



Information Note and Guidance for Paper and Poster Abstract Submissions

General guidelines

The theme of the XV World Forestry Congress is Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests. The Congress will bring together a diverse array of stakeholders to discuss and share views on the challenges and opportunities in the forest sector. The Congress will help ensure that forests are an integral part of discussions and decisions on sustainable development because of their importance for the health, well-being and stability of the planet and its peoples.

The XV World Forestry Congress Secretariat is calling for submissions of abstracts for papers and posters that illustrate ideas and examples of innovation, research findings, best practices and pathways that are relevant to the overall theme and one more sub-themes.

Deadline extended!

The deadline for submitting the abstracts for the papers or posters has been extended to **5 October 2020**.

Length

The title shall have maximum 200 characters including punctuation and spaces.

The abstract shall have maximum 2,000 characters including punctuation and spaces.

Content

The theme of the Congress is Building a Green, Healthy and Resilient Future with Forests, and we welcome abstracts on relevant topics that also align with at least one of the six Congress sub-themes:

- 1) Turning the tide: reversing deforestation and forest degradation
- 2) Nature-based solutions for climate-change adaptation and mitigation and biodiversity conservation
- 3) The green pathway to growth and sustainability
- 4) Forests and human health: revisiting the connections
- 5) Managing and communicating forest information and knowledge
- 6) Forests without boundaries: enhancing management and cooperation

How to submit an abstract

1. [Go to the online submission platform](#). Log in or Create an Account if you are submitting on this platform for the first time for WFC 2021. If you have created an account through other submissions (video or side event proposal), use the existing User ID and password to log in.
2. Go to the Technical Submission tab and select **Create New Submission**.

3. Choose **Paper & Poster Submission**, select **Continue**.
4. Select **Continue With This Type** and follow instructions on the site and submit. You will receive an automated email once you have successfully submitted.
Please note that the full submission instructions can be found inside the submission steps by clicking the '**Full Instructions**' link in the top right corner of the status bar on any submission page.
5. When you have completed the technical submission process, please save a copy of your submission details. To do this, scroll down to the Submissions section on the **View Submissions** page and select View Abstract from the dropdown.

Instructions on how to submit your full paper or poster will be sent to you if your abstract is accepted.

Review and selection process

Each abstract will be reviewed and evaluated by the review committee using the following criteria

- a. Overall relevance to the Congress theme and sub-themes
- b. Alignment to Global Development Agenda
- c. Innovative partnerships or collaboration with other organizations and institutions
- d. Innovative approach and new findings
- e. Scientific or technical quality of the abstract
- f. Theoretical framework, conceptual rationale, or pragmatic grounding
- g. Clarity of expression and readability

In addition to the above criteria, the gender and intergenerational balance of authors, balance between academic/scientific and practical experience/projects and geographical balance will also be considered during the selection process.

Following the abstract review, authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit their full papers and posters on the online submission platform. Details on submission and formatting will be sent to authors when they are notified of their abstract acceptances.

Accepted full papers and posters will be published on the XV World Forestry Congress website. Accepted posters may also be put on display in designated areas at the Congress venue.

A selected number of papers and posters with exceptional quality will be chosen for presentation during Congress sessions, special events, side events or shared through other platforms.

User rights and responsibilities

By submitting a paper or poster to the Congress, the authors agree that the full paper and poster will be published on the Congress website. The title, names and affiliations of authors, and the abstract of the paper will be used to introduce the paper.

Key dates

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| 5 October 2020 | Deadline for submission of abstracts for paper and poster |
| 11 November 2020 | Authors receive evaluation of abstracts |
| 8 January 2021 | Deadline for submission of full papers and posters for accepted abstracts |