# Call for special sessions

# 16th World Conference on Transport Research

# Montreal (CANADA), July 17-21, 2023

The World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS) is happy to announce that the 16*th* World Conference will be held from July 17th to 21st in MONTRÉAL (Québec, CANADA) at the Palais des Congrès. For more details visit <http://wctr2023.ca>.

The call for paper for WCTR 2023 is already out. After the review of the submitted papers, SIGs/STs will prepare regular sessions. We are now inviting SIG/ST chairs to submit special sessions for consideration to be included in the WCTRS 2023 program. Special sessions are meant to provide additional flavor to the conference besides regular technical sessions.

The talks proposed in the session tracks may or may not be based on the papers submitted to WCTR 2023. The special sessions can also be co-organized with other professional or government organizations. There is no need of a full paper submission for the talks included in the special sessions. The format of special session is flexible and could be a panel discussion, invited talks, or selected paper presentations from the shortlisted papers after a peer review.

An individual or an organization interested in proposing a special theme may contact relevant SIG/ST chair or TAM. The details of topic areas (TAs) and SIGs/STs are given at <https://wctrs-society.com/special-interest-groups>.

All submitted proposals will be evaluated by WCTRS Scientific Committee for shortlisting in the conference program. Availability of slots is also a restriction while shorting special sessions. Necessary details of the selected special sessions are to be provided by the organizers in a timely manner.

The last date for submitting a special session by a SIG/ST is 15 March 2023. The template for the special session proposal is given on the next page. The proposals may be sent [wctr2023@cirrelt.ca](mailto:wctr2023@cirrelt.ca) with a copy to [gpatil@iitb.ac.in](mailto:gpatil@iitb.ac.in).

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**Special Session Proposal Form**[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| 1. Title of the Special Session: |
| 1. Name of the entity (e.g. SIG/ST no. and title, any other boby) proposing the special session: |
| 1. Style of session (regular paper presesentation, panel discussion, invited talks, etc.): |
| 1. Proposed by: (Name(s), Affiliation(s), Email(s)): |
| 1. Proposed Session Chair(s): (Name, Affiliation, Email): |
| **Special Session Proposal** |
| Background and Objectives: |
| Session Plan and Program for 100 minutes session (including details of speakers etc.): |

1. Special sessions are meant to provide additional flavor to the conference besides regular technical sessions. The format of special session is flexible and it could be a panel discussion, invited talks, or selected paper presentations from shortlisted papers. If the proposed special session does not fall under one specific SIG, it may well be proposed under a Topic Area.

   The duly filled proposal form may kindly be emailed to [wctr2023@cirrelt.ca](mailto:wctr2023@cirrelt.ca) with a copy to Gopal R. Patil (gpatil@iitb.ac.in).

   All submitted proposals will be subjected to internal review and decision by WCTRS-SCC. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)