opportunities • Transition process

Submission conditions

I. Workshop proposal format

Each workshop proposal must include the following:

- Title of the workshop
- Description of issues covered
- Workshop organizers and workshop chairs (names, affiliation, and contact information)
- Invited speakers (indicate confirmed and to be invited, or to be confirmed speakers)
- Indicative format/structure of the workshop, including tentative workshop program, IT requirements, and preferred day of the workshop
- Indication of who you will invite to join and how you will promote your workshop.

II. Workshop proposal submission

Submissions can be sent online by filling out the “Workshop Proposal Submission Form” to emanuele.difrancesco@wrforum.org and wrf2021@wrforum.org.

III. Workshop preparation and organization deadlines:

- Call for workshops online: April 1st, 2021
- Workshop proposal submission deadline: July 10th, 2021
- Notification of acceptance: August 10th, 2021
- Confirmation of workshop speakers: August 31st, 2021
- Final Workshop program: September 12th, 2021

IV. Requirements

WRF may contact you with suggestions to modify or complement your proposal. For example, WRF may ask you to provide additional speakers, cases, or adapted formats.

You are required to send us a 2-page summary report of your workshop within two weeks after the event. The report will be included in the WRF 2021 Meeting Report.

V. Partnership Agreement & Finances

The World Resources Forum Association has defined a partnership model for workshop organisers, which includes the payment of a standard rate per workshop in exchange for a series of benefits for the organisers.

For a partnership fee of **5,000 Euro** to be paid to WRFA, which also covers online and physical hubs related costs, workshops organisers will benefit from:

- Choice of content, speakers and format for a **50 mins workshop session** branded by their organisation;

- High **visibility** on the WRF 2021 conference website, virtual event platform and related communication materials;
- Dedicated **communication campaign** before, during and after the event through WRF communication channels;
- **10 tickets** for the three-days online conference included (physical hubs access upon request and depending on availability);
- Opportunity to host a **virtual booth** in the virtual event platform to engage the event participants with tailored communication material.