



Call for Proposals WALK21 Bogota!

WALKING TO HAPPINESS

**XIX International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities
October 15th -19th, 2018**

The Mayor of Bogota and Walk21 are delighted to invite you to join us in Bogota, Colombia for the XIX International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities.

A thousand politicians, urban planners, civic leaders and academics are expected and this is your opportunity to share your experience and be part of the discussion and side events at Walk21 Bogota in October 2018.

INTRODUCTION

Bogota, the capital of Colombia, is already internationally known for its commitment to safe and efficient mobility. Behind the headlines of coordinating one of the most successful public transport systems in the world and organising some of the most popular active travel events ever, Mayor Enrique Peñalosa's personal vision is for a modern, compact interconnected city, that promotes active travel, invests in new and more accessible public spaces and, like all great cities, is both walkable and better for all.

It's no surprise therefore that Bogota has been selected to host the Walk21Conference in 2018 with a focus on the ultimate outcome that every community is seeking to attain - greater happiness. This is the first time that this prestigious international conference will take place in South America, providing a unique opportunity for politicians, professionals and city lovers from all over the world to discuss and learn about walking and walkability issues in a vibrant Latin American context.

We invite you to participate in this extraordinary event.



Make sure you send us your proposal by March 19, 2018!

MAIN THEMES

The Conference has four themes and invites you to contribute to the international and local debate in order to advance the implementation of best practices to make our cities more walkable and liveable places.

Theme 1: Sustainability

Sustainable and liveable cities and public spaces, resilience, actions and results that boost broader sustainability, Vision Zero and healthy cities.

Theme 2: Equity

Accessibility and mobility, intermodality and public transportation, security, gender equality in the public spaces.

Theme 3: Competitiveness

Promotion of local economic development (commercial streets, local food spots in the public space), competitive public space generation.

Theme 4: Citizen Engagement

Liveable communities, participatory public policies, liveable town's centres and neighbourhoods, communities' organizations and good practices, citizen led projects that promote walkability, tactical urbanism and place-making.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Call for proposals	January 22, 2018
Proposal submissions open	February 16, 2018
Proposal submissions close	March 19, 2018
Notifications of acceptance	April 30, 2018
Confirmations of acceptance	May 31, 2018
Conference registration opens	June 1, 2018
Walk21 Bogota - Cyclovia	October 15, 2018
Walk21 Bogota 2018 conference	October 15-19, 2018



Notes:

- Dates are subject to change. Please consult the Walk21 Bogota website for updates at: [www.walk21.org /conference](http://www.walk21.org/conference) and www.dadep.gov.co
- An international expert committee will evaluate submissions and grant acceptance. We are aiming at high quality contributions, taking into consideration a balance of gender, professions, and geographical diversity, among other variables.

HOW TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

We look forward to your proposals, in English or Spanish, to be submitted to walk21bogota@dadep.gov.co

The online submission system will open on February 16.

No submissions made after the date will be considered.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROPOSALS

- Name of contributor
- Co-authors (if applicable)
- Organisation / Affiliation
- Country, City
- Contact, E-mail address
- Title of proposal
- Preferred Format (see options below)
- Description: objective, methodology, results, and main conclusions; or outline of project and results; or for workshops: destination, time, number of participants, etc. (maximum 500 words)
- Qualifications (educational background, experience as it relates to the topic) (maximum 100 words)
- Additional comments (maximum 100 words)
- Confirm that you grant Walk21 permission to publish and promote any information you provide online and in conference materials.

You may submit several abstracts. If so, each one is to be **submitted individually** as separate electronic documents.

FORMATS

The Walk21 Bogota 2018 program will encourage and support knowledge sharing, exchange, collaboration, and networking via a mix of presentation formats including:

- **Breakout session:** includes oral presentations (15 mins) in a session shared with other presenters on perspectives and experiences about the same or a similar topic.
- **Elevator Pitch:** the sessions will include a maximum of 20 presenters who will have 1-2 slides and 3 minutes to describe their project. The slides will change automatically while presenters are talking. After the completion of the Elevator Pitches, the presenters and the audience will have time for discussion.
- **Speed dating:** a speed dating session gives you the opportunity to present projects, case studies and work related to a great number of delegates. Presentations lasts for maximum 8 minutes; a small audience will ask questions and then there is a short discussion on the project with you. At the ring of the bell, the audience circulates to another presentation in the same room and you present to a new small group. During this session, participants will be able to take in at least six presentations (which means you need to be prepared to give your presentation 6 times).
- **Posters:** provide an opportunity for presenters to describe their projects with the assistance of a visual aid. During poster sessions, presenters stand beside their posters where they will have an opportunity to informally discuss their projects with circulating conference attendees. The posters should be a stand-alone description of the project that is interpretable without the assistance of the presenter. This Includes 1 minute / 1 slide plenary presentation of the poster.
- **Symposia:** 4x15 minutes presentations on a specific topic with commentary from participants. A symposium includes a series of oral presentations in a session on a specific topic. A chairperson will introduce the presenters and they will briefly discuss the topic of the presentations to reduce redundancy in the general introductions of all presentations. The introductions of the presentations are therefore much more focused. After the oral presentations, a discussant (identified by the chairperson) will provide a summary of the material and issues presented, provide their own perspective and learnings from the presentations and facilitate a discussion of the topic through moderating questions to the panel of presenters.
- **City surgery:** a specific issue is presented in 10 minutes and advice is invited from the audience to help improve the situation based on their experience and expertise.
- **Pre-conference workshops:** a half or full day workshop on a specific topic to enable in-depth discussion, debate and constructive development to reach agreed outcomes. Please note that presenters are responsible for all workshop arrangements. These can be discussed and agreed with the conference organizers.
- **Free format:** we welcome contributions that don't fit with the previously listed formats. This could be multimedia (graphic art, sculpture, video, film, etc.), as well

as formats like roundtables, knowledge transfer focused Training Workshops, or any other.

Please note that it is unlikely that we have any additional budget to facilitate formats that are very adventurous. However, we will do our best to support inventive suggestions where time and capacity allows. Please provide as much detail as possible on the objectives, modus operandi and desired outcomes as well as an indication of how much space and time your idea is likely to take to succeed.

REVIEWING CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria on submission will include: relevance to the conference theme; content quality and professional rigor, innovation and cutting edge, pertinence, originality, and timeliness.

The Program Committee is responsible for making the final decisions. We welcome abstracts with inter- and trans-disciplinary (scientific) approaches as well as contributions that involve diverse partnerships (e.g. city administrations, politicians, industry, planners, advocacy groups, artists). In the same way, submissions made by contributors originating from different countries will also be appreciated.

REVIEWING PROCESS

Every abstract will be reviewed by at least four expert reviewers. The reviewing will be anonymous. The Reviewing Team is expected to consist of more than 50 international reviewers and is managed by the Walk21 Bogota Program Director, supported by the Walk21 organization. Reviewers originate from many different countries and have relevant and unique insight into the different themes. The reviewers provide the foundation for decision-making by the members of the Walk21 Bogota Program Committee.

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- By submitting your abstract and/or presenting at Walk21 conference, you guarantee that you have the right to present and submit the content of your abstract, data, pictures and photos. Please include all necessary sources in your presentation where relevant.
- Copyright in any abstract submitted to the Walk21 Bogota Program Team will be retained by the author(s), but, if selected for presentation at the conference, it is mandatory that the author will permit the conference organizers (the City of Bogota and Walk21) to use the abstract (whether in whole or in part) as part of the program outline, promotion and presentation of the conference before, during and after the event.



- Copyright in any digital presentation given at Walk21 2018 will be retained by the author(s), but it is mandatory that Walk21 and the City of Bogota are permitted to share your digital presentation as part of the conference proceedings in order to spread scientific and relevant knowledge within the walking community and to augment the highly important outputs of the conference.
- It is planned that all of the abstracts, and material presented at the conference (including photographs of activities taken during the event), will be shared amongst the participants. They will also be published on the Walk21 conference website and included in the Walk21 database. It is mandatory to agree to this when you submit your abstract.
- Presenters authorize Walk21 Bogota, the City of Bogota and the Walk21 organization to reuse and communicate their abstracts, in compliance with copyright law, following the conference.