

You are invited to present:

Briefing papers

An opportunity to share knowledge based on experience and practice (a maximum of 4 pages in length)

Refereed papers

An opportunity to present stronger evidence-based and data analysis components, together with appropriate knowledge sharing (between 4 and 8 pages in length)

Poster presentations and alternative formats

(includes audio-visual presentations, practical demonstrations, etc.). Posters will be displayed at the Conference; other formats will be scheduled into the Conference programme as appropriate and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Side events and sponsorship

There are opportunities to convene evening side events after the main programme.

Opportunities to sponsor the conference are also available. Please contact WEDC for further information and costs.

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What delegates liked about the last conference

"Interesting paper presentations, exchange with participants and organisers from all over the world".

"The range of topics at the sessions – it seems like there was a lot of effort put into ensuring the conference addressed the spectrum of current issues in the water field".

"Learning and experience sharing from different parts of the world".

"The learning, through the session papers – superb, stimulating and professional".

"Good forum for meeting experts in the water sector".

"The issues raised are important and timely, especially for developing countries, and an opportunity for sharing experience and networking".

Conference Countdown

Last date for submission of conference papers:
1 December 2010

First review completed / corrections requested by:
31 January 2011

Corrections completed by authors / submitted by:
28 February 2011

Final notification of acceptance by:
31 March 2011

'Early bird' payment deadline:
1 May 2011

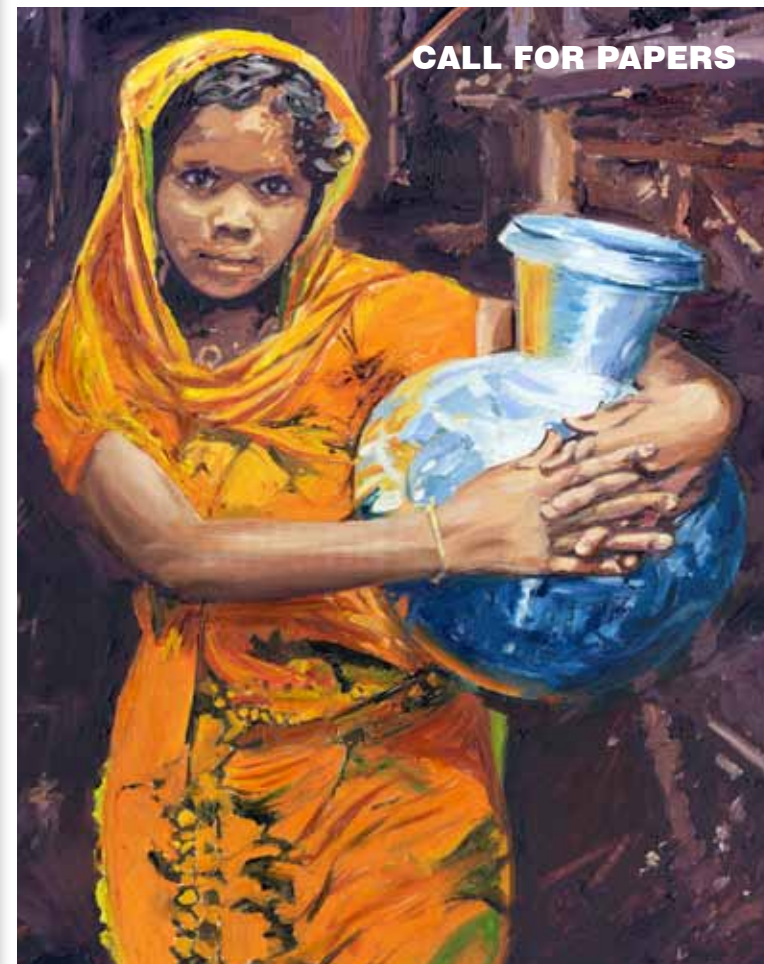
Last date for submission of presentation files
24 June 2011

Registration of delegates at the conference venue
5/6 July 2011

35th WEDC International Conference

THE FUTURE OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

Innovation, adaptation and engagement in a changing world



6 – 8 July 2011

Loughborough University UK

The 35th WEDC International Conference

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of WEDC in 2011, we are very pleased to invite you to Loughborough University, UK, where WEDC is based for the 35th WEDC Conference.

The WEDC International Conference, which is typically held in either Africa or Asia, is a practitioner and research focused conference, exchanging knowledge and experiences in the water and sanitation sector. Although hosting the conference in the UK is a break from a 34 year-long tradition, we feel this is a unique event and an exciting way to celebrate the 40th year of WEDC.

Prior to the conference, on Tuesday July 5th, we will hold an Open Day at WEDC. As well as registering for the conference, you will also be able to visit the WEDC Resources Centre, attend sessions on using the WEDC Knowledge Base, and speak to staff and current students about WEDC courses and research studentships or any other continuing professional development interests you may have. In the week following the conference, we will offer a range of short courses.

The numbers are limited to 250. We particularly encourage delegates from low-income countries from the public and private sectors, Higher Education and research institutes, donors and bi-lateral agencies and NGO practitioners to submit papers.

WEDC is one of the world's leading education and research institutes for developing knowledge and capacity in water and sanitation for sustainable development and emergency relief. We focus on solutions for people in low-and middle-income countries, helping to provide evidence-based answers to important questions – not only about what needs to be done to improve basic infrastructure and essential services – but also how to go about it.

The WEDC International Conference is a highly respected, global platform for leaders of water and sanitation innovation in low-income countries. The 35th Conference will address issues from across the sector, bringing together practitioners, decision makers and researchers from different sub-sectors and from the field, government office or university laboratory, to exchange views and present the latest findings through presentations, discussions and informal networking.

Emerging issues

Looking back over 35 years of WEDC conferences, there have been many changes and developments in the water and sanitation sector. Looking to the future, continued innovation will be necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Some of these changes will be environmental, as global changes to the climate increase **flooding** in some areas and **water scarcity** in others. We will need to **prepare for disasters** and plan an effective **emergency response**. Individuals, communities and cities will become increasingly **vulnerable**. Pressure on natural resources will necessitate more **efficient use of water** as demands and conflicts increase. **Appropriate technologies** originally developed for high-income countries might offer potential solutions in some of these areas. Protection of existing finite resources will mean tackling problems of man-made **pollution**, especially through improved **urban sanitation** and addressing naturally occurring contaminants such as **arsenic** and **fluoride**.

There are exciting social and technical innovations at a community and individual level. **Community-led Total Sanitation** (CLTS), **self-supply** of water and **household water treatment** are bringing fresh insight into delivering basic services, putting real power into the hands of the users. This **changing role** for individuals and communities extends throughout the sector, with **NGOs**, the **private sector** and **governments** adapting to a shifting institutional environment. The role of the private sector extends beyond providing services, to providing financial and human resources as part of **corporate social responsibility**. As ever, financing the sector generally is a challenge, requiring **new funding mechanisms**, both large and small.

The **research** that underpins innovative approaches needs to be **managed** well. Putting **research into use** means engaging with practitioners to ensure delivery, so **capacity building** and **monitoring progress** are essential components of success. Sound research should also be supporting **policy development**.

Papers are invited that address these and other issues related to the future of water, sanitation and hygiene in low-income countries.

How to submit a paper or presentation

Download guidance notes for authors, together with the Word template file in which all papers should be submitted, from:

<http://www.wedconference.co.uk/>

Please note that papers not presented in the correct format will be returned.

**Deadline for submissions:
1 December 2010**

All submissions of briefing papers are reviewed by WEDC. Submissions of all refereed papers are reviewed both by WEDC and an external referee.

Authors will have the opportunity to make corrections and clarifications.

Final notification of acceptance will be by

31 March 2011

It is vital that the deadline dates for submissions are adhered to in order to allow time for reviewers to assess the paper and to give authors opportunity to make corrections, and ensure inclusion of papers in the conference pre-prints and programme.

Accepted papers and posters to be presented at the conference will appear in the Pre-prints. After the Conference, the Proceedings will be available on CD and papers will be available for free download from the WEDC Knowledge Base.

Payment can be made at the conference but discounts are given for early registration and payment before

1 May 2011