

# Contribution Formats

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Select the type of contribution you want to submit. You will be given the choice between:

- **Presentation:** A proposal that is intended to later become a presentation during one of the sessions at the congress. The presentation should ideally fit into one of the congress themes and subthemes. If selected, the congress team will combine the presentation with other presentations on a similar theme into one session. The session will be convened by a facilitator and presenters will speak for a set period of time (typically 10-15 minutes) and then answer questions from the audience.
- **Panel:** Designed to examine emerging, innovative or controversial issues, as well as to foster debate and interaction with the audience. These should not be conceived as a series of individual presentations, but more as a discussion steered by some “guiding questions” posed by the facilitator. For a panel proposal, you will be requested to submit the names of possible speakers and a facilitator, as well as a methodology and some guiding questions. Duration of panel sessions: 90 minutes.
- **Workshop:** These are sessions designed to engage speakers and attendees in a productive interaction in order to produce specific outcomes. Workshops enable attendees to see and/or put into practice a particular concept, approach or tool. Methodology and expected outcomes are required to be submitted. Duration of workshops: 90 minutes.
- **Reality Check Workshop:** Local Government city representatives can submit a proposal for a [Reality Check Workshop](#). These are sessions that focus on the adaptation actions of one city in particular (or cities of the same region, faced with similar challenges), where a number of city representatives and experts provide an in-depth look at a specific case. Methodology and expected outcomes are required to be submitted. Reality Check Workshops are allotted an extended time of 90 minutes in the congress program.
- **Training:** These are sessions designed to develop and enhance capacity amongst local government officials and practitioners working in the field of urban resilience and adaptation to climate change. Target groups, methodology, and expected outcomes are required to be submitted. Duration of trainings: 90 minutes.
- **Debate:** Debate sessions are engaging ways to present opposing views about an emerging/controversial subject. Generally, a debate includes a moderator and two presenters or groups of presenters that represent each side of a topic (e.g., pro-smart cities and against). The moderator poses questions, while the presenters attempt to “convince” the audience with their arguments. Time for rebuttal and audience questions could be incorporated. The outcome of the debate should be an informed discussion that would ideally advance the discourse on a relevant urban resilience topic.
- **Facilitated discussion:** These are interactive sessions, designed to enable discussion among speakers and/or among speakers and attendees. In the past, engaging our expert attendees in this interactive format has produced tangible results serving as valuable input for the organizers in their real-life projects. Duration of facilitated discussions: 90 minutes. Examples of such interactive formats could be:

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- Roundtable discussions (Facilitator gives a short presentation and discussion on a specific topic follows among participants);
  - World Café/Knowledge Café (designed to mimic a cafe environment to enable a better flow of conversation between participants);
  - “Talk show” session (Panelists become “guests” on a “live” show);
  - “Fishbowl” discussion (Four to five chairs are arranged in an inner circle. This is the fishbowl. The remaining chairs are arranged in concentric circles outside the fishbowl. A few participants are selected to fill the chairs, while the rest of the group sits on the chairs outside the fishbowl).
- **Poster session:** The poster submissions will be presented at the exhibition space. Presenters will be given the opportunity to interact with the audience and present their work at two specific times during the congress, while also providing full three-day exposure of their project through the exhibition, which takes place during the entire three days of the congress. This format provides enhanced feedback and networking opportunities with one-on-one discussions on specific projects and approaches.
  - **Co-events:** Partners and local government representatives are encouraged to submit proposals to host co-events before, after or during the congress days so they can benefit from this global gathering of urban adaptation experts. In past years partners and cities, such UN-HABITAT, UNEP, Bologna Municipality, IDRC, or Plantagon International AB organized co-events with successful results. A variety of formats were tested, including strategy and networking meetings, think tanks and research consultations, city-to-city exchanges, PechaKucha-style presentations, and cocktail events.
  - **Other formats:** Contributors are invited to propose completely different session formats. For example: PowerPoint free session, “learn from errors” session, “consultants’ corner”, “innovation showcase”, etc.