



World Congress on Public Health - Rome 2020

World Leadership Dialogues

Format

World Leadership Dialogues (WLD) are high-level sessions on hot topics in public health intended to complement the plenary themes. The purpose is to provide in-depth perspectives on key issues integrated into public health strategic plans/policies/health budgets perspectives.

WLD applications can be submitted by organizations, working groups (WFPHA, EUPHA, SITI), foundations but not individuals and should comply with the requirements as set out below. Additionally, these dialogues should be self-sustainable with the organizing groups covering all expenses related to the development of the session and the participation of the speakers including congress registration fees.

WLDs will be linked to the name of the organizations leading the session. WLDs will be run during a dedicated time slot (see programme- at-a-glance) and generally not in parallel with other sessions (i.e. workshops, parallel sessions, posters walk etc.).

A call for WLDs will be opened prior to Abstracts submission and will be managed through the website with the same process applied to Abstracts for presentations and workshops. The Congress Management Committee (CMC) is in charge of selecting about 15-20 WLDs.

Call for WLD abstracts opens 1 August and closes 31 December 2019. Feedback by 30 January 2020.

Key requirements

Each WLD should:

- Be submitted by organizations, working groups, foundations but not individuals. **Joint application of several organizations is strongly recommended.**
- Provide a **truly multidisciplinary** perspective with at least one speaker outside the medical or public health field (i.e. experts in marketing, engineers, urban planning, anthropologists etc.)
- Guarantee **geographical representation** from across WFPHA regions with at least one third of speakers from low-middle income countries.

- Assure **gender and age balance** with appropriate representation of young professional and women speakers. If applicable, one speaker from Indigenous or minority group is recommended.

Speakers should have a good standard of English. ICC may consider few WLDs in different languages presented by Associations or Federations to discuss themes of regional interest.

Submission

WLD outlines should follow abstract conventions:

- Include a brief outline of the overall WLD
- Identify specific aims/objectives, and component parts
- Include the key questions that the WLD will address
- Word length: a maximum of 400 words (1 page) plus short bios of speakers

Please include the contact details for the organizer of the symposium on this page.

Here are some further guidelines to assist planning:

- The emphasis is intended to be on dialogue rather than the session becoming a mini-plenary session.
- The time allotted for each WLD is 60 minutes, usually organized as 10-15-min talk slots, followed by questions and discussion.
- Alternative formats, such as a debate or an extended Q&A between the audience and all speakers, may also be considered.
- At the time of your proposal submission, all speakers must have already agreed to participate in the WLD.
- Speakers should understand that no honorarium or complimentary registration is given for participation.