



WEEC 2026 - Call for bids

13th World Environmental Education Congress (13th WEEC) *to be held in 2026*

The public or private non-profit organizations concerned in the candidacy of their own country as the seat of the **13th WEEC in 2026** must **send as soon as possible an Expression of Interest (EOI) and fill out the Application Form before 30th September 2022.**

The candidatures will be assessed mostly according to the **following criteria:**

1. Demonstrating they have relevant experience in the field of environmental education.
2. Demonstrating they have adequate experience in organizing events at local, national, regional, and international levels.
3. Demonstrating they are skilled in creating networks at different levels and getting various institutions and organizations (national authorities, local institutions, Higher, Secondary and Primary education institutions, parks, museums, NGOs, mass media, etc.) involved in the organization and participation in the Congress.
4. Demonstrating their ability to ensure broad international participation at the Congress.
5. Engaging to strengthen the WEEC International Network by allocating a budget to the Permanent Secretariat for the network activities.
6. Demonstrating they have adequate congress facilities.
7. Demonstrating they can mobilize the necessary resources at the local and national levels (and possibly at the regional and international levels as well) to guarantee the financial sustainability of the Congress.
8. Demonstrating their commitment to contain costs of participation to the Congress and facilitate the participation of people from disadvantaged countries or categories (e.g. young people and students), by reducing the fees and other costs of participation and overnight stays.
9. Engaging to offer sponsorship to an adequate number of delegates from developing countries (if the bidder is in a developed country).
10. Guaranteeing the quality of the contents and the cultural project of the Congress, in continuity and total agreement with the results and the purpose of the cultural project of the previous Congresses and in close cooperation with the Permanent Secretariat that will co-chair the congress.
11. Designing the final call for the congress and the programme according to the guidelines and the advice of the Secretariat and the International Socio-Scientific Committee established by the Secretariat.
12. Guaranteeing the cultural diversity and increased participation, also due to the use of several languages such as English, French and Spanish at least both for the website and during the Congress.

13. Having preferably close relationships with the WEEC congresses and the network in the past.
14. Guaranteeing the ecological consistency of the Congress by taking every measure to minimize the ecological/carbon footprint of the event and assuring its socio and eco-sustainability both as venues and as other aspects (i.e. transports, accommodation, social program outside, and so on).
15. Accepting a draft of a time schedule proposed by the Permanent Secretariat.
16. Guaranteeing legacy and positive impact for the destination, in order to encourage positive impact from a social, environmental and cultural point of view, giving way to long-lasting benefits for the society.

The 13th WEEC in 2021 will be assigned indicatively by 31st December 2022.

The official announcement of the 13th WEEC: at 12th WEEC 2024 in Abu Dhabi, on 1st February 2024