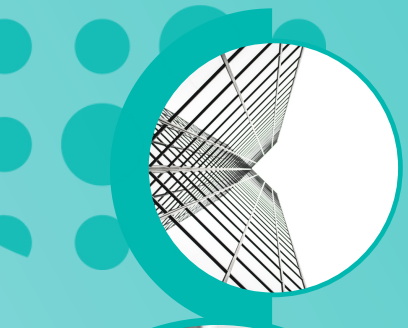
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The World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO) is the largest global network of research and technology organizations and universities. Founded in 1970 under the auspices of the United Nations (UN), WAITRO seeks to foster innovation globally by empowering member organizations and facilitating collaboration across borders and boundaries. WAITRO also adopted a focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A Summit to re-unite the Global Innovation Family

The WAITRO Summit is a biennial event convened in conjunction with the WAITRO General Assembly. This year's Summit will be held on 14th and 15th November 2022 in Cape Town, South Africa and co-hosted by Stellenbosch University. The focus of the 2022 Summit is the SDG 17: "Partnerships for the Goals" and include exploring innovative partnerships for greater impact on the global goals.

After over two years of social distancing, the Summit seeks to bring together and re-connect its 130+ members from more than 60 countries and the wider WAITRO community of partners and supporters. The summit is targeting:

- Managers and researchers of WAITRO member organizations
- Invited guests (incl. partners, funders, investors, business angels)
- Non-member organizations and researchers involved in R&D

As an in-person event, the WAITRO Summit 2022 will provide spaces to network, learn and think in order to kick-start new collaborations towards achieving the SDGs. It is also the place to celebrate and recognize those who already made an impact on the SDGs.

Plenary	
Opening	Welcome Addresses
Keynote	Keynote Speech on the SDGs
Panels	Discussions on Innovative Partnerships, Financing and Maximizing Impact
Awards	WAITRO Impact Awards, GAIIA Awards

Networking	
WAITRO Member Zone	Exhibition of WAITRO Member Organizations
SDG Impact Zone	Exhibition of Impact Achieved at the Project Level on an SDG
Partner Zone	Exhibit Booths of Partners and Sponsors
Media Zone	Series of Side Events and Cultural Entertainment with Media Presence

Breakout Sessions	
WAITRO SDG Working Groups	Kick-off Sessions for Establishing Working Groups Dedicated to Specific SDGs
Capacity Development	Series of Workshops on a Diversity of Topics Ranging from Commercialization to Benchmarking

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Kick-off Workshops for “SDG Working Groups”

The upcoming WAITRO Summit 2022 will feature a return to in-person networking and a focus on the theme of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17 “Partnerships for the Goals.” Plenary and panel discussion sessions will highlight novel partnership mechanisms to address the challenges of the 21st century, with ample opportunities for individual discussions.

Furthermore, the Summit will introduce new initiatives for turning good intentions and visionary ideas into real impact and highlight the importance of WAITRO members, both to their respective governments and to global sustainability. WAITRO aims to establish WAITRO SDG Working Groups, each dedicated to one SDG and led by one or more WAITRO members. The working groups will accelerate members’ collective impact by establishing platforms that enable researchers and innovators to collaborate, share, and multiply their contributions towards the SDG.

The WAITRO Summit 2022 will include kick-off “workshops” that will begin to define the goals of Working Groups and to develop a strategy and work plan to achieve these goals. Working groups will be able to call on the Secretariat’s administrative support, while future Summits will provide a regular forum for all WAITRO SDG Working Groups to meet and present results. The initial focus is to establish working groups for

- SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean energy

The key task of each 90 minute session is to select a chair, and agree on goals and next steps. To ensure progress can be made in such a short time, sessions will be moderated. The moderator’s responsibility is to initiate and guide discussions, facilitate the decision-making and to ensure a fair and respectful session.

Working groups are each expected to address a clear goal. Such a goal could be, for example, the creation of a position paper, which WAITRO can use to advocate for its members at various high-profile international events. Most importantly, they will help the Summit enhance networking for a goal, in addition to the enjoyment of deepening partnerships within the Global Innovation Family.

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