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18th World Congress of the OWHC
Marrakech, Morocco, October 26–29, 2026

Final Program

In yellow: Congress activities
In pink: Symposium activities
In blue: Member activities (Board of Directors, General Assembly, Regional Meetings)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

Afternoon	2–6 p.m.	Registration	*Registration desk – Ground Floor*
Evening		Free time	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

All day	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	Welcome and registration	*Registration desk – Ground Floor*
		Tour of the exhibition on the New Urban Process *Continuously, October 26–29*	*Exhibition Halls – Ground Floor*
Morning	9–11:30 a.m.	Marrakech Discovery Tour *Departure time, in front of the Mogador: 9 a.m.*	
Noon	12:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch *Included in the room rate (Mogador guests)*	*Bahia Restaurant*
Afternoon	1:15–2:15 p.m.	Catch-up meeting to explain the New Urban Process	*Coliseum Room*
	2:30–4:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting *Session reserved for members of the Board of Directors*	*Olympia Room*
	2:30–5 p.m.	Thematic tour: promoting and preserving Marrakech's heritage *Departure time, in front of the Mogador: 2:30 p.m.*	
	5:30–7 p.m.	Regional Meeting – Central and Eastern Europe Regional Secretariat	*Ourika Room – Upper Floor*
Evening	7:30 –10 p.m.	Official Opening Ceremony of the Congress Dinner	*Mogador Congress Center*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

Morning	**8–9 a.m.**	**Welcome and Registration**	*Registration Desk – Ground Floor*
	9–10:30 a.m.	**Opening of the 26th General Assembly** • Report by the OWHC President • Administrative aspects	*Coliseum Room*
	10:30–11 a.m.	**Break**	*Room adjacent to the Coliseum*
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	**General Assembly (continued)** • Presentation of candidacies to the Board of Directors and the 2028 Host City	*Coliseum Room*
Noon	**1–2:30 p.m.**	**Lunch**	
Afternoon	**2:30–2:50 p.m.**	**Symposium: Opening** • Opening of the Symposium by Ms. Fatim Ezzahra El Mansouri, Mayor of Marrakech • Remarks by the Secretary General of the OWHC, Mr. Mikhaël De Thyse • Practical details for the Symposium	*Coliseum Room*

	2:50–3:30 p.m.	**Session 1: Coming Together**
		• **Presentations:**
		  ○ Mr. Bruno Marchand, Mayor of Quebec City — A shared awareness and common issues
		  ○ Mr. José María Bellido Roche, Mayor of Córdoba — a collective response to urban challenges
		  ○ Mr. Mato Frankovic, Mayor of Dubrovnik
		  ○ Mr. Amadou Mansour Faye, Mayor of Saint-Louis
			Coliseum Room

	3:30–4 p.m.	**Break**	*Room adjacent to the Coliseum*

	4–5:30 p.m.	**Session 2: Revealing where each city stands**
		Workshop 1 - The Evolution of Governance
		• Seating arrangements by language, workshop instructions, and introduction to materials.
		• Case study presentations:
		  ○ Mr. Dries Vanbelleghem, Director of Urban Development and Economy, City of Brugge
		  ○ Ms. Mihaela Skurić, Director of the Institute for the Restoration of Dubrovnik, City of Dubrovnik
			Coliseum Room

Evening	**8 p.m.**	**Dinner** *Departure time, in front of the Mogador: 7 p.m.*	*Mohammed VI Museum of Water Civilization*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

Morning	**9–10:30 a.m.**	**Workshop 2 - Overall Strategies**
		• Assignment to tables by language and introduction to materials.
		• Presentations of use cases:
		  ○ Ms. Anne-Laure Moniot, Head of the Architecture and Urban Heritage Planning Department, Bordeaux-Métropole, City of Bordeaux
		  ○ Mr. Ki Chun Jang, Team Leader, City of Gyeongju
					Coliseum Room

	10:30–11 a.m.	**Break**			*Room adjacent to the Coliseum*
	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	**Workshop 3 – Common framework for investment** *Workshop led by CHiFA* Case study presentations: ○ José Antonio Jiménez Molina, City Councillor for Tourism and Promotion, City of Baeza ○ Silvia Ulloa, Director General of Historic Areas and Heritage, City of Cuenca	**10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**	**Mayors' Panel** *Exclusive parallel session for mayors and elected officials*	*Workshop 3 – Coliseum Room* *Mayors' Panel – Olympia Room*
Noon	**12:30–2:30 p.m.**	**Lunch and vote for members of the Board of Directors and the host city for the 2028 congress.**			
Afternoon	**2:30–4:45 p.m.**	**Session 3: Adhering** • Summary of workshop results • Intra-delegation caucus • Presentations by the delegations			*Coliseum Room*
	5–6:30 p.m.	**Regional Meeting – Northwestern Europe and North America**			*Ourika Room – Upper Level*
Evening	**8 p.m.**	**Dinner and announcement of members elected to the Board of Directors and declaration of candidates for the presidency** *Departure time, in front of the Mogador: 7 p.m.*			*Bahia Palace*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

Morning	**9–10:30 a.m.**	**General Assembly** • Presentation of candidacies for president and voting • Announcement of the winner of the Jean-Paul-L'Allier Prize and presentation of the project • Adoption of the New Urban Process • Presentation of the 2027–2030 Strategy	*Coliseum Room*
	10:30–11:00 a.m.	**Break**	*Room adjacent to the Coliseum*
	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	**Continuation of the General Assembly** • Presentation of the OWHC Action Plan 2027–2028	*Coliseum Room*
Noon	**1–2:30 p.m.**	**Lunch**	
Afternoon	**2:30–3:30 p.m.**	**Continuation of the General Assembly** • Adoption of the 2027–2030 Strategy, the 2027–2028 Action Plan, and the 2027 budget • Announcement of the President-elect • Announcement of the host city for the 19th World Congress (2028) • Closing of the 29th General Assembly	*Coliseum Room*
Evening	**8 p.m.**	**Closing Ceremony and Dinner** *Departure time, in front of the Mogador: 7 p.m.*	*Chez Ali*