



18th OWHC World Congress

Marrakech, Morocco, 26–29 October 2026

Preliminary program – 26.05.2026

	SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER	MONDAY 26 OCTOBER
All day	Arrival of participants	Registration <i>Congress center Mogador</i>
Morning	Free time	Free time
Noon	Free time	Lunch <i>Congress center Mogador</i>
Afternoon	Registration <i>Congress center Mogador</i>	Free time
		Catch-up session on the New Urban Process
		Board of Directors meeting (for Board members only)
Evening	Free time	Opening ceremony <i>Mogador Palace Agdal</i>

In yellow: Congress activities
In red: Symposium activities
In green: Members' activities (Board + General Assembly)



	TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER
All day	<i>Congress center Mogador</i>	<i>Congress center Mogador</i>	<i>Congress center Mogador</i>
Morning	<p>General Assembly <i>Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the 18th World Congress • Report by the OWHC President • Administrative aspects • Presentation of candidacies to the Board of Directors and Host City 2028 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium Session 2 (continuation) <p><i>Workshop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop #2: Developing an overall strategy and mobilizing transversal orientations • Workshop #3: Strengthening financial and institutional capacities • In parallel: Mayors' Panel 	<p>General Assembly <i>Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of candidacies for the Presidency • Announcement of the winner of the Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize and presentation of the project • Presentation of the 2027–2030 Strategy • Presentation of the 2027–2028 Action Plan • Mobilizing: defining local processes • Vote for the Presidency
Noon	Lunch <i>Congress center Mogador</i>	Lunch <i>Congress center Mogador</i>	Lunch <i>Congress center Mogador</i>
		Vote for the members of the Board of Directors and host city of the 2028 Congress	
After-noon	<p>Symposium Session 1: "Coming together" <i>Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symposium Opening • Introduction and objectives of the Symposium <p>Symposium Session 2: "Revealing where each city stands" <i>Workshop</i></p> <p>Workshop #1: Paradigm shift toward a new approach to governance</p>	<p>Symposium Session 3: "Adopting" <i>Plenary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of the workshops • Intra-delegation caucus • Feedback and positioning of the delegations (open floor) • Adoption of the New Urban Process 	<p>General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the 2027–2030 Strategy, the 2027–2028 OWHC Action Plan and the 2027 budget • Announcement of the host city for the 19th World Congress in 2028 • Closing of the 29th General Assembly
	Regional meetings		
Evening	Dinner <i>Mohammed VI Museum of Water Civilisation</i>	Dinner <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>	Closing ceremony and dinner <i>Chez Ali</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of members elected to the Board of Directors • Declaration of candidates for the presidency 	