



WORLD RESOURCES FORUM 2020  
June 23–25, 2020  
Accra, Ghana

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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#### ABOUT

The World Resources Forum (WRF) is the global science-based platform for sharing knowledge about the economic, social and environmental implications of global resource use.

WRF promotes innovation for resource productivity by building bridges among researchers, policymakers, businesses, SMEs, NGOs and civil society. The flagship activity is the annual WRF Conference.

Previous conferences in Davos (Switzerland), Beijing (China), Arequipa (Peru), San Jose (Costa Rica) and Antwerp (Belgium) attracted each time many hundreds of participants from all continents who discussed new ways and strategies to tackle regional and global resource problems. The WRF 2020 conference will be hosted by the Ghanaian Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI).

#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants are welcome to submit the following types of contributions:

- ▶ Short proceedings for oral presentations (approx. 15 minutes in total)
- ▶ Posters (A0, 90x120 cm) for oral presentations (special sessions planned)
- ▶ Proposals for workshops and side events (companies and NGOs) – please contact [info@wrforum.org](mailto:info@wrforum.org) for more information

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ Opening of abstract submission: **Dec 18, 2019**
- ▶ Early evaluation request\*: **Jan 30, 2020**
- ▶ Abstract submission deadline: **Feb 15, 2020**
- ▶ Notification of acceptance: **Mar 15, 2020**
- ▶ Registration deadline for authors: **May 1, 2020**
- ▶ Announcement of final program: **May 15, 2020**
- ▶ WRF 2020 conference: **Jun 23-25, 2020**

\* Please note that it is possible for those submitting an abstract to ask for early notification of acceptance if they need a visa or to raise funds in order to attend the conference.

#### KEY TOPICS



Primary resources

##### Fair resource extraction for a quality future

**Mineral governance:**  
Perspective of extractive economies, public-private partnership initiatives, responsible sourcing, supply security

**Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining:**  
Social and environmental impacts, minamata convention, driving forces in global value chains, informal ASM integration

**Illicit Financial Flows:**  
Trade flows, issues and impacts, traceability methods, sustainable financing, legal and regulatory provisions



Secondary resources

##### From waste to resources for development

**Special waste:**  
E-waste, End-of-life vehicles (ELVs), Plastics, Batteries, ODS Management

**Innovation and technology:**  
Hazardous waste treatment, informal-formal partnerships, take-back systems, due diligence approach

**Favourable framework conditions:**  
Policy and regulations, EPR and financing, transboundary movement, inclusive recycling



Circular economy

##### Making a case for circular resources

**CE across different sectors and products:**  
Electronics, plastics, food systems, textiles

**Rethinking business models (for CE):**  
From products to services, product design, industrial symbiosis, enabling environment

**Africa circular:**  
The human side of circular economy, low carbon solutions, leap-frog opportunities, transition process

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Paper abstracts (max 300 words) of either theoretical or applied nature can be submitted online via the [WRF conference tool \(https://www.conftool.org/wrf2020/\)](https://www.conftool.org/wrf2020/).

Contributions should address one of the three key topics listed above and should not have been previously presented at international conferences or published in international journals. Final acceptance of any contribution requires registration of the author to attend the conference. The Scientific Expert Committee determines whether the author of an accepted short proceeding is ultimately invited for a paper or poster presentation.

Selected abstracts will be published in a peer reviewed journal. Upon agreement with the corresponding author, all provided information including PowerPoint presentations and posters will be made accessible to the public on the WRF website after the conference.

## PROGRAMME FOR POLITICS, BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

The conference is open to various stakeholders and offers a broad programme:

- ▶ Plenary sessions with presentations and statements from high-level politicians, economic leaders and academic experts
- ▶ Workshops and deep dive sessions
- ▶ Scientific sessions and posters presentations
- ▶ Special events and lively social programme
- ▶ Youth sessions
- ▶ Many networking opportunities
- ▶ Back to back events

## LANGUAGE

The language of the conference is English.

## VENUE

The WRF2020 will take place at the Accra international conference center, easily accessible from Kotoka international airport.



## TAKE-AWAYS OF THE CONFERENCE

- ▶ First-hand information about emerging issues and trends as well as progress done on resources management worldwide
- ▶ Interaction with decision makers
- ▶ Ideas for new business models, projects and research topics
- ▶ Quick and easy access to the latest scientific results
- ▶ Global visibility for activities and projects

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