



Expression of Interest HOST GLP's 5th Open Science Meeting (Fall 2021 - Spring 2022)

The [Global Land Programme](#) (GLP) Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) invites calls to host the GLP 5th Open Science Meeting (OSM)*¹ to take place preferably in late 2021 or early 2022.

Held every 2 to 4 years, the GLP Open Science Meeting provides an invaluable opportunity to bring the land system science community together from around the world to exchange progress on science; be inspired by debates on advances and the links between science, policy, and practice; and discuss, learn, and plan for the future of the GLP community, working groups, nodal offices, and other initiatives.

Would you and your institution like to be an integral part of this premier event of the land system science community as we endeavor to contribute to sustainability transformations?

The call is now open to host the 5th GLP Open Science Meeting in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.

Expressions of Interest due May 15, 2020. GLPs' Scientific Steering Committee will then invite a shortlist of selected potential hosts to submit a **full bid by July 15, 2020**. All applicants will be notified by mid June.

Learn more about our [past OSMs](#) and watch videos from the successful 2019 event, held in Bern Switzerland, on [GLPs' YouTube channel](#).

¹* The SSC is currently considering revisions to the conference title to better reflect the evolution of GLP. Possible options include "5th International Conference of the Global Land Programme" or "5th GLP Community Conference". This will be decided at the yearly GLP SSC meeting this summer.

Vision and host/conference requirements:

In pushing forward an ambitious agenda for land system science to contribute to sustainability transformations, the next OSM will continue the dynamic and interactive event championed at the 4th GLP OSM held in 2019 in Bern, with a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, short 'flash' style presentations, innovative and immersive sessions, communications and video training and storytelling, and more. It will also aim to explore options for next generation conferencing, emphasizing remote event participation to reduce emissions from travel. Hosting the 5th GLP OSM is a unique opportunity for our members through their universities, research institutions and centres, and agencies, to strengthen their global profile.

The 5th GLP OSM will be organized by a local host supporting logistic arrangements and holding financial responsibility. The SSC will, in consultation with the local host, assemble a Scientific Committee for the 5th GLP OSM that is responsible for the calls for sessions and abstracts, the review process and the programme scheduling. Keynotes are selected by the Scientific Committee in consultation with the local host. The GLP International Programme Office (IPO) will oversee the process and will act as coordinator between Organizing and Scientific Committees.

Questions for applicants:

Provide the name of the lead organization and contact information. *

If you are part of a consortium, provide the names and contact information of additional supporting organizations. *

Please describe the proposed location, or location options, your organization(s) could arrange, and provide venue information, including but not limited to room capacity, WiFi bandwidth, recording and audio-visual capacity, catering and local accommodation options, local transport facilities, plans to overcome any potential logistical issue that could arise,² sustainability or innovation significance of the venue. *

² For example, if you are in an area where visas might be difficult to obtain, can you facilitate that, or, if accommodations are generally expensive, do you have a plan to make arrangements with local hotels, etc.? Please make an effort to be proactive in thinking through potential local contextual challenges.

Because hosting the conference should provide mutual benefits of this proposed hosting partnership (location, support, existing associations, linking opportunities, etc), please provide how you envision this development. Provide a.) a description of the benefits you foresee as the host, AND b.) a description of benefits to the GLP. *

Please provide an estimate of your organization's ability to provide capacity for in-kind and/or direct support and sponsorship for the conference and a brief description of conference support services. Please provide: 1) an overview of the operating budget of the host institution as well as 2), a budget proposal for the conference (including cost of participation and contingencies)? *

Within the suggested GLP OSM 2021 timeframe (Fall 2021 or Spring 2022), what would be the proposed dates when you can host the conference? Are there any restrictions or preferred periods regarding available dates, venues, hotels, or associated logistics? *

Briefly describe the experience in convening medium-to-large conferences in the past. *

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