



THE 5th WORLD CONGRESS OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

22-26 September 2025 Hangzhou, China

CONGRESS OVERVIEW

SCHEDULE: 22-26 September 2025

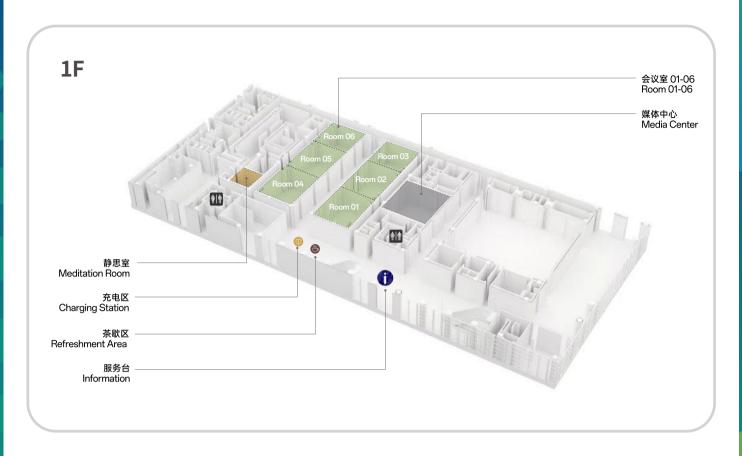
VENUE: Hangzhou International Expo Center

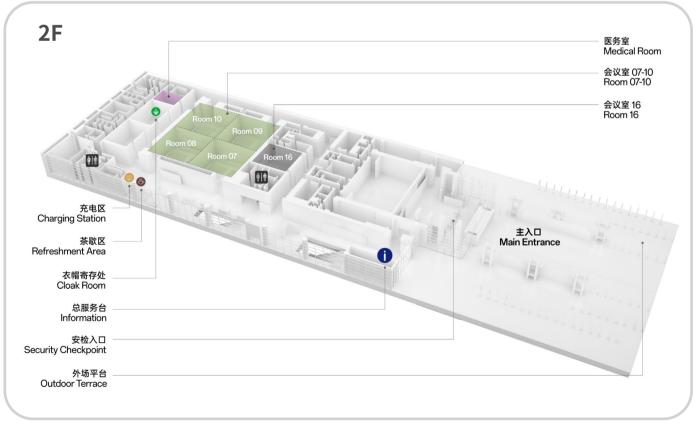
ORGANIZER: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

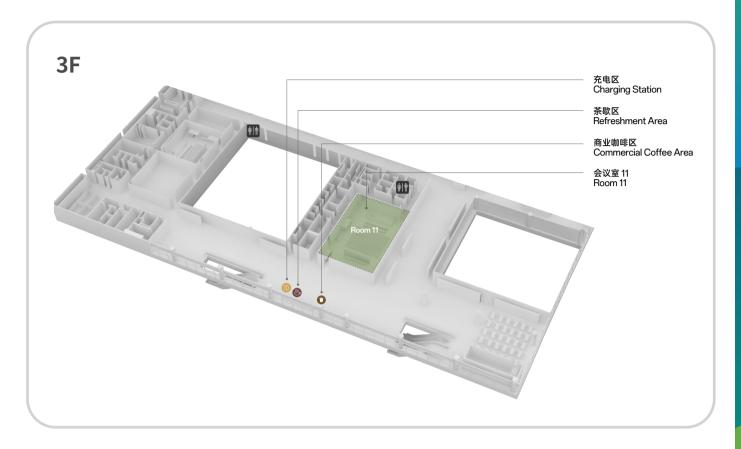
HOST: Chinese Academy of Sciences, The People's Government of Zhejiang Province

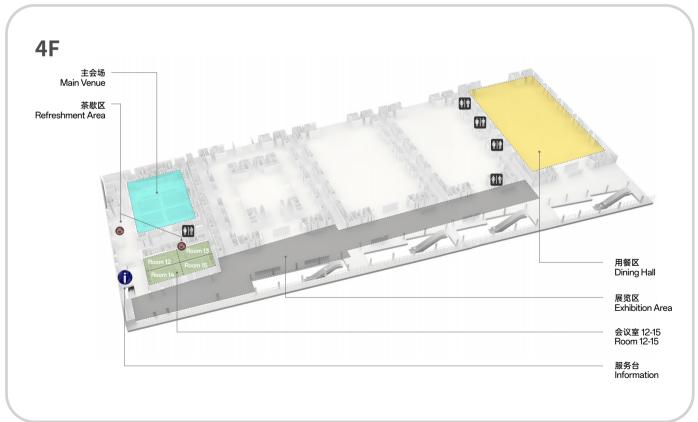
CO-HOST: Hangzhou Municipal People's Government











CONGRESS AGENDA

	Date	Day 1	l	Day	2	Day	3	Day 4	Day 5
Time		22 Septem Monda		23 Septer Tuesda		24 Septe Wednes		25 September Thursday	26 September Friday
	08:00-09:00			Netwo Workir		Netwo Worki		Network Working	
	09:00-10:00			Meetir		Meeti	0	Meeting	
Morning	10:00-11:00	Opening				Session 4 –			
	11:00-12:00	Ceremo	ny	Session 2 – Biodiversity, Science and Education	Parallel Meeting (10:15- 12:45)	Fnhancing	Meeting	Plenary Closing Session	Field Visits
	12:00-13:00					networks			
Noon	13:00-14:00	Side-eve	nts	Side-events		Side-events			
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	15:00-16:00	Session 1 –	Parallel-	Session 3 – Optimizing	Parallel-	Session 5 –	Parallel-	Field Visits	
Afternoon	16:00-17:00	Consideration of draft MAB Strategy and	Meeting (15:15- 17:45)	partnership and finance	Meeting (15:15- 17:45)	Biosphere Reserve	Biosphere Meeting	transfer to MAB-ICC Venue	
	17:00-18:00	Action Plan	17:43)	for biosphere reserves	17:45)	Dialogue			
Evening	18:00-19:00	Welcomi		Side-eve		Side-events			
2709	19:00-20:00	Reception (18:30-20:00)		(18:15-19:45)		(18:15-19:45)			

For the detailed congress agenda, please refer to the official website. https://www.biosphere2025.org.cn/

TRANSFER TO MAB-ICC VENUE

1.For ICC representatives attending the 5th WORLD CONGRESS OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES Please check out in the morning of September 25, and be sure to bring your luggage to the venue, where free and secure luggage storage will be available. On the same day, a complimentary shuttle service will be available from the Hangzhou International Expo Center to the Lin'an ICC venue.

2.For ICC representatives NOT attending the 5th WORLD CONGRESS OF BIOSPHERE

Transportation will be arranged by ICC free of charge. Details are available in the ICC Conference Handbook.

OPENING CEREMONY AGENDA

	Opening Ceremony							
10:00-10:20	Opening remarks							
10:20-10:40	Welcome statements							
10:40-11:00	Screening of the Congress Thematic Video							
11:00-12:00	Ministerial Session							

Important Reminder:

Admission to the Opening Ceremony will close at 9:30. Latecomers will be directed to the video hall at the 3rd floor to watch the event via livestream.

Strict security checks will be enforced during the opening ceremony. Please wear your Participant Badge. Items such as hard water bottles, umbrella, cameras are not allowed to be brought into the venue.

No Smoking Indoors. Please move to the outdoor designated smoking area if you need to smoke.

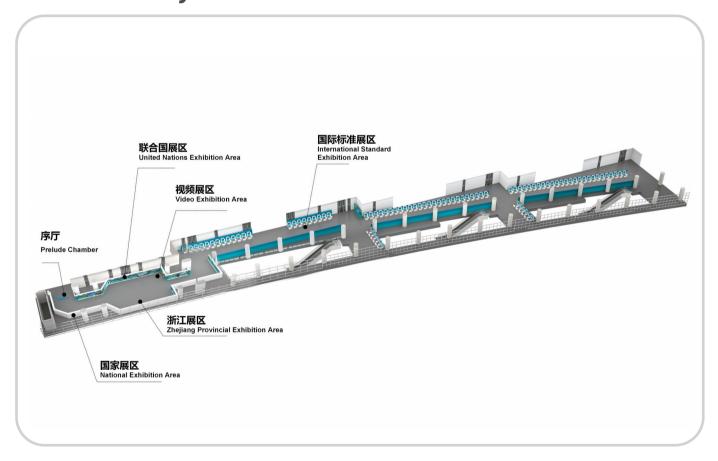


Location: 4F, Hangzhou International Expo Center

Exhibition Period:

22 September	12:00-20:00
23-24 September	10:00-20:00
25 September	10:00-12:00

Exhibition Layout Overview



The exhibition hall comprises:

United Nations Exhibition Area
National Exhibition Area
International Standard Exhibition Area



Exhibitor Information

Full Name of Institution	Country/Region	Full Name of Institution	Country/Region
UNESCO SACAM	India	The Japanese Coordinating Committee for MAB (JCCMAB)	Japan
UNESCO Jakarta	Indonesia	Team MABdachi-A Japanese graduate students from cross-disciplinary fields	Japan
International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) under the Auspices of UNESCO	China	Team MABdachi-B Active Youth Members of Japan's Biosphere Reserves	Japan
UNESCO Beirut	Lebanon	MAB YOUTH SEED	Peru/UNESCO
East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network – UNESCO Beijing office	UNESCO	MALAYSIA BIOSPHERE RESERVE NETWORK	Malaysia
Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Austria (CUAS), UNESCO Chair for Sustainable Management of Conservation Areas Austrian Biosphere Reserves	Austria	UNESCO MAB National Committee of the Republic of Korea	South Korea
Hangzhou People's Procuratorate of Zhejiang Province	China	Biosphere for Baltic	Germany
Russian Snow Leopard Association IRBIS	Russia	United States Biosphere Network	United States
UNESCO Representation to the EU	Belgium	Ant Forest Foundation	China
Tianmushan-Qingliangfeng World Biosphere Reserve	China	Baotianman Biosphere Reserve	China
Association of Chinese Graduate Education	China	Shennongjia World Biosphere Reserve	China
Beijing Chaoyang District Ecology and Environment Bureau	China	Bogda World Biosphere Reserve	China
China Biosphere Reservfe Network Youth Innovation Goup(CBRN)	China	Chebaling World Biosphere Reserve	China
Xikou-TengtouScenicArea	China	Dinghushan World Biosphere Reserve	China
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co., Ltd.	China	Fanjingshan Biosphere Reserve	China
Hangzhou Yunshenchu Technology Co.,Ltd.	China	Heilongjiang Forestry and Grassland Administration (HFGA)	China
Tiantai County Department of Culture, Broadcast, Television,Tourism and Sports	China	Mount Huangshan World Biosphere Reserve	China



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Hanma World Biosphere Reserve	China	Biosphere Reserves Institute	Germany
Jinggangshan World Biosphere Reserve	China	China Environment Publishing Group	China
Jiuzhaigou Valley World Biosphere Reserve	China	Department of National Parks,Wildlife and Plant Conservation	Thailand
Nanji Islands Biosphere Reserve	China	Abertis Foundation	Spain
Gaoligong Mountains World Biosphere Reserve	China	Green Emperor Ecological Co., Ltd.	China
Saihan Wula World Biosphere Reserve	China	MGI Tech Co., Ltd.	China
Mao'er Mountains World Biosphere Reserve Shankou Mangrove World Biosphere Reserve	China	Hangzhou LinAN Culture And Tourise Trade Co.,LTD.	China
Sichuan Fine Arts Institute(SCFAI)	China	Eascolor Technology (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd.	China
Xilin Gol World Biosphere Reserve	China	Min Sheng Tong Hui Foundation	China
ZHUJI CULTURAL TOURISM GROUP	China	Sunshine Coast Biosphere	Australia
Nongfu Spring Co., Ltd.	China	Xinchang Tianmu Mountain Culture & Tourism Development Co., Ltd.	China
China Pacific Property Insurance Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Branch	China	Environment Authority, Sultanate of Oman	Oman
EINB	China	Hangzhou Public Security Bureau	China
Hangzhou Fanghuichuntang Group Co., Ltd.	China	Bio-based Elastomer Innovation Zone	China
Hangzhou Fuhe Degradable New Materials Co. Ltd.	China	The Intermediate People's Court of Hangzhou City of Zhejiang Province	China
ZEEKR Intelligent Technology	China	Hangzhou Municipal Bureau of Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement (Hangzhou Municipal Bureau of Urban Management)	China
Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions(ANSO)	China	State Grid Hangzhou Power Supply Company	China
Beijing BestopCell Pharmaceutical Technology Co., Ltd.(Brids DATA)	China		

Cautions to Entry and Exit

Before entry, you will need to fill out a foreigner entry card. You can scan the code to pre-fill your information for faster clearance.



Arrival Transportation - Shuttle Bus Service

Welcome desks are available at Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, and Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station. Please feel free to approach them for assistance if needed.



• ARRIVAL IN HANGZHOU

Shanghai Pudong International Airport

- ► Service hours: 21 September, 07:30-22:00
- ➤ Service Locations: Welcome counters are set up at Exit of the International/Hong Kong/Macao/Taiwan Arrivals in Terminal 1 (T1), and Exit of the International/Hong Kong/Macao/Taiwan Arrivals in Terminal 2 (T2). Please proceed to any welcome counter for assistance.

How to get to Hangzhou:

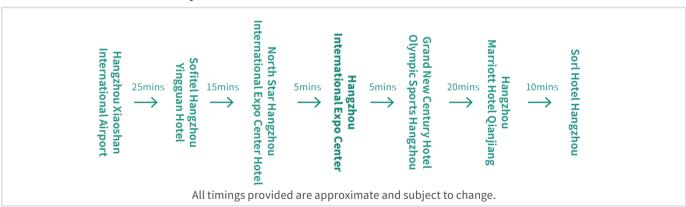
- 1. Take a long-distance coach from Shanghai Pudong International Airport to Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station, where complimentary shuttle bus service to the recommended hotels is available.
- 2. Take the Shanghai Airport Express Line from Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) to Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station, then transfer to high-speed train to Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station. A complimentary shuttle service to the recommended hotels is available at the railway station.

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

Welcome desk are located at the exits for International/Hong Kong/Macao/Taiwan Arrivals in Terminal 4(T4), Domestic Arrivals in Terminal 4(T4), and Domestic Arrivals in Terminal 3 (T3). Please proceed to any welcome counter for assistance, where our staff will guide you to the boarding point.

► Service hours: Shuttle buses run every 30 minutes between 21 September, 08:00 and 23:00.

Shuttle Route and Stops



Departure Time at Xiaoshan International Airport									
08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30				
11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30				
14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30				
17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30				
20:00	20:30	21:00	21:30	22:00	22:30				
23:00									

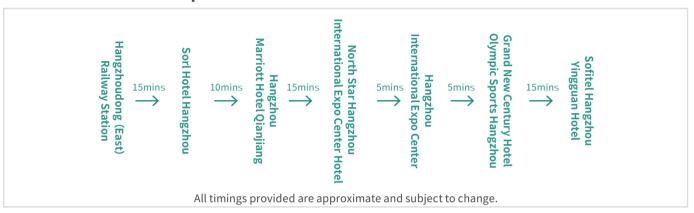


Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station

The welcome desk is located at Elevator 18 in the West Hall of the Arrivals Level. Please proceed to any welcome counter for assistance, where our staff will escort you to the pick-up area.

Service hours: 21 September, 08:00-23:00

Shuttle Route and Stops



Departure Time at Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station									
08:00	08:30	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30				
11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30				
14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30				
17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30				
20:00	20:30	21:00	21:30	22:00	22:30				
23:00									

SELF-ARRIVAL GUIDE

- BY METRO: Take Line 6 to Expo Center Station. Exit from Gate D, then walk to the sightseeing escalator and take it directly to the 2nd floor venue.
- BY RIDE-HAILING/TAXI: Enter through Gate 2. Proceed to the Credential Service Desk at E3 Entrance to collect your conference pass. Then walk to the sightseeing escalator and take it directly to the 2nd floor venue.
- BY PRIVATE CAR/SOCIAL VEHICLES: Enter the underground garage through Gate 3. Park your vehicle according to on-site guidance, then take the escalator to the 1st floor. Then walk to the sightseeing escalator and take it directly to the 2nd floor venue.

BI BADGE COLLECTION

Participants who have reserved accommodations at the officially recommended hotels may check in and collect their participant badges and materials at the reception desk in the hotel lobby.

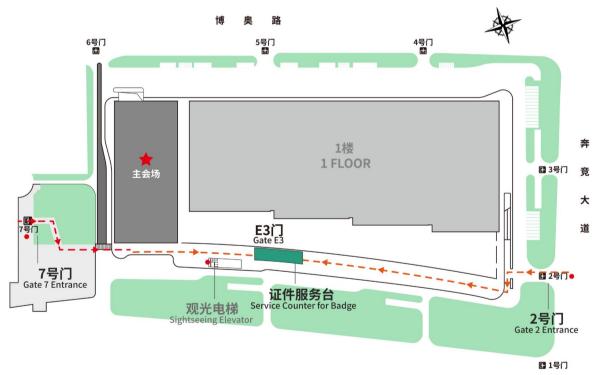
Those who have not reserved accommodations at the designated hotels are requested to proceed to the Credentials Informaton Desk on the first floor of the Hangzhou International Expo Center for registration.

Service Counter for Badge at Hangzhou International Expo Center

Location: Gate E3, 1/F, Hangzhou International Expo Center

Opening Hours:

20 September	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September
9:00-18:00	8:30-23:30	7:30-20:00	8:00-20:00	8:00-20:00



Registration Hours at Recommended Hotels

Locations:

North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel, Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang, Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel, Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou, Sorl Hotel Hangzhou

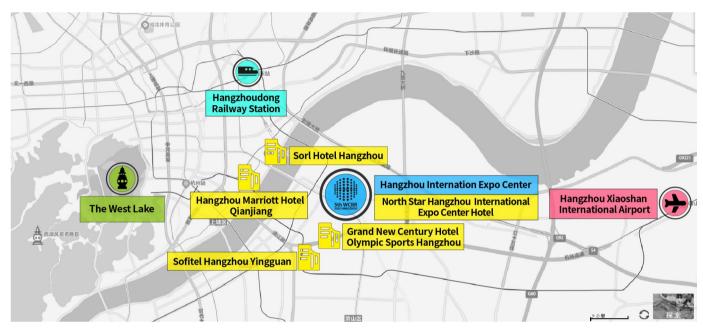
Opening Hours:

21 September 8:00-24:00

Kind Reminder: Delegates who have not collected their badges at the hotel are kindly requested to proceed to the Service Desk for Badge at Gate E3 of the Hangzhou International Expo Center.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Distribution Map



Hotel Reception Check-in Hours: 24 hours **Recommended Hotel Reception Desk Hours:**

North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel, Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang, Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel, Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou, Sorl Hotel Hangzhou

Opening Hours:

21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September	
8:00-24:00	8:00-21:00	8:00-21:00	8:00-21:00	8:00-21:00	8:00-21:00	8:00-19:00	

	22 September								
Service Phase	North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel	Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou	Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel	Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang	Sorl Hotel Hangzhou	Hangzhou International Expo Center			
Departure	08:20	08:15	08:10	08:05	08:00	/			
Return	20:00-21:30	20:00-21:30	20:00-21:30	20:00-21:30	20:00-21:30	/			
Last Departure	21:30	21:30	21:30	21:30	21:30	/			

	23 September								
Service Phase	North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel	Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou	Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel	Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang	Sorl Hotel Hangzhou	Hangzhou International Expo Center			
Network Working Meeting Departure	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	/			
Departure	09:10-09:40	09:05-09:35	09:00-09:30	08:55-09:25	08:50-09:20	/			
Last Departure	09:40	09:35	09:30	09:25	09:20	/			
Return	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	/			
Last Departure	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	/			

SHUTTLE SERVICE

24 September								
Service Phase	North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel	Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou	Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel	Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang	Sorl Hotel Hangzhou	Hangzhou International Expo Center		
Network Working Meeting Departure	07:30、08:30	07:30、08:30	07:30、08:30	07:30、08:30	07:30、08:30	/		
Departure	09:10-09:40	09:05-09:35	09:00-09:30	08:55-09:25	08:50-09:20	/		
Last Departure	09:40	09:35	09:30	09:25	09:20	/		
Return	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	18:00-20:30	/		
Last Departure	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	/		

25 September						
Service Phase	North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel	Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou	Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel	Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang	Sorl Hotel Hangzhou	Hangzhou International Expo Center
Network Working Meeting Departure	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	07:30、08:00	/
Departure	09:10-09:40	09:05-09:35	09:00-09:30	08:55-09:25	08:50-09:20	/
Last Departure	09:40	09:35	09:30	09:25	09:20	/
Return	13:00-14:30	13:00-14:30	13:00-14:30	13:00-14:30	13:00-14:30	/
Last Departure	14:30	14:30	14:30	14:30	14:30	/

Kind Reminder: Please refer to the timetable at the departure point for the most updated information.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Reception

22 September 2025 (Monday) 18:30-20:00 ► Time:

▶ Venue: Dining Hall 4D, Hangzhou International Expo Center

Meals

Dining Schedule	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September
Lunch 13:00 - 14:00	Boxed Meals	Boxed Meals	Boxed Meals	Boxed Meals
Dinner 17:30 - 19:00	Welcoming Reception (18:30 - 20:00)	Boxed Meals	Boxed Meals	_
Dining Venue	Dining Hall 4D, Hangzhou International Expo Center			

For side event and parallel session participants, please purchase meal coupons at the information desk on the 2nd floor, or dine at the food corridor on the 2nd floor.

Tea Break

22 September					
11:00-12:00	Entrance to the Venue at 4F				
13:00-13:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
14:15-15:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
23 September					
11:45-13:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
14:00-15:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
17:00-18:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
24 September					
11:45-13:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
14:00-15:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
17:00-18:45	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
25 September					
11:00-12:00	Refreshment Area at 1F-4F				
(Complimentary tea breaks are available on Floors 1-4 during the conference. A commercial coffee zone is provided in the rest area on Floor 2、3.)					



Please note: Field trips are exclusively for delegates who have successfully registered for these activities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Route 1: Hangzhou Xixi National Wetland Park

- ▶ **Departure Time:** Afternoon of September 25
- ▶ **Departure Locations:** 1F at car park, International Expo Center

Hangzhou Xixi National Wetland Park is China's first national wetland park that integrates city life, agriculture, and culture. It is renowned for its intricate waterways and rich ecology, with over 200 bird species and a spectacular "snow landscape in autumn with the reeds", blending natural beauty with a thousand years of cultural heritage. Upholding a "conservation first" principle and pioneering the "Xixi Model," it exemplifies harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, and has become a shining symbol of Hangzhou's ecological civilization.



Route 2: Tianmushan-Qingliangfeng Biosphere Reserve

▶ Departure Time:

September 26, Morning

(For the specific departure time, please refer to the itinerary schedule for field trips at the hotel service desk)

Departure Locations:

Sorl Hotel Hangzhou, Sofitel Hangzhou Yingguan Hotel, Grand New Century Hotel Olympic Sports Hangzhou, Hangzhou Marriott Hotel Qianjiang. Participants of the field trip not staying at any of the above four officially recommended hotels shall assemble and depart by vehicle from the parking lot of North Star Hangzhou International Expo Center Hotel.

Friendly Reminder:

It has been rainy recently in the Tianmushan Reserve; please bring rain gear. There are many steps on the mountain; comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.

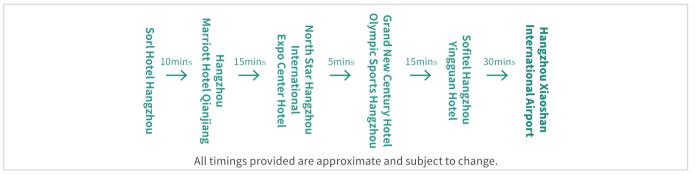
Tianmushan-Qingliangfeng Biosphere Reserve In 1996, Tianmushan was approved and designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. In 2024, through an expansion and merger with Zhejiang Qingliangfeng National Nature Reserve, the present-day Tianmushan-Qingliangfeng Biosphere Reserve was formed. The Tianmushan-Qingliangfeng Biosphere Reserve possesses rich biodiversity, with records of 2,461 species of higher plants, including rare tree species such as Parrotia subaequalis and Taxus wallichiana var. mairei; it is also home to 374 species of vertebrates, with species such as Muntiacus crinifrons, Manis pentadactyla, and Hynobius amjiensis thriving here, collectively composing a moving chapter of harmonious coexistence between humans and nature.



Shuttle Schedule: Hotels to Airport & Railway Station Service Hours:

25 September	15:00-20: 00
26-27 September	08:00-23:00

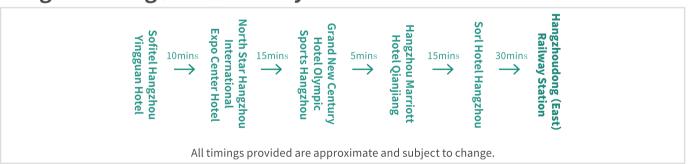
Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport



25 September					
15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	
20:00					
26-27 September					
08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	
13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	
18:00	19:00	20:00			

 $Please\ Note: The\ current\ schedule\ lists\ departure\ times\ from\ this\ hotel\ only.\ Should\ you\ estimate\ your\ travel\ time\ to\ reach\ other\ recommended\ hotels.$

Hangzhoudong (East) Railway Station



25 September					
15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	
20:00					
26-27 September					
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13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	
18:00	19:00	20:00			

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SERVICES AND REMINDERS

Join Our Green Initiatives

- •Paperless Operations: No printed documents will be provided during the Congress; all documents are available in electronic format.
- •Zero-Waste: Clearly marked, aesthetically integrated waste sorting stations and a badge collection point are located throughout the venue.On-site volunteers will assist with sorting and answer any questions to ensure all materials are disposed of properly.
- •Sustainable Catering: The congress will not provide any single-use items, including plastic meal boxes or bottled water. All tableware and cutlery are either biodegradable or reusable. With the exception of the Opening Ceremony on the 22nd, all participants are kindly requested to carry the reusable cup provided by the congress. Water refill stations are conveniently located throughout the venue, in lounges, and at field trip sites.
- •Green Construction & Materials: Modular and reusable structures and signage have been utilized for all exhibition booths, with items made from renewable materials. After the event, all usable materials will be donated to extend their lifecycle and prevent waste.
- •Carbon Offset: The total carbon emissions generated by the congress will be calculated and neutralized through investments in carbon offset projects (e.g., green electricity and renewable energy initiatives), thereby achieving a neutral carbon footprint for the event.

Accessibility services

- •Seamless Guidance: Clear and consistent signage will guide you continuously from arrival at airport and train station drop-offs to all key areas including hotels, conference venues, lounges, dining spaces, and restrooms.
- •Accessible Seating: Wheelchair-accessible seating is reserved in both the main hall and all breakout sessions. On-site wheelchair rental is also available for those who require assistance.
- •Accessibility Coordinators: Dedicated staff will be available at the information desk to provide immediate assistance with any accessibility-related needs throughout the event.
- •Volunteer Service: All volunteers have been trained in accessibility support, including proper guidance, wheelchair assistance, and communication with hearing-impaired participants, to offer help proactively while consistently respecting individual autonomy and preference.

Contact: If you require accessibility services at the conference, please contact us in advance by email: biosphere2025CHN@163.com

Medical Services

·Medical stations are available on the 2F of the venue and at each recommended hotel.

Public Emergency Contacts

Police: 110Ambulance: 120Traffic Accident: 122

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Help & Support

If you encounter any issues, please seek assistance from staff members or volunteers at the venue or in the recommended hotels, and they will be pleased to assist you.



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