

2026 International Conference on Natural Resources and Planning

(Third Circular)

Addressing global climate change, advancing energy transition and green development, promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, and realizing harmonious coexistence between humanity and nature have become international consensus. High-quality development of green and low-carbon cities is an inevitable requirement for meeting people's aspirations for a better life. The 2026 International Conference on Natural Resources and Planning (ICNRP 2026) will be held at The University of Hong Kong from 26 to 30 March 2026. Academic events marking the 75th anniversary of the Faculty of Architecture and the 45th anniversary of the Department of Urban Planning and Design of The University of Hong Kong will be held concurrently. The third circular is hereby issued as follows.

I. Dates

26-30 March 2026. Technical exchange activities (professional visits) will be held on 26-27 March. The First Council Meeting of the International Association of Natural Resources will be held on the afternoon of 27 March. The opening ceremony, keynote speeches, parallel forums, and closing ceremony will be held on 28-29 March. Registration will take place on the afternoon of 27 March.

II. Venue

Lecture Hall 2, Grand Hall, Loke Yew Hall Conference Centre, Main Building Podium, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong (Pokfulam Road, Central and Western District, Hong Kong SAR, China).



In principle, airport and station pick-up services will not be arranged. Participants are kindly requested to travel to the venue by their own means after arriving in Hong Kong.

III. Main Schedule

Date	Time	Agenda
26 March (Thu)	All day	Technical exchange
27 March (Fri)	All day	Technical exchange
27 March (Fri)	Afternoon	Registration for participants; closed-door meeting (Council of the International Association of Natural Resources)
28 March (Sat)	Morning	Opening ceremony; keynote speeches
28 March (Sat)	Afternoon	Sub-venues and parallel forums
29 March (Sun)	Morning	Sub-venues and parallel forums
29 March (Sun)	Afternoon	Keynote speeches; master special lecture and dialogue session
29 March (Sun)	Late afternoon	Awards ceremony; closing ceremony

IV. Conference Theme and Topics

The conference theme is “Natural Resources, Urban Futures, and Architectural Heritage.” Focusing on some of the most representative and urgent contemporary challenges, the conference organizes the core demands of sustainable development from three major dimensions and provides an overarching framework for interdisciplinary dialogue. The working language of the conference is English.

Main topics (parallel sessions):

Session	Theme	Conveners
S1	Energy Transition and Critical Minerals	Shen Lei; Ayman Elshkaki; Zhang Gang; Han Mengyao
S2	Spatiotemporal Intelligence and Digital Watersheds	Chen Xi; Philippe De Maeyer; Aminjon Gulakhmadov; Liu Tie
S3	Patterns and Driving Mechanisms of Land Resource Change	Dong Jinwei; Ke Xinli; Zhu Xiaolin; Yu Le
S4	Grassland Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Utilization	Wang Zhanyi; Pablo Gregorini; Li Junran
S5	Food System Transformation and Resource Efficiency	Deng Xiangzheng; Zhang Xiaoling; Bai Yuping
S6	Material Cycles and Carbon Neutrality	Zeng Xianlai; Dong Liang; Tang Yuanyuan
S7	Pollution Control and Ecological Restoration of Resources and the Environment	Shi Kaimin; Liu Rui; Lei Mei
S8	Climate Risk and Governance of Resources and the Environment	Li Jinkai; Fang Kai; Xu He
S9	Good Governance and Rule of Law for Natural Resources	Hu Desheng; Cao Xia; Xu Shengqing; Wang Tao
S10	Remote Sensing of Resources and the Environment and Spatial Intelligence Technologies	Chen Baozhang; Huang Bo; Chen Min; Zhu Rui
S11	Future Urban Scenarios and Planning Transformation	Chief Convener: Lu Bin; Conveners: Han Haoying; Shen Guoqiang
S12	Resilient Cities and Spatial Governance	Zhai Guofang; Li Yunyan
S13	Innovation in Urban and Regional Planning	Chief Convener: Zhang Wenzhong; Conveners: Wu Wenjie; Wendy Chen; Cai Meng
S14	Human Settlements and High-Quality Development	Zhu Ling; Song Yeh-Hao
S15	Urban Regeneration and Vibrant Cities	Chief Convener: Bian Lanchun; Conveners: Zeng Peng; Luo Xiaolong; Zhu Jin; Li Jinxuan
S16	Architectural Character and Urban Design	Luo Jianhe; Feng Gang; Zhu Tao; Zhang Bing

Session	Theme	Conveners
S17	Industrial Revitalization and Historic Districts	Cao Yongkang; Chen Lichao
S18	Integration of Culture and Tourism and Rural Revitalization	Chief Convener: Guo Qiongying; Conveners: Alexander Dunets; Lu Jiansong; Xue Minghui; Xu Jian; Gong Xiaolei
S19	Public Art and Cultural Cities	Cao Xiaoxin; Dong Tiantian; Wang Xuanzheng
S21	Coordinated Development of Spatial Planning and Transportation	Xia Haishan; Zhu Gaoru; Zhou Jiangping; Xiao Zuopeng
S20	Resource Sustainability and Global Youth Innovation	Zhong Shuai; Xu Guochang; Wang Peng; Li Delong

V. Organizers

Hosts: International Association of Natural Resources; Institute for China Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Hong Kong; Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong

Co-hosts: International Designer Association; Organizing Committee of the Yuanye Cup International Competition

Organizers: Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong; Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong; Yuanye Cup Urban Design Center

VI. Academic Committee

Chair:

- M. Qasim Jan — Former President of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences; Foreign Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; Fellow of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, The World Academy of Sciences, and the Academy of Sciences for the Islamic World; Lifetime Honorary Professor of the National Centre of Excellence in Geology, University of Peshawar; President of the International Association of Natural Resources.
- Anthony G. O. Yeh — Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Social Sciences in the United Kingdom; Professor, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.

Vice Chairs:

- Sabah AlMomin — Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences; Vice President, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Akhylbek Kurishbayev — President of the National Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan and President of Kazakh National Agrarian Research University; Vice President, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Richard Church — Member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences; Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Regional Science Association International; Professor, Department of Geography, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Fu Bojie — Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and The World Academy of Sciences; International Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Honorary Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; Fellow of the International Science Council; Researcher, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- Chen Fahu — Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and The World Academy of Sciences; President of the Geographical Society of China; Researcher, Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- Guo Renzhong — Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering; Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences; President of the Guangdong Academy of Academicians Association; Director and Professor, Smart City Research Institute, Shenzhen University.
- Pietro Elisei — President of the International Designer Association; Former President of ISOCARP.
- Gong Peng — Vice President, The University of Hong Kong; Academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences.

Members (in alphabetical order):

- Alexander Dunets — Former Vice President, Altai State University, Russia; Vice President, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Bian Lanchun — Professor, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University; Vice Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Chen Baozhang — Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand; Vice Chair, Executive Committee, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Cui Shu — Dean, School of Architecture, Southwest Jiaotong University; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Dang Anrong — Professor, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University.
- Dong Gong — Foreign Academician of the French Academy of Architecture; Founder and Principal Architect, Vector Architects.
- Guo Qiongying — Vice President, International Designer Association; Professor, Chinese Culture University, Taiwan.
- He Shenjing — Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in the United Kingdom; Executive Director, Institute for China Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Hong Kong; Head and Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong.
- Hu Desheng — Professor, School of Law, Chongqing University; Vice Chair, Executive Committee, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Huang Bo — Chair Professor, Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong; Associate Director, Institute for China Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Hong Kong.
- Lei Zhendong — Dean, School of Architecture, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology.
- Li Xiangning — Vice President, Tongji University.
- Lu Bin — Professor, College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University; Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Ling Kar-kan — Vice President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Former Director of Planning of Hong Kong; Vice Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources; Chairman, Hong Kong Housing Society.
- Lee Young-Hyun — Professor, Chung-Ang University, Korea; Vice Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Shen Lei — Researcher, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Executive President, International Association of Natural Resources; Former Vice Chairman and Executive Secretary-General, China Society of Natural Resources.
- Shi Tiemao — Former President, Shenyang Jianzhu University; Vice Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Sun Cheng — Dean, School of Architecture and Design, Harbin Institute of Technology.
- Timon McPhearson — Director, Urban Systems Lab, New York University, United States.
- Wu Wenjie — Dean, School of Urban Design, Wuhan University; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Zhang Yonghe — Jury Member of the Pritzker Architecture Prize; Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; Dean, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.
- Zhang Wenzhong — Vice President, Urban Planning Society of China; Researcher, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Vice Chair, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.

VII. Organizing Committee

Chairs:

- Zhang Yonghe — Jury Member of the Pritzker Architecture Prize; Dean, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.

- Shen Lei — Researcher, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Executive President, International Association of Natural Resources; Former Vice Chairman and Executive Secretary-General, China Society of Natural Resources.

Executive Chair:

- He Shenjing — Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in the United Kingdom; Executive Director, Institute for China Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Hong Kong; Head, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong.

Vice Chairs:

- Huang Shaoji — Executive Vice-Dean, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.
- Chen Baozhang — Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand; Vice Chair, Executive Committee, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Huang Bo — Chair Professor, Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong; Associate Director, Institute for China Urban and Regional Studies, The University of Hong Kong.
- Wang Xiujun — Vice President, China Western Green Development Research Institute; Executive Director, Yuanye Cup Organizing Committee.
- Cheng Meifen — Head, Department of Architecture, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong.

Members (in alphabetical order):

- Chen Xi — Academic Dean and Research Professor, School of Geographic Information, Zhejiang University of Technology; Member of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences; Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the National Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan.
- Cao Yongkang — Vice Dean, School of Design, Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Deputy Director, Heritage and Cities Committee, International Designer Association.
- Cao Xiaoxin — Deputy Chief Architect, China Architecture Design & Research Group; Executive Secretary-General, Public Art Committee, Architectural Society of China.
- Chen Lichao — Vice Dean, School of Architecture, China Academy of Art.
- Deng Xiangzheng — Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Committee and Vice President, Beijing Technology and Business University; Professor.
- Dong Jinwei — Researcher, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Director, Professional Committee on Natural Resource Information Systems Research, China Society of Natural Resources.
- Dong Tiantian — Vice Dean, School of Arts, Southeast University; Vice President, Industrial Design Division, International Designer Association.
- Feng Gang — Former Vice Dean and Professor, School of Architecture, Tianjin University.
- Hu Desheng — Professor, School of Law, Chongqing University; Vice Chair, Executive Committee, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Han Haoying — Director, Institute for Urban Sustainable Development, City University of Macau; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Ke Xinli — Vice Dean, College of Public Administration, Huazhong Agricultural University; Professor and Doctoral Supervisor.
- Lei Mei — Researcher, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Deputy Director of the Key Laboratory.
- Li Jinkai — Second-Tier Professor and Doctoral Supervisor, Zhengzhou University; Head, Energy-Environment-Economy Research Center.
- Li Yunyan — Vice Dean, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Chongqing University; Vice President, Urban Design Division, International Designer Association.
- Liu Rui — Professor, Institute of Plateau Lake Ecology and Governance, Yunnan University.

- Luo Xiaolong — Vice Dean, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Nanjing University; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Lu Jiansong — Vice Dean, School of Architecture, Hunan University; Deputy Director, Rural Revitalization Committee, International Designer Association.
- Luo Jianhe — President and Chief Architect, Architectural Design and Research Institute, South China University of Technology.
- Shi Kaimin — Associate Dean and Professor, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong.
- Shen Guoqiang — Head and Professor, Department of Urban Planning, Zhejiang University; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Song Yeh-Hao — Deputy Head, Department of Architecture, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University; Tenured Professor; Deputy Chief Architect, Architectural Design & Research Institute, Tsinghua University.
- Wang Zhanyi — Associate Professor, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University.
- Xia Haishan — Co-Dean, Institute for Coordinated Development of Territorial Spatial Planning and Transportation, Beijing Jiaotong University; Executive Council Member, Urban and Regional Planning Division, International Association of Natural Resources.
- Xu Jian — Executive Vice Dean and Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Yunnan University.
- Zeng Peng — Vice Dean, School of Architecture, Tianjin University; Vice President, Urban Design Division, International Designer Association.
- Zeng Xianlai — Researcher, Tsinghua University; Deputy Director, Tsinghua University Think Tank Center.
- Zhu Ling — Director and Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Tianjin University.
- Zhai Guofang — Director, Research Center for Urban Safety Development, Nanjing University; Professor and Doctoral Supervisor.
- Zhou Jiangping — Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, The University of Hong Kong.
- Zhu Gaoru — Professor, Department of Urban and Rural Planning, Beijing Jiaotong University.
- Zhang Bing — Chairman and Chief Architect, H&S Design.

VIII. Conference Registration

Participants may register through the website of the International Conference on Natural Resources and Planning (www.iaonr.org/icnrp2026). Groups of three or more may complete group registration through the conference website.

Important reminder: Participants who have successfully completed registration and wish to apply for an electronic invoice should state this during registration. After payment is received, the invoice will be sent promptly to the designated email address. After 25 March 2026, the conference secretariat will no longer process invoice requests. Please fill in invoice information and the recipient email address accurately. Each participant is allowed a maximum of two modifications.

Participants who are unable to attend after successful registration are kindly requested to contact the conference secretariat at info@iaonr.org to submit a registration cancellation request before 24:00 on 25 March 2026. The registration fee will be refunded in full to the original payment account after the conference, and refund procedures will be completed within 30 working days after the conference. No refund or electronic invoice will be provided to those who fail to submit an online cancellation request before 24:00 on 25 March 2026.

(1) Registration Fees

Category	Type	Mainland China / Hong Kong / Macao / Taiwan (RMB)	International Delegates (USD)
Member Representatives	Regular Members	RMB 2,000	USD 280
Member Representatives	Council Members / Standing Council Members	RMB 1,600	USD 220
Member Representatives	Student Members	RMB 1,000	USD 150
Non-member Representatives	Conference Delegates	RMB 2,800	USD 390
Non-member Representatives	Students	RMB 1,500	USD 210

Discount policy: A 10% discount applies to (1) payments made on or before 30 December 2025; (2) group registration of three persons or more; and (3) winners of the conference's outstanding paper awards.

Notes: (1) Registration fees include tea breaks and conference materials. (2) "Member representatives" refers to members of the International Association of Natural Resources, the Yuanye Cup, the International Designer Association, and other co-organizing institutions. (3) Transportation, meals, and accommodation during the conference are at participants' own expense. (4) Registration fees do not include the welcome dinner or technical visit expenses.

Please show the participant's name and parallel-session number at on-site registration. **Payment remarks are required** (see the important reminder below).



International USD Payment



RMB Payment within Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan

Important reminder: In the payment remarks, please provide the parallel-session number, name, invoice title, and email address, for example: "S1 + Zhang San + XXX University + xxx@126.com". If the number of characters is limited, please provide **at least the session number, name, and email address**. If an invoice is required, please send the invoice information together with proof of payment to info@iaonr.org.

IX. Professional and Technical Exchange

(1) On 26-27 March, the conference will organize pre-conference technical exchanges focusing on classic built projects in Hong Kong. These activities will examine Hong Kong's effective practices in green and low-carbon development, energy transition, and improvement of the human living environment; innovative approaches to the conservation of cultural districts, revitalization of historic buildings, and creation of cultural landmarks; planning concepts and technical methods for low-carbon architecture and new towns; and representative works demonstrating high-density urban space utilization, cultural heritage, and ecological sustainability. Professional exchanges will also be arranged with relevant academic societies, professional institutions, and designers in Hong Kong.

(2) Technical exchange fees: RMB 3,800 per person for conference guests, members of the International Association of Natural Resources, the International Designer Association, the Yuanye Cup Organizing Committee, award-winning teachers and students, and designers. The fee for other participants is RMB 4,000 per person.

(3) The technical exchange fee covers local transportation in Hong Kong during the activity period, catering, professional escorts, expert interpretation, and seminar/exchange sessions. Round-trip transportation to Hong Kong and accommodation are at participants' own expense. The professional visits and exchange activities are uniformly organized, charged, and invoiced by the Yuanye Cup Urban Design Center.



Please provide your name, invoice title, “technical exchange,” and email address in the payment remarks.

(4) Guests participating in the visits and technical exchange activities are kindly requested to register on the afternoon of 25 March.

X. Hotels Near The University of Hong Kong

(1) HKU contracted hotel

- **JEN Hong Kong by Shangri-La** — Contract rate: HKD 980 + 13% tax per night for a Superior Room (breakfast not included). Breakfast: HKD 200 per person per day + 10% tax. Quote “HKU-iAONR Conference 2026” when booking to enjoy the contracted rate. Address: 508 Queen’s Road West, about a 5-minute walk to HKU Main Building. Tel: +852-29741234; email: reservations.hjkhk@shangri-la.com.

(2) Nearby hotels (it is recommended to book through online platforms such as Qunar, Meituan, and Ctrip for more competitive prices)

- **Grand Bay View / 181 Hotel** — 181 Des Voeux Road West; about 15 minutes on foot from HKU MTR Station Exit B1 and approximately 0.5 km from the HKU campus. Tel: +852-31811688; email: frontdesk@oasisaurum181.com.hk.
- **Best Western Plus Hotel Hong Kong** — Conference contract rates for twin/double rooms: 25-26 March: HKD 700 per night; 27 March: HKD 980; 28 March: HKD 1,170; 29 March: HKD 650 (all prices exclude breakfast and include 13% tax). Breakfast: HKD 60 per person per day. Please book by email and quote “HKU-iAONR Conference 2026” to enjoy the conference rate. Contact: Manager He; tel: +852-34103333; email: asmcorp@bestwesternplushotel.com. Address: 308 Des Voeux Road West, Sai Wan, Central and Western District, Hong Kong; about 13 minutes on foot to HKU.
- **Ramada Hong Kong Harbour View** — Contract room rates are subject to daily fluctuation. When booking, please quote “HKU-iAONR Conference 2026” to inquire about the rate of the day. Contact: Manager Wu; tel: +852-2599-9886; emails: adostt@ramadahkhv.com and scta@ramadahkhv.com. Address: 239 Queen’s Road West, Exit A1, Sai Ying Pun Station; about 18 minutes on foot to HKU.
- **Y Hotel Hong Kong** — 89 Des Voeux Road West, Sheung Wan, Central and Western District, Hong Kong; about 21 minutes on foot to HKU. Tel: +852-23785008; email: reservations.yhotel@ozohotels.com.



XI. Contacts

Official conference website: <http://www.iaonr.org/icnrp2026>

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