

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Water Management Strategies & Planning
- Water Cluster Development Strategies
- Water Resources and Economic Development
- Water Ecology & Sustainability
- Water and Economic Activity (urban, industrial, agricultural, mining, oil & gas)
- Water Management and Climate Change
- Water Safety Systems and Removal of Pathogens (soluble organic compounds, potential security threats, heavy metals, etc.)
- Desalination and Other Forms of Remediation
- Water Resources and the Sustainable Development of the Brazilian Amazon Region
- Sanitation, Health Care, & Water
- Pollution & Waste Minimization
- Legal & Regulatory Issues
- Water Stress and Efficiency
- Water Footprint Identification
- Exploration of Mega-Watersheds
- Financing of Water Projects, including technological/innovative solutions
- Energy Generation, Biofuels, & Water
- Water Scarcity Modeling
- Other Water-Related Topics

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2009 WITS Conference

November 23-24, 2009
Manaus, State of Amazonas, Brazil

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

As stated by *Fortune* magazine (6/15/05) “Water promises to be to the 21st century what oil was to the 20th century: the precious commodity that determines the wealth of nations.”

The 2009 Water, Innovation, Technology, and Sustainability - WITS Conference will address the role of technology and innovation in enhancing water safety, availability, quality and sustainability.

Quality of water resources is rapidly becoming a determinant of a country’s competitive advantage in a globalized economy. Water stress is one of today’s most pressing global issues: the global population has double in the past 50 years, while the demand for water has multiplied three times over. Water is essential for economic development and survival in developed, emerging and developing economies.

Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil was chosen at the conference location because the Brazilian Amazon is one of the world’s richest water resource regions but still faces sustainability challenges.

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CONFERENCE BENEFITS

Attendance at the 2009 WITS Conference provides a number of advantages for its participants, including professional growth and development, the opportunity to present company technology & innovation or academic research to professionals from around the world, international networking, and the opportunity to learn about the latest trends in water technology/innovation and sustainable strategies.



CALENDAR & DEADLINES

AUGUST 31st:

Abstract Submission Deadline

SEPTEMBER 22nd:

Last Day Hotel Room Blocks Set Aside

OCTOBER 5th:

Paper & Presentation Submission Deadline

NOVEMBER 23rd & 24th:
2009 WITS Conference

REGISTRATION/LODGING

Registration: Suframa in Manaus is sponsoring registration fees for the conference. Any fees previously paid by attendees will be refunded in Manaus.

WITS 2009 has reserved room blocks until September 22nd at the Tropical Manaus Hotel (www.tropicalmanaus.com.br) and at the Tropical Manaus Business Hotel (www.tropicalmanausbusiness.com.br).

ABOUT MANAUS

Located near the joining of the Rio Negro and Rio Solimões along the Brazilian Amazon, Manaus receives flights from all major Brazilian cities, from the United States, and from Mexico and Central America. A city of 1.7 million people, Manaus is the capital of Amazonas and an industrial center, as well as a popular ecotourism destination.



Meeting of the Red and the Black Waters near Manaus