

## **Step into the Future**

### **The 2012 International Conference on Walking and Sustainable Cities**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> 2012**

There are many things that we can learn from Mexico City, the oldest city in the Americas, to help us shape a more sustainable future for our own local communities, while the principles for growth remain a constant – to build safe, healthy, mobile and competitive places. This is why the international organization Walk21 and The Centre for Sustainable Transport have come together to provide a unique joint Congress, a platform for politicians, advocates and technical experts to share their experiences and inform how collectively they can ensure communities of any scale can step into the best possible futures.

The joint congress will provide and increase the platform to continue our work with local transport authorities in order to provide more intelligent and sustainable mobility options for millions of Mexican citizens and people around the world. Together, the alliance between CTS-EMBARQ-Mexico and Walk21 will reach different audiences and highlight different facets of the concerns about mobility and quality of life in our cities.

This 4-day international conference will, for the first time in Latin America, discuss how an inclusive, trusted and happy community that chooses to walk and move around the city, may be inspired through vision, leadership and partnership. Whether you are an official, a campaigner or a practitioner, you are warmly invited to share your experience of how to provide successful, walkable, connected and public transport-oriented places for active communities, and especially for cities in development that have millions of people relying on us to get the future right.

Please contribute your experience based on the following themes:

#### **Inclusion**

- **The city of the future offers an accessible, integrated and inclusive mobility.** People need access to their city whatever their ability, income or age and the transport choices need to be managed carefully to ensure a mobility balance.

#### **Trust**

- **The city of the future can be enjoyed securely, with confidence and certainty.** People need to be able to access the activities and services the city offers to walk and move around the city without fear, so safety concerns need to be understood and addressed.

## Well-being

- **The city of the future allows its people to breathe, move freely, safely and be healthy.** People need clean air, safe streets, and quality walkable environments to support daily physical activity and healthy lives.

## Community

- **The city of the future has active citizens and is supported by a responsible government.** People need to be aware of the impact of their choices to walk and move around the city, or not, in order to support a vibrant, connected and competitive culture.

## PROPOSAL STYLES

Proposals can include, but need not be limited to:

- **Breakout presentations** (15 minutes)

Please submit the following details:

- The proposed title and outline description of presentation
- Specify that this is a proposal for a breakout presentation
- Name, affiliation and contact information including your e-mail address
- Context, aim, methodology, results and main conclusions of the work to be reported (maximum 500 words)
- Form of presentation (lecture, PowerPoint presentation, film etc.)
- Qualifications of presenter (education, experience as it relates to the topic) (maximum 100 words)

You may propose several abstracts **but it is essential that each proposal is submitted individually** i.e. in a separate electronic document

- **Posters**

If you wish to offer a poster display, please follow the same guidelines as for breakout presentations, but in addition:

- Specify that this is a proposal for a poster display
- Indicate if you have any special display requirements

- **Walkshops** (outdoor activities)

If you wish to offer a walkshop, please follow the same guidelines as for breakout presentations, but in addition:

- Specify that this is a proposal for a walkshop
- Location; time taken to get there and back; means of transport
- Ideal and minimum length of time required
- Maximum number of participants

Please note that the responsibility for leading the walkshop lies with the walkshop organizer, not the Conference Management.

- **Multimedia** (graphic art, sculpture, video or film)
- **Pecha Kucha:** a handful of presenters will illustrate and describe their projects in a tight and dynamic format, using 20 images, each put on the screen for 20 seconds. See <http://www.pecha-kucha.org/>
- **Interactive video conferencing** If you have a walking advocate, politician or practitioner that cannot make it to Mexico City but is available for video conferencing, let us know your idea and how it fits into the themes of the conference. We have the technology to meet and see your best practices explained by your local experts. Show us how you walk the talk!
- **Pre-conference workshops** – September 30. If you wish to offer a pre-conference workshop, please follow the guidelines for breakout presentations above, but in addition:
  - Specify that this is a proposal for a pre-conference workshop
  - Provide as much detail as possible on the objectives, modus operandi and desired outcomes
  - Indicate space and time requirements

Please note that organizations will be responsible for all pre- and post-conference workshop expenses – including but not limited to – venue and catering.

We look forward to your contributions, to be made in English or Spanish, online at [www.congresotransportesustentable.org](http://www.congresotransportesustentable.org)

The Call will close on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2012: regrettably no submissions can be considered after this date

