Scarcity of resources, increasing prices, and unsustainable use of resources can hinder economic development, lead to poverty and social unrest and poses risks for global stability. Achieving a Green Economy should become a priority strategy for which the sense of urgency needs to be increased.

The WRF 2012 conference in Beijing, China, attracted over 700 participants who discussed new ways and strategies to address regional and global resource problems. WRF 2013 in Davos will pick up the key messages of the Chairman’s statement and conclusions drawn in Beijing.

**TOPICS OF INTEREST**

(1) **RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNANCE**
   - Research and Policies, Resource Governance, Scarcity of Metals and Minerals, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Decoupling, Dematerialisation, Indicators, LCA

(2) **SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**
   - Green Industry, Sustainable Innovation, Mining, Recycling, E-waste, Urban Mining, Commodity Trading, Retail Trading

(3) **SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
   - Urban Eco-Efficiency Lab, Energy, Water and Infrastructure, Food and Biodiversity, Nature and Ecosystems

(4) **LIFESTYLES AND EDUCATION**
   - Sustainable Consumption and Production, Product Information, Values and Drivers, Social Science, Sufficiency, Communication and Education

**KEY TOPICS**

- Resource Efficiency and Governance
- Sustainable Business and Industry
- Sustainable Cities and Infrastructure
- Lifestyles and Education

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Start of Abstract submission: Feb 2013
- Abstract submission deadline: May 20 2013
- Announcement of preliminary program: April 2013
- Notification of acceptance: July 2013
- Early bird registration: Aug 16 2013
- Registration deadline for authors: Aug 16 2013
- Full manuscript submission deadline: Sep 2013
- Announcement of final program: Sep 2013
- WRF 2013 Congress: Oct 6–9 2013

**VENUE**

WRF 2013 will take place at the Davos Congress Centre in Switzerland.

**LANGUAGE**

The conference language is English.

**PROGRAM**

- Plenary sessions
  - High level political debate on Resource Governance
  - Sustainable Innovation Business Panel
  - Interactive Lifestyle and Social science event

- Workshops, Oral sessions, Posters, Special events including from:
  - Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences,
  - Club of Rome, UNEP Resource Panel

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Paper abstracts (max 300 words) can be submitted online on the WRF website, starting in February 2013.

**TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Papers for oral presentations (ca. 15 min. in total)
- Posters (A0, 90x120 cm)

Contributions should address one of the topics of interest listed above and should not have been previously presented at international conferences or published in international journals. Final acceptance of any contribution requires registration of the author to attend the congress. The Scientific Expert Committee determines whether the author of an accepted paper will be invited for an oral or poster presentation.

Selected short papers (4–6 pages) will be published in a scientific journal. All contributions will be made available to all participants on the WRF website.
BACKGROUND

The World Resources Forum (WRF) is the global science-based platform for sharing knowledge about the economic, political, social and environmental implications of global resource use. WRF promotes innovation for resource productivity by building bridges among researchers, policymakers, business, SMEs, NGOs and the public. Flagship activity is the annual WRF Conference.

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