

# SESSION INFORMATION

## Plenary

*Format:* Single speaker or panel discussion

*Length:* 90 minutes

*Other Features:* Moderated Q&A

The Plenary series is the most attended event of the conference. The plenaries feature expert speakers from across science, policy and practice in the WASH sectors. One plenary session is scheduled per day and each session usually features a moderator and a panel of speakers discussing salient and significant themes.



## Side Events

*Format:* Topic "deep dives", collaborative discussions, presentations

*Length:* 90 minutes

Side events are intended to foster collaborative learning and understanding of specific topics in WASH. Sessions are attended by a cross-section of stakeholders, including practitioners, program managers, and scientists. Presenters share the latest resources, data, lessons learned, and other findings on salient WASH topics. The audience is encouraged to brainstorm new ideas and share insights with the goal of improving or scaling up the ideas discussed.



## Verbal Presentations

*Formate:* Presentation and Q&A

*Length:* 60 minutes

*Other Features:* 3 different speakers (15-minute presentation and 5-minute Q&A each)

The highest ranked abstracts, selected through a double blind peer review process, are offered the opportunity to share their research in a verbal presentation. Presenters give a 10-15 minute presentation summarizing results and findings from their research. There will be additional time allocated for answering questions from the audience.



## Special Lunch Sessions

*Format:* Casual presentation and Q&A  
*Length:* 60 minutes  
*Other Features:* Themed Programming

Lunch sessions bring people together around specific WASH topics over the lunch hour. These sessions focus on young professional development, special interest groups and topics, and showcases featuring new technology and innovations in the WASH sector.



## Poster Presentations

*Format:* Open hall with multiple presenters  
*Length:* 60-90 minutes  
*Other Features:* 25 to 30 posters per day

Selected abstract authors, chosen through a double blind peer review, are offered the opportunity to share their research findings using a poster format. Attendees can speak with and ask questions of abstract authors about their research.

## Exhibit Hall

*Format:* One-on-one or small group meetings with company representatives  
*Length:* Varied

The Exhibit Hall is an opportunity to interact with our sponsors. Sponsors host tables to showcase their work and products. Conference attendees can ask questions, test products, and make connections with company representatives. Without the generous support of our sponsors, this conference would not be possible.



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