



Call for Session and Workshop Proposals now open!

Join us for the World Biodiversity Forum 2020, taking place the 23 – 28 February in Davos, and explore the future of biodiversity.

The inaugural World Biodiversity Forum will bring together leading researchers, early career researchers, practitioners, representatives from different sectors, decision-makers and societal actors to have a conversation on the kind of future we want (and/or do not want) for biodiversity.

The Forum will provide a platform for exchange, covering a wide range of perspectives, and capturing a diversity of visions. With this, it aims to **redefine and set the agenda for biodiversity as a focal point** over the next 10 years. The themes of the conference include *Changing Biodiversity, Values and Concepts, Future of Biodiversity and Making an Impact*.

We welcome contributions that

- Reflect on the importance and benefits of biodiversity for human wellbeing, and the value and impact of biodiversity research for society
- Reflect on the responsibility and accountability of the different sectors and societal actors in regard to the conservation of biodiversity
- Identify what is needed to successfully implement/use current knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem function.
- Identify best practices for generation of products and services for different sectors and societal actors, including corporations.

Proposed sessions should cut across disciplines, cover a diversity of perspectives and visions and address current topics in novel ways. We accept proposals for thematic sessions and interactive workshops.

Deadline for submissions is the 21 July 2019.

Thematic Sessions

Sessions provide the platform to discuss topics of interest in an in-depth manner. The proposed sessions can take different forms, from the traditional scientific sessions with one key note and 4 - 6 additional talks, 4 - 6 talks leading to an in-depth discussion of a specific topic, or a panel or round table discussion involving 4 - 6 invited participants.

We encourage session proposals that examine the value of biodiversity for different sectors and the existing/envisaged commitments of sectors, societal actors and policy to implement measures that protect and conserve biodiversity, and lead to e.g. special issues in journals, journal articles, white papers, policy briefs, and more.

[Submit your session proposal](#)

Workshops

Workshops are interactive sessions and build on active participation of the audience. They foster networking, facilitate interaction and contribute to skills development. Workshops can be conceived as training workshops, or as workshops to prepare e.g. a joint publication or a series of meetings around a specific topic.

We do have slots available for

- 1-day workshops (preceding the conference, limited slots available)
- 4-hour workshops (morning or afternoon)
- 2-hour workshops (morning or afternoon)
- lunch-time workshops (1 - 1.5 hours)

[Submit your workshop proposal](#)

For more information on the World Biodiversity Forum, visit www.worldbiodiversityforum.org or contact info@worldbiodiversityforum.org or biodiscovery@futureearth.org

We look forward to receiving your contributions!

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