

Datos Vivos/Living Data 2025

CALL FOR SESSIONS

We welcome proposals for organized sessions for **Datos Vivos/Living Data 2025**. This conference—jointly organized by TDWG, OBIS, GBIF and GEO BON—will take place from 21 to 24 October 2025 in Bogotá, Colombia. Proposals must be submitted prior to **submission deadline, 12 February 2025**.

Session proposals must fit one or more of the [conference themes](#): (1) Open data, (2) Data integration, (3) Biodiversity data application and (4) Community engagement, participation and capacity building.

Sessions may be organized as symposia, panel discussions, lightning sessions or other formats, with the primary purpose of conveying information and engaging the audience. We highly encourage diversity, inclusivity and ideas not explored in the organizers' previous meetings. Proposals should still reflect the work of GBIF, GEO BON, OBIS and TDWG and the ways that monitoring and observing the natural world, data standards, and data mobilization contribute to knowledge and policy formation about bio- and geodiversity.

Session organizers are responsible for soliciting and coordinating presentations; reviewing, approving and ordering abstracts for the session; and moderating the proposed session. While the conference is a hybrid event, at least two session organizers must attend the meeting in person. Session organizers and all presenters must be registered to attend the conference.

Accepted sessions will be open to abstract submissions; however, organizers may [request a closed session](#) for consideration by the conference organizers. Workshops may be accommodated, subject to space limitations. Those who wish to host a workshop or training should contact the [conference organizers](#).

Conference organizers will post titles and descriptions of accepted sessions on the [Datos Vivos/Living Data 2025 website](#). Calls for abstracts will be announced in **early March 2025**.

Submission deadline: 12 February 2025 (close of business in submitter's time zone)

Questions? Contact the [conference organizers](#).

REMINDERS

Each session proposal must include two (2) organizers who both attend in person in Bogotá to facilitate the session. Additional organizers are welcome.

The session title has a maximum of 100 characters and the session abstract a maximum of 200 words.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Primary Session Organizer #1

This person will be the session's Primary Contact and will receive all communications from Living Data 2025.

2. Full Name *

3. Institution/Organization Name *

4. Email Address *

5. Keep me updated about Living Data 2025 using this email address.

Your email will be used solely for sending you updates about Living Data 2025. We will not share your information with third parties. For more details, please see our [Privacy Policy](#). This is mandatory for session organizers.

Check all that apply.

Please keep me up to date.

6. Town/City *

7. State/Province (if applicable)

8. Country *

9. Which of the Living Data host organizations are you most strongly affiliated?

Check all that apply.

- TDWG
- GBIF
- OBIS
- GEO BON
- No preference
- None, I'm new to all of this

Primary Session Organizer #2

Two session organizers are required for each session.

10. Full Name *

11. Institution/Organization Name *

12. Town/City *

13. State/Province (if applicable)

14. Country *

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18. I can confirm that at least two organizers will be present in-person at the conference. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

19. Does the session have a third (or more) co-organizer(s)? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No *Skip to question 21*

Additional Co-Organizer Information

20. Please list any additional co-organizers of your session. The following information is REQUIRED in order:

Co-organizer Full Name

Co-Organizer Institution/Organization Name

Town/City

State/Province (if applicable)

Country

Co-organizer Email Address

Organized Session Information

21. Proposed Session Title (<100 characters) *

22. Organized Session Abstract (short description of <200 words to set the scene, provide goals, inspire presenters to submit an abstract to your session) *

23. Which of the conference themes does this session address? Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Open Data
- Data Integration
- Biodiversity Data Application
- Community Participation and Capacity Building

24. Session Type *

Mark only one oval.

- Symposium *Skip to question 28*
- Panel Discussion *Skip to question 28*
- Session of Lightning Talks (5-10 min) *Skip to question 28*
- Demonstrations *Skip to question 28*
- Workshop or Training (this option must be approved by Living Data organizers IN ADVANCE. Please contact the conference organizers before you proceed.)
- Other: _____

Workshop and Training Information

Please note: All workshops and trainings must be approved by the Living Data Organizing Committee prior to submission of this form. Please [contact the Committee](#) for more information. Space and time are limited. **Workshops and Trainings submitted without prior approval will not be accepted.**

25. If you are submitting a proposal for a workshop or training session, please estimate the amount of time required for your session. *

Check all that apply.

- 60 min
- 90 min
- 120 min
- Other: _____

26. How many people do you expect attend your session? *

Mark only one oval.

< 10

10-20

20-30

30 <

27. Do you have specific technical or facility needs for your workshop or training? Please note, **we cannot guarantee any of your needs**, but we will work with you to make your session as successful as possible. Also note that session organizers must provide their own supplies, including but not limited to flip charts, paper, writing implements, index cards, etc.). Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

Strong and stable Wi-Fi or other Internet connection

Interactive Zoom or other virtual participation service

White board(s)

Special set up of the room (e.g., tables and chairs ordered in a specific way)

Other: _____

Additional Comments and Session Agreement

28. Additional Comments or Explanations for the Program Committee

29. I understand that session organizers are responsible for soliciting and coordinating presentations, reviewing, approving and ordering abstracts for the session, and moderating the proposed session(s). At least two session organizers must be present, in-person, at the meeting. Every session and associated presentations must have an abstract that will be published on the conference website. Session organizers and all presenters, must be registered for the conference. Session organizers are responsible for supplying additional supplies for their sessions (e.g., flip charts, paper, writing implements, index cards). *

Check all that apply.

I understand and agree.

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