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Subject: World Climate Research Programme's Open Science Conference "Advancing climate science for a sustainable future" Kigali, Rwanda, 23-27 October 2023 (OSC2023)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to draw your attention to, and invite you to support, the attendance of members of your Service who will benefit from the experience of joining the World Climate Research Programme's Open Science Conference "Advancing climate science for a sustainable future" to be held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 23 to 27 October 2023 (see <https://wcrp-osc2023.org/>).

The Conference will highlight advances and challenges in research on the coupled Earth System. It will feature sessions on modelling, observations, and the development of climate information for society. There will be a strong focus on climate risk, including the consequences, likelihoods, and responses to the impacts of climate change, as well as the innovations needed to ensure that climate science information, data, and training are accessible to all those who seek them.

With the overarching mission of "Advancing climate science for a sustainable future", OSC2023 will include invited keynote presentations; parallel sessions featuring talks and panel discussions; poster sessions, world cafes and town hall events — as described in the attached circular and addressing our three Conference Themes:

- Theme 1: Advances in Climate Research — Showcasing progress and future challenges in understanding Earth's climate system, and advances in climate science capacity around the world.
- Theme 2: Human Interactions with Climate — Analysing key drivers and impacts of climate change (past, current, and future), identifying risks to human and ecosystem health.
- Theme 3: Co-produced Climate Services and Solutions — Connecting scientific knowledge, planning, decision-making and policy processes.

The [Rwanda Environment Management Authority](#) (REMA), on behalf of the Government of Rwanda, will host the OSC2023 in Kigali, at the [Kigali Convention Centre](#). This event at the heart of the African continent will allow strong engagement with research communities, stakeholders and practitioners in Rwanda and the region. It will be facilitated by joint efforts with local partners, such as the [Rwanda Meteorology Agency](#) and the [University of Rwanda](#).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

I would very much appreciate your assistance in raising awareness of OSC2023 with your colleagues, as well as potential funders and sponsors, using the attached Sponsorship and Opportunities Flyer and/or contacting the Conference Coordinator, Valery Detemmerman (valery.detemmerman@wcrp-climate.org).

The World Climate Research Programme is sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization, the International Science Council, and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO.

More information is available on the conference website (see <https://wcrp-osc2023.org/>) as well as in the second circular attached.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Elena Manaenkova
for the Secretary-General



**WORLD CLIMATE
RESEARCH PROGRAMME**
**OPEN SCIENCE
CONFERENCE**

23 - 27 OCT. 2023 | RWANDA

**Advancing Climate Science
for a Sustainable Future**

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The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) Open Science Conference will be held from 23 to 27 October 2023 at the new Kigali Convention Centre, with options for in-person and state-of-the-art remote participation to ensure inclusion and engagement from communities around the world. We anticipate 1500 delegates on site and an equal number connecting remotely.

Themes

Examples of potential session topics

Advances in Climate Research

Showcasing progress and future challenges in understanding Earth's climate system, and advances in climate science capacity around the world

- Climate science achievements: advancing our understanding from the ocean to the stratosphere.
- Climate science challenges, new approaches and opportunities: gaps identified by IPCC Working Groups; cycles and budgets of energy, water and carbon.
- Frontiers in climate modeling, observations, and model-data fusion.

Human Interactions with Climate

Analyzing key drivers and impacts of climate change (past, current and future), identifying risks to human and ecosystem health

- The changing nature of climate extremes, and associated risks and impacts.
- Water availability, food, and ecosystem health in a changing climate.
- Human wellbeing and livelihoods, with a focus on health and cities.

Co-produced Climate Services and Solutions

Connecting scientific knowledge, planning, decision-making and policy processes

- Climate informatics: near-term regional climate information for adaptation planning in communities and ecosystems.
- Science-based climate change information for mitigation, adaptation, and a sustainable future.
- Climate scenarios: long term climate projections and socioeconomic scenarios; existing challenges and the new realities of climate intervention research.

The conference will be hosted by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA), on behalf of the Government of Rwanda.



Register your interest:
<https://wcrp-osc2023.org>



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A typical day at the Open Science Conference

Time	Session	Description
7:30 - 8:45	Breakfast Session	Time available for World Cafés, early and mid-career researcher breakfasts and similar events
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary in the Dome Bringing it all together	Topics will vary from day-to-day including the conference opening, Africa-specific topic(s), and cross-cutting themes or issues
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Tea and coffee break
11:00 - 13:00	5 Parallel Sessions	Sessions comprising keynote talks from invited speakers and talks selected from abstract submissions, Q&A and panel discussions
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	Lunch break
14:30 - 16:30	5 Parallel Sessions	Sessions comprising keynote talks from invited speakers and talks selected from abstract submissions, Q&A and panel discussions
16:30 - 18:00	Posters & Coffee in Foyer	Poster session along with aligned speakers' corners, lightning talks, workshops and World Cafés
18:30 - 19:00	Plenary in the Dome Bringing it all together	Wrap up of the day's key discussions and a preview of the next day
From 19:00	Networking Session	Networking and socializing, including World Cafés, with refreshments available
20:00 - 22:00	Evening Session	Public lectures, town halls, learning labs, workshops

Outcomes

- Improved assessment of climate risk and extremes through new collaborations and scientific advances
- Innovation in climate data and information
- Improved understanding and prediction of precipitation through the launch of a global experiment /WCRP Decade of Water Research
- Innovative ways to bridge science and society and build a North/South dialogue
- Fostering climate science leadership from the Global South and around the world
- Input to the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP 28), taking place in the United Arab Emirates in November 2023

Key dates

- September 2022 - [Call for Poster Clusters and Side Events proposals](#)
- November 2022 - 3rd circular with program outline
- December 2022 - Abstract submission, financial support application and registration open
- February 2023 - Abstract submission and financial support application deadline
- April - May 2023 - Abstract review and financial support notifications
- June 2023 - Final program with speakers
- 22 & 28 October - Early to mid-career researchers' event
- 23-27 October 2023 - WCRP Open Science Conference

Participants

Science leaders, politicians, policy makers, intergovernmental agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) will share ideas on how climate research leads to a sustainable future. Natural and social scientists, humanities scholars, and practitioners from around the world will showcase their work, learn from each other, and explore new ways to work together to build the future we want. Early and mid-career researchers (EMCR) will play a prominent role in all aspects of the conference.



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Sponsorship Benefits

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By sponsoring the OSC, you will acknowledge the vital nature of climate research in support of a sustainable future, foster innovative ways to bridge science and society, and build future climate science leadership globally. The Kigali Conference Centre provides a myriad of opportunities for side events, learning labs, poster expositions and working group meetings.

Platinum Sponsors \$50,000 contribution

- Invitation to attend sponsor dinner
- Complimentary premium exhibit booth space
- 4 complimentary conference registrations
- Recognition from the podium at opening session
- Short description on the hybrid platform
- Banner logo on conference website
- Logo on presentation screens in general session room between talks
- Link to organization website from meeting web site
- Logo on stage signage
- Logo on conference center reader boards

Gold Sponsors \$25,000 contribution

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Silver Sponsors \$10,000 contribution

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Bronze Sponsors \$5,000 contribution

- 1 complimentary conference registration
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Deserving Participant Support Opportunities

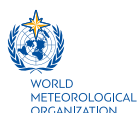
There are many deserving students, early career researchers, under-represented minorities, and scientists and practitioners from around the world who would benefit greatly from participating on site at the WCRP OSC 2023 but are unable to travel due to a lack of financial support. Contributions to named scholarships for conference participation are welcomed from individuals and organizations wishing to support the WCRP OSC 2023.



Sponsorship suggestions

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Sponsorship suggestions (number of opportunities)	Suggested contribution (US \$)
Support to the hybrid Conference	
“Digital Innovation Sponsor” (includes hybrid platform, streaming and other associated costs)	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Virtual poster gallery (2)	\$10,000
Poster sessions (includes poster board rentals, refreshments) (8)	\$20,000
Parallel sessions (includes room rental, AV, refreshments) (20)	\$20,000
Abstract submission and review system (1)	\$4,000
WiFi connectivity in meeting rooms per day (5)	\$25,000
Entertainment packages	
Conference Gala dinner	\$50,000
Welcome reception - refreshments	\$10,000
Welcome reception - drinks package	\$10,000
Welcome reception - entertainment	\$8,000
Registration packages	
Locally produced registration bags	\$10,000
Badge lanyards (branded)	\$2,500
Conference bag - notebooks	\$10,000
Conference bag - water bottles	Sponsored
Conference bag - pens	\$900
Early to Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR) events/prizes	
Student and early career poster prizes	Any item/amount
Early to mid-career researchers’ conference dinner	\$5,000
Early to mid-career researchers’ icebreaker	\$2,000
Travel Grants	
Support for students, early career researchers, under-represented minorities, and scientists and practitioners from low income nations to attend the WCRP Open 2023	Any amount welcome



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WCRP OSC 2023



WCRP OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2023

Advancing climate science for a sustainable future

23-27 October 2023

Kigali, Rwanda

Sponsorship Opportunities



www.wcrp-climate.org/WCRP-OSC23



Sponsorship Programme

About WCRP

The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) leads the way in addressing frontier scientific questions related to the coupled climate system — questions that are too large and too complex to be tackled by a single nation, agency or scientific discipline. Through international science coordination and partnerships, WCRP contributes to advancing our understanding of the multi-scale dynamic interactions between natural and social systems that affect climate. WCRP engages productively through these partnerships to inform the development of policies and services and to promote science education. WCRP-supported research underpins the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and contributes to the knowledge that supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is the international forum for thousands of climate scientists around the world.

Why should you support the WCRP Open Science Conference 2023?

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Who will participate?

Science leaders, policy makers and stakeholders will share their ideas on how climate research can lead to a sustainable future.

Early career scientists, senior scientists, and practitioners from around the world will showcase their work, learn from each other, and invent new ways to work together to build the future we want. We anticipate 1500 delegates on site and an equal number who will connect remotely.

Will this be a “green” event?

Rwanda is an emerging leader in global environmental governance and is committed to providing an outstanding opportunity to deliver a green WCRP OSC 2023. Rwanda has chosen a green growth pathway where environment and climate action sit at the heart of national planning towards sustainable development.

Who is the local host?

The Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA), on behalf of the Government of Rwanda, will host the WCRP OSC 2023 in Kigali, at the Kigali Convention Centre, and will support WCRP to deliver a state-of-the-art hybrid event working together with many local and regional partners, including the Rwanda Meteorology Agency, the University of Rwanda, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, and Carnegie Mellon University Africa.



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Sponsorship Package Detail

Sponsorship opportunity	Suggested contribution (US\$)	Number of opportunities
"Digital Innovation Sponsor" to provide a state-of-the-art hybrid conference experience	\$150,000	3 x \$50,000
Conference Gala Dinner	\$40,000	4 x \$10,000
Guest WIFI connection in meeting rooms	\$30,000	5 x \$6,000/day
Welcome reception - refreshments	\$10,000	
Welcome reception - drinks package	\$10,000	
Welcome reception - entertainment	\$8,000	
Poster session refreshments	\$10,000	5 x \$10,000
Afternoon break refreshments	\$5,000	4 x \$5,000
Poster board rental	\$5,000	
Abstract submission and review system	\$4,000	
Early & Mid-career scientists' dinner	\$5,000	
Early & Mid-career scientists' icebreaker	\$2,000	
T-shirts for ushers and helpers	TBD	
Badge lanyards (1500)	TBD	
Conference bag	TBD	
Conference bag - notebooks & pens	TBD	
Conference bag - glass water bottles (1500)	TBD	
Conference bag - umbrellas (1500)	TBD	
Column wraps or Banner placement in the KCC	TBD	
Package of 10 student registrations	TBD	
Package of 10 virtual registrations	TBD	
Package of 10 standard registrations	TBD	
Travel support	TBD	

Other promotional sponsorship can be explored by contacting
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