



# ICMA Meetings and Events Guidelines

## Meetings/Activities Guidelines

Any non-ICMA planned activity, event, or meeting to be held in conjunction with the 2026 ICMA Annual Conference is considered to be an In Conjunction With (ICW) event and **MUST BE APPROVED** in advance by the ICMA Conferences, Events & Sponsorships team (CES).

Organizations (exhibitors, ICMA Annual Partners, ICMA Annual Conference Sponsors, not-for-profit groups, government agencies, etc.) that wish to hold meetings of any size or nature, and in any location during the 2026 ICMA Annual Conference Schedule **must complete the ICMA Meeting Request Form and have it approved by ICMA.** Guidelines are subject to change.

**NOTE: ICMA Affiliates should work with their respective ICMA staff liaison directly on scheduling ICMA Affiliate events.**

These guidelines are meant to provide guidance for organizations/companies hosting ICW meetings and events. If you have any questions about whether your activity qualifies as an ICW meeting/event, contact Judy Day with the ICMA Conference Team at [jday@icma.org](mailto:jday@icma.org).

1. One (1) ICMA Meeting and Event Form must be completed for **each** meeting/event. Forms with more than one meeting/event listed will not be accepted and may delay the approval process.
2. The sponsor of the meeting/event is liable for any injuries or accidents to people or property while conducting ancillary functions.
3. Signage for the meeting/event is only permitted directly outside of the assigned meeting room and must be provided by the sponsor, unless agreed to by ICMA. Directional signs, advertisements, banners, etc. are not permitted in hotel lobbies or the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center.
4. ICW Meetings and Events decisions will be e-mailed approximately 1-2 weeks following the receipt of the Meeting Request Form.

### To be approved, meetings/events/activities must:

- Be directed towards 2026 ICMA Annual Conference participants. ICMA Annual Conference Sponsors, exhibitors, ICMA Annual Partners, and attendee participants must be 2026 ICMA Annual Conference registered attendees.
- Not conflict with or detract from the official 2026 ICMA Annual Conference Meeting Schedule of Events/Program (see official ICMA Schedule of Events Meeting Times outlined below).
- Organizations/Companies may only host events if the organization is an official ICMA Exhibitor, ICMA Annual Conference Sponsor, ICMA Annual Partner, or ICMA Affiliate.
- Must be approved by ICMA.

## Official ICMA Meeting Times

ICW meetings and events are ARE PERMITTED during the following days/times (subject to change):

- Saturday, October 17 Before 11am; after 9:30pm
- Sunday, October 18 Before 9:00am; after 5:30pm
- Monday, October 19 Before 8:30am; after 5:15pm
- Tuesday, October 20 Before 9am; 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday, October 21 Before 8:30am; after 12:15pm

Once the Meeting/Event has been approved, the organization must work directly with the hotel/convention center on all planning aspects for the proposed meeting. All costs associated with the function (*e.g.*, signage, room rental, food, beverage, audiovisual equipment, and labor, etc.) are the responsibility of the Meeting/Event organizer/company.

## Personnel Meetings During the 2026 ICMA Annual Conference

Personnel meetings may be held at any time during the 2026 ICMA Annual Conference if attendance is limited to that organization's representatives. Attendees are prohibited from participating in these meetings.

## Non-Compliance

If an ICW event/meeting is found to be in non-compliance with the above Meetings and Events Guidelines, the exhibitor, ICMA Annual Conference Sponsor, ICMA Annual Partner may incur the following:

- Cancellation of Scheduled Meeting/Event/Activity.
- Be prohibited from holding a Meeting/Events at future ICMA Annual Conferences.
- Lose priority points for exhibit booth selection.
- Suspension from future ICMA Annual Conferences and Events.

## Alumni Tables

- **Based upon availability**, colleges and universities are permitted to host an alumni table throughout the conference only if they are hosting an official alumni event during the 2026 ICMA Annual Conference. Otherwise, an exhibit booth will have to be purchased in the Exhibit Hall.
- Alumni tables include a complimentary 8' draped and skirted table, 2 chairs, wastebasket, 1 electrical strip and are limited on a space-available basis.

## Questions?

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