



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD) Conference 2026 Questions for interested host organisations

Please submit your answers by email to info@itd-alliance.org by 31 March 2025.

General remarks

The underpinning expectations for the conference are that:

- The conference is self-sustaining through in-kind contributions from the host institution, sponsorships and registration fees. The Organising Committee will agree at the outset on how to allocate any potential surplus and manage the risk of deficit from conference fees and sponsorships.
- There are reduced fees for ITD Alliance members and from affiliated networks as well as an early bird option.
- The Organising Committee will include a representative of the ITD Alliance, whose time and effort will either be covered by their home institution as an in-kind contribution or included in the conference budget.
- The ITD Alliance, in cooperation with td-net, will provide expertise, experience, and communication channels to support the organisation including experts for the Program Board (abstract evaluation).
- The International ITD Conference will allow for a diversity of approaches in research and teaching, while respecting the host institution to propose and shape a specific theme.

This questionnaire is designed to inspire and support interested institutions in taking on the role of hosting the next conference, which will provide an opportunity to showcase your organisation's strengths and align the conference with your key focus areas.

Competing proposals will be reviewed by the ITD Alliance Leadership Board, with criteria such as theme, diversity and geographical region taking precedence over purely technical or logistical considerations.

We also welcome interest in hosting future conferences (2028+) and satellite and regional events, plus co-conferences.

Questionnaire for potential hosts

- 1. Why should the International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD) Conference 2026 be held at your institution?**
 - What are the potential benefits to the global ITD community?
 - How could hosting benefit your institution and contribute to regional/national/international ITD development?
- 2. Thematic Focus:**
 - The themes of the International ITD Conference will be co-developed by the host institution and the global ITD Alliance (possibly also td-net) to align with the traditions of International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity conferences since 2008.



- What thematic focus would be of interest to your institution for the International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Conference 2026?

4. Facilities and venue:

The International ITD Conference requires:

- A plenary room with at least 400-500 seats (Although it is impossible to predict future demand, conference attendance has been growing steadily).
- 7–10 workshop/session rooms, each with a capacity of at least 40 participants.
- Digital facilities for online contributions from satellite and regional conferences and co-conferences.
- Can your institution provide these facilities?
- Would these rooms be available free of charge or at a specific cost?

5. Organisational capacity:

Hosting requires:

- A conference core group of at least 3 persons from the host institution collaborating with an ITD Alliance (and possibly td-net) representative for content development, organisation, and communication.
- 1–2 persons who can commit 30–50% of their time for about a year to manage local logistics, participant registration, abstract handling, and other administrative tasks.
- Technical support and assistants for the conference itself.
- Can your institution cover these roles as an in-kind contribution?

4. Support for global participation:

Participants from low- and low-middle income countries often face financial barriers to participation.

- Can your institution apply for or provide additional funding for fee waivers and travel grants?

5. Would you also be interested in hosting an International ITD Conference in 2028 or beyond, if 2026 is not possible? Alternatively, would you be interested in hosting a satellite or regional conference or co-conference in 2026 or beyond?

We welcome proposals for various conference formats:

- The main International ITD Conference: The primary biennial event.
- Satellite Conference: A smaller event linked to the main conference related to ITD Alliance's mission.
- Regional Conference: A smaller ITD event focused on a specific geographical area.
- Co-conference: A partnership with a similarly-sized conference (e.g., by a partner network that takes place around the same time of year).

We encourage creative ideas that align with ITD goals and enhance global collaboration. These diverse formats aim to facilitate access and exchange for as many people as possible while reducing the negative impact of long-distance travel.