

**Attendee Terms and Conditions** 

By registering for and participating in any event hosted by Water Environment Federation<sup>®</sup> ("WEF<sup>®</sup>"), including its 2022 Residuals and Biosolids conference ("Event"), you, on your behalf and on behalf of any other third party acting on your behalf (collectively "you" or "Attendee") hereby agree to these Terms and Conditions, with WEF as follows:

- 1. COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS. WEF's COVID-19 protocols follow recommendations from the CDC and prominent public health authorities. However, there is still an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people are present. By registering and attending, you agree to follow COVID-19 safety protocols throughout the Event. Protocols may include, but are not limited to, wearing a face covering at all times unless presenting or during meal/snack break (while actively eating or drinking), keeping six (6) feet physical distance from other attendees, frequent hand sanitization, self-monitoring and self-reporting. Should you fail to observe any of these protocols, WEF may remove you from the Event without refund.
- CANCELLATION AND SUBSTITUTION. Written request for cancellation/refund must be submitted by May 6, 2022. WEF will charge a 25% cancellation fee and refund 75% of payment for conference registration cancellation requests submitted in writing on or before May 6, 2022. No refunds will be issued for cancellations requested after May 6, 2022.

Rather than cancelling, consider sending a substitute. An organization may submit a request to substitute one person for another in writing by May 6, 2022. <u>Substitutions cannot be made</u> <u>after May 6, 2022 or onsite at the event</u>.

3. CONSENT TO RECORD. By participating in the Event, Attendee agrees that its name, photograph, voice, biographical information, likeness, comments, persona, writings and/or personal property recordings, children (if applicable), testimonial, endorsement and any intellectual property rights on all elements contained in or resulting from participation in the Event (collectively the "Likeness") shall be captured, displayed, and may be used in any and all media or forms by WEF or third parties without compensation or notice, including for promotional or advertising purposes.

WEF may hire professional service providers (photo/video/streaming/audio) to document and display the event experience. WEF may also use social media to post real-time photos and videos to its social media feeds and display select submissions from those feeds on monitors throughout the event venue. Attendees, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors are encouraged to capture their event experiences and post their own social content from the event (text, photos, audio, video, streaming), provided it does not infringe upon the rights of any attendee, speaker, sponsor, exhibitor, third party, or WEF. Such infringement would include, but is not limited to, defamation or infringement of intellectual property rights. In the event an Attendee requires a

release or permission to protect the rights of a third party, obtaining such a release or permission shall be the sole responsibility of the Attendee.

Attendee further grants WEF and third parties a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable license to reproduce, distribute, publicly perform, and publicly display the Likeness, including any associated intellectual property, such as images, text and materials included or depicted therein, in whole or in part, in any manner or medium now or hereafter known or devised, to prepare derivative works based upon the Likeness, and to grant sublicenses to third parties to exercise these licensed rights. Attendee understands and agrees this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings and Attendee may be electronically displayed, reproduced, recreated, recorded, performed, exhibited, distributed, copied, edited, changed, modified, added to, subtracted from, re-titled and adapted, and otherwise used and exploited without having to give any compensation or attribution to Attendee or any third party via the Internet, email or in other public educational settings without notice.

- 4. NO RECORDING. Attendee further agrees Attendee shall not use any audio or video recording technology (including devices with digital camera functionality, such as smartphones or tablets, and recording software, such as screen capture or similar software) during a presentation and not record or photograph any speakers or any presentation at the Event, unless expressly permitted by WEF. Attendee shall not make any part of the materials presented at the Event (any "Materials") public or issue any press releases related to the Event without express prior written approval from WEF ("Public Statements"). Among any other remedies available to it, WEF expressly reserves its right to terminate Attendee's participation in the Event immediately upon notification that any Public Statements have been distributed in violation of this provision and obtain an injunction to enjoin any further dissemination of Public Statements in violation of this provision, in addition to any other remedies available to WEF.
- 5. PARTICIPATION. You agree to contribute Personal Data for the purpose of participating in the Event. You represent and warrant that the Personal Data you provide to WEF shall be accurate and complete. You agree to provide truthful and accurate registration information as requested by WEF; and to promptly inform WEF of any changes to your registration information. Such Personal Data will only be used by WEF as reasonably required for providing services as contemplated hereunder. You understand that your user activity and overall presence at the conference will be monitored by our Registration Vendor, Maritz Global Events, and our Virtual Platform Third Party Vendor, Freeman. Attendees have the opportunity to receive communications from Exhibitors, Sponsors, and the vendor community by checking the "Opt In" box on the Event registration form.
- 6. VIEWS. The views expressed by any event attendee, speaker, exhibitor or sponsor are not necessarily those of WEF. All event attendees, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors are solely responsible for the content of any and all individual or corporation presentations, marketing collateral, advertising, and online content (collectively "Content"). WEF shall not be liable for any claims arising out of or related to the views and Content.
- **7. TECHNOLOGY USE.** You acknowledge that your use of technology during the Event is not guaranteed. WEF and its vendors will use their best efforts to communicate with attendees

regarding camera use in devices and computers, mobile app capabilities in iOS and Android, audio settings and headset use, and stylus use in the Event platform.

In no event shall WEF be held liable for interruptions to Internet access, power access, video camera access, or audio capabilities, nor of any similar interruptions to the virtual event platform for the duration of the posted Event website.

- 8. DRESS CODE. The dress code at Event is business casual. You are required to adhere to this dress code during Event including, but not limited to, live video chat.
- **9. CODE OF CONDUCT.** You agree to treat all individuals with respect and create a collegial, inclusive, and professional environment. You will value a diversity of views and opinions by communicating openly with respect for others. You shall not verbally abuse any individual. You shall not discriminate, harass, or intimidate on the basis of gender, race, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, physical appearance, age, religion, national origin, veteran status, citizenship, or professional rank. Anyone requested to stop unacceptable behavior is expected to comply immediately. WEF management may take any action deemed necessary and appropriate, including removal from the Event (and any remaining portions thereof) without warning and without refund of registration fee.

Following a Code of Conduct allows WEF to create the best experience possible for all attendees.

Expected behavior:

- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions.
- Attempt collaboration before conflict.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Alert WEF staff if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this Code of Conduct, even if they seem inconsequential.

Unacceptable Behavior:

- Harassment and discrimination include any verbal, physical, or visual conduct based on sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, transgender status, race, age, national origin, or disability;
- Inappropriate display, sharing or use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces (including presentation slides);
- Any physical or verbal intimidation, stalking or following of attendee(s);
- Harassing, photographing or recording of attendee(s);
- Sustained disruption of sessions, talks or other events;
- Inappropriate physical contact, and any unwelcome sexual attention (physical or verbal); and
- Any boisterous, lewd or offensive behavior or language, threatening, intimidation, coercion, use of sexually explicit or offensive language or conduct, profanity, obscene gestures, or racial, religious or ethnic slurs.

This Code provides general guidelines and cannot cover every possible type of unacceptable behavior.

## Differences of Opinion and Offense

To achieve the purposes of the Event in the limited time provided, with the universal benefit of all participants' being fully engaged, discussions should be focused on the meeting topic at hand. All participants must be able and welcome to participate equitably and effectively. It is not a violation of these Terms and Conditions to express an opinion, raise research or describe an experience ("articulation") that is at odds with the opinions of or is offensive to others—if the articulation is part of an on-point discussion of the Event topic at hand and is offered in a manner that does not interfere with others' reasonable ability and welcome to participate fully. That means expressing differing positions with respect and consideration for all, in a manner that reflects intellectual rigor and is demonstrably mindful of minimizing, as reasonably possible, its potential adverse effect on others' ability to participate. (Offering an advance warning of the potential for impact on others is one way to demonstrate such respect and consideration for all.) It also means not making an articulation that is reasonably expected to cause offense gratuitously (i.e., unrelated or unnecessary for the work on that topic). It means not directing the articulation as a personal attack or put-down of an individual, and not dominating the discussion. It further means demonstrating consideration for anyone who appears to be in distress by promptly stopping the cause and demonstrating caring, while still pursuing a way to share pertinent information, with the WEF moderator's assistance if needed.

## Reporting an incident

If you see, overhear or experience a violation of the Code of Conduct during the Event, please seek out the nearest WEF team member to escalate your complaint. If you cannot find a team member or would like to report a violation after the Event, you may <u>email WEF Executive</u> <u>Director Walter Marlowe</u>.

- **10. FIREARMS.** Firearms, weapons (including weapon replicas), ammunition, dangerous or hazardous devices or substances, and illegal items are prohibited at WEF Events. WEF participants acknowledge all bags are subject to search and metal wand screening.
- **11. INDEMNIFICATION.** Attendee, on behalf of yourself, and your successor, heirs and/or assigns (collectively the "Indemnifying Party") agrees, at its own expense, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WEF, its affiliates, officers, board, staff, representatives, agents, members, and employees (each the "Indemnified Party") against any demands, actions, suits (including, but not limited to, suits arising from infringement of copyright, proprietary rights of claim of libel, obscenity or invasion of privacy that may arise out of any party of participation in the Event), damages, settlements, judgments, costs, liabilities, losses, claim, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, of whatever kind or nature (collectively "Claims") incurred by any Indemnified Party, as a result of the Indemnifying Party's willful misconduct, gross negligence, negligence, or any violation of any federal or state law, rule or regulation. The Terms and Conditions shall survive the termination of the Event.
- **12. VIOLATIONS.** You acknowledge that any violation of these Terms and Conditions may result in WEF issuing you a verbal warning, removing you from the Event without refund, restricting you from attending future WEF events, and revoking your membership in WEF. Please indicate your acknowledgement and acceptance of these Terms and Conditions by checking "I Accept".