

Call for Special Sessions

UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources
Conference

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The **2023 UCOWR/NIWR Annual Water Resources Conference** will return to the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Fort Collins, Colorado. We will discuss critical water issues facing the western United States, the continent and globe. Please join the dialogue, as we seek to develop new and innovative collaborations and transdisciplinary solutions to complex water problems.

Call for Special Sessions

[Universities Council on Water Resources](#) and [National Institutes of Water Resources](#) are pleased to invite you to submit your proposals for special sessions for the 2023 Annual Conference.

Special sessions are an important component of the conference and provide an opportunity to delve into current perspectives on a range of water resource challenges. We welcome sessions that cover a range of water-related research, extension, and education topics— [see past conference agendas here](#).

Proposals for Special Sessions will be evaluated by the Conference Planning Committee based on the timeliness and relevance of the topic, and the degree to which the topic will bring together key researchers and practitioners to disseminate recent advances to the water resources community. Abstracts submitted for an accepted Special Session will be subject to the same submittal and review process as all other abstracts.

Submit your Special Session Proposal by October 7, 2022

A special session organizers' role is to propose a relevant and timely topic, recruit speakers to submit abstracts to the session, and moderate the session during the June 2023 Conference.

Special sessions can be in the form of a panel discussion or a group of 4, 5, or 6 oral presentations on a specific topic. Multiple session track proposals are welcome. Those interested in organizing and hosting a special session should provide the following information:

Special Session Proposals should include:

- Title of proposed special session
- A brief description (less than 350 words) stating the importance of the topic and the rationale for the proposed session
- Session Organizer(s), including contact information
- Type of proposed session(s): panel discussion, full length talks (15 min), lightning talks (5 min), participatory session, or workshop
- Preferred session(s) length: 60, 75, or 90 minutes
- A list of presenters (to submit abstracts via the general Call for Abstracts) and their tentative titles

The above information should be submitted to the UCOWR home office: ucowr@siu.edu, no later than **October 7, 2022**.

Important dates:

Proposals for special sessions due: 10/7/22

Notification of special session acceptance: 10/14/22

Abstracts due: 01/30/23

Notification of abstract acceptance: 02/21/23

Questions: Lucas Gregory, (lucas.gregory@ag.tamu.edu) Technical Program Chair or Karl Williard, Exec. Director, (williard@siu.edu)

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