



Rethinking Value - Resources for Planetary Wellbeing

4-6 September 2023, Geneva & Online

Call for Abstracts

About WRF'23

The World Resources Forum (WRF) is a world-leading conference in the field of sustainable natural resource management. We act as a multi-stakeholder platform to foster an open and solution-oriented dialogue among policy-makers, scientists, businesses, and civil society organisations. Following previous conferences which engaged over 15,000 participants in Switzerland, Japan, China, Peru, Costa Rica, Australia, Belgium and Ghana, WRF'23 'Rethinking Value - Resources for Planetary Wellbeing' will take place in a hybrid format in Geneva (Switzerland) and online. WRF'23 will dive into major transitions with a high-potential for making global resource use a driver for planetary wellbeing. With a rich and vibrant programme, WRF'23 provides an open platform for scientific contributors to present their research to scientists, policy-makers, businesses and civil society organisations.

Call for Abstracts

International experts from a broad and diverse range of fields are invited to submit their abstracts to present their contributions during WRF'23, either in-person in Geneva or online. This edition's conference tracks - Sufficiency, Value Chains and Digitalisation - will be explored through a multi-disciplinary approach able to convey together environmental, societal, technological, economic, governance and geo-political perspectives. By breaking down silos, the conference aims at enabling an informed exchange on the latest scientific advances in an accessible format. Based on the abstracts received, our Scientific Committee of 40+ international experts will review and approve the contributions that will be presented during the scientific programme of the conference. Please find below the details of the call, with guidelines and an overview of the thematic areas of interest under each conference track. Kindly note that there is no fee associated with the submission of abstracts.



Type of contributions

- Should address one of the three conference tracks
- Can be of either theoretical or applied nature
- Can be submitted for either oral or poster presentations
- Should present original results or updates from previous presentations and/or publications
- Written in English and of max. 400 words
- Submission of more than one abstract per person is allowed
- No full paper will be requested at any stage



Procedure

- Choose one conference track for your submission
- Submit your abstract online in the dedicated [abstract management portal](#)
- The abstract goes through double peer-review of an international scientific committee
- The scientific committee decides whether your abstract can be accepted as oral or poster presentation
- If accepted, you have the option to present either in-person in Geneva or online. Registration fee is required before the deadline.



Important Dates

- ➔ **15 December 2022:** Call for Abstracts is open
- ➔ **28 February 2023:** Submission deadline
- ➔ **1 June 2023:** Notification of acceptance
- ➔ **1 July 2023:** Registration deadline
- ➔ **4-6 September 2023:** Scientific presentations

Conference Tracks

Sufficiency

From a consumer to a sufficient society

Thematic areas of interest include:

- **Understanding sufficiency: definitions, drivers & metrics** (e.g. definitions, modeling, indicators, baseline needs & biophysical boundaries)
- **Sufficiency & justice** (e.g. climate justice, distributional justice, intergenerational justice)
- **Macro-economic & sectoral perspectives** (e.g. systemic effects, built environment, energy, mobility, infrastructure, food)
- **Sufficiency policies** (e.g. national policy instruments, regional and city initiatives, international governance, level playing field)
- **Sufficiency in business** (e.g. business models, innovation, sustainability strategy, public-private partnerships)
- **Sufficiency at individual and community level** (e.g. lifestyles, behavioural changes, indigenous & community practices, social resilience)

Value Chains

From extractive to regenerative value chains

Thematic areas of interest include:

- **Transforming value chains: drivers, challenges & examples** (e.g. global energy and mobility transitions, global impacts, local impacts, good practices)
- **Circular & regenerative economy** (e.g. business models, objectives, limits, examples, critical value chains)
- **Governance of raw materials value chains** (e.g. international agreements, regulations, standards, mineral resources, tailings & sand management)
- **Responsible sourcing** (e.g. business practices, informal sector, artisanal and small scale mining, transparency & traceability, due diligence, technologies)
- **Life cycle approaches** (e.g. products and materials life cycle, secondary resources & waste, social and environmental assessment)
- **Trade & finance** (e.g. commodity trading, sustainable investments, financing sustainability, international trade agreements, ESG)

Digitalisation

From growth to purpose

Thematic areas of interest include:

- **Enabling sustainability through digitalisation** (e.g. decarbonisation, dematerialisation, optimisation & efficiency, simulation & modeling)
- **Digital technologies & business models** (e.g. product-as-a-service, sharing economy, blockchain, IoT, big data)
- **Environmental footprint of digital technologies** (e.g. material demand, CO2 generation, energy consumption, e-waste, plastics & pollutants)
- **Greening of digital technologies** (e.g. design of digital devices, greener ICT infrastructure, sustainable software and hardware solutions, energy efficiency)
- **Rebound effects & behavioural aspects** (e.g. materials & energy consumption rebound, consumer behaviour, nudging)
- **The geopolitics of digitalisation** (e.g. trade in digital services, accessibility, inclusivity, conflicts, international cooperation & competition)

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