

Call for proposals to host the XXII World Congress of the IEA in 2029

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Introduction

The IEA was founded in 1950 as a Non-Governmental Organization, at the instigation of the Social Sciences Department of UNESCO. Its aim from the beginning has been to promote personal contact and mutual understanding among economists in different parts of the world through the organization of scientific meetings, common research programs, and publications of an international character on problems of current importance.

Since its creation, the IEA has organized a world congress every three years. The IEA World Congress is now a celebrated event. Because of its breadth, it attracts not only scholars but also distinguished economists from non-academic institutions such as central banks and international organizations. In the tradition of frontline research, it serves as a forum for frank and open discussions on topics of vital concern.

The congress

The congress follows the standard format of the IEA Congress as described hereafter:

- Congress length: maximum five days.
- Congress Dates: the Congress is generally convened in June (note: the 2023 Congress in Colombia was held in December). Final dates will be determined by the IEA in consultation with the host institution, taking into account climate, scheduling conflicts, and other relevant considerations.
- Congress days: Usually Monday to Friday.
- Sessions: up to 9 plenary sessions, between 40-45 invited sessions and contributed sessions (depending on number of contributed papers accepted, approximately 400).
- Congress expected number of participants: 700 to 1200.

Logistical requirements

The host is asked to meet the following requirements:

Congress venue facilities required:

1. 1 large plenary hall of 700 to 900.
2. Approximately 16 break-out rooms for parallel sessions with computer and projection. Capacity of 40 to 100.
3. Space for a registration point
4. Internet wireless connection for all delegates

5. Co-work space for delegates
6. Meeting room for the IEA committee
7. Lunch and coffee breaks for 700 to 1200 delegates
8. Welcome cocktail and gala dinner for 700 to 1200 delegates
9. On site staff for registration and for supporting speakers
10. 600 hotel nights for invited speakers and IEA
11. Transfer airport-hotel-airport for invited speakers and IEA

The proposal

Proposals should contain the following information:

1. Description of the proposed city, including global airport connectivity.
2. Description of the venue and previous experience in the organization of similar events.
3. Financial management of the congress including estimated budget and proposal for raising funds.
4. Proposed social events (welcome cocktail and dinner).
5. Technological and other resources: computers, on-site medical services, on-site photographer and filming of sessions, furniture for session rooms and exhibition area.
6. Accommodation Management – proposal for hotels for the booking of 600 nights as indicated in the logistical requirements section.
7. Proposal for transportation of invited speakers (airport-hotel-airport).
8. Membership of the Local Organizing Committee

In detail:

1. Logistical Management

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will:

- Find the most suitable venue for the XXII World Congress of the IEA. Particular attention must be paid to location and proximity to hotels and airports; systems of transportation to venue; and technological equipment available.
- Identify suitable local providers (hotel, transportation, catering, etc).
- Pre-book hotel accommodation for invited speakers.
- Find suitable caterers for the provision of all food and beverage provided on site (consideration must be given to religious dietary requirements and vegetarian and vegan diets)
- Ensure the safety of Congress participants

2. Financial Management

The LOC will:

- Present a provisional budget to the IEA on the signing of an agreement.
- In collaboration with IEA, decide registration fees.
- Sign all contracts with suppliers.
- Ensure that the Congress is insured accordingly.
- Pay all costs of rent on venue -if applicable- (and any extra costs for technicians and technical equipment, hire of material and furniture).
- Pay all costs of local transportation of invited speakers; airport-hotel-airport.
- Pay costs of all suppliers of congress materials (bags, souvenirs, etc).
- Pay all catering costs, and costs of all social events.
- Pay all accommodation costs: up to 600 nights.

The host is expected to raise funds to cover expenses described in this proposal: estimated US\$ 600,000.

Distribution of assignments

Summary of distribution of assignments between the IEA and the LOC:

IEA	LOC
A. Scientific Program: • Setting up a program committee • Managing the paper submission process • Evaluation of papers • Communication with authors of submitted papers • Invitation to plenary speakers and speakers of panels, invited academic and policy sessions • Distribution of the academic program	A. Management of Organization, Operation, and Outreach • Finance and local budget management • Negotiations with local suppliers: hotels, transportation, catering, etc. • Promotion at a local, national and regional level • Engagement with prominent national universities and leading universities across the region is encouraged • Planning social events • On site management of all staff for registration point, supporting staff, photographer.

B. Coordination of invited speakers' flights and reimbursement of flight expenses C. Graphic design and promotion: • Creation of congress logo • Development of dedicated website • Management of social media to promote the congress • Creation and distribution of promotional flyers and relevant information about the congress • Promotion of the congress at international level	B. Scientific Program: • Participation of one or more members of the LOC on the Program Committee, subject to the approval of the Head of the Scientific Program Committee.
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Further information:

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