



## DIT 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Forum

Hosting

## WAITRO 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress & General Assembly

### General Theme

## Leadership for Innovation

### Date

11 – 14 October 2010

### Venue

Jumeirah Emirates Towers

### Expected # of Participants

250 – 450

### Participants Profile

Including but not limited to WAITRO Members, Gov Representatives, UN Agencies, Funding Agencies, SME Agencies, Universities, R&D Centers, Industries, etc.

### Sub-titles (5 sessions)

- **Leadership**
  - Title: (21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Leaders: Roles & Parameters)
  
- **R&D Commercialization**
  - Title: (From Finance to IP Management)
  
- **Knowledge Transfer**
  - Title: (Knowledge Transfer: Challenges & Best Practices)
  
- **Policies & Procedures**
  - Title: (Government Policies & Procedures: Enabling Innovation eco-system)
  
- **Public Private Partnership**
  - Title: (PPP towards sustainable industrial growth)

## Event Objectives:

- To provide a platform to explore concepts, strategies, relevant models pertaining "Leadership for Innovation".
- To provide ideas in stimulating Leadership for Innovation
- To share know-how and best practices.
- To exchange ideas and experience.
- To encouraging research and development of technologies for the Industrial worldwide.
- To exchange and disseminate information and promote communication.
- To cooperate and communicate with national and international governmental, institutional and private agencies in matters relating to Industrial Technology research and development.

## Activities:

1. WAITRO Pre-Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting (Management Pre-meeting)  
**Attendees Profile:** President, Vice President 1, Vice President 2 and WAITRO Secretariat  
**Objective:** Finalize Papers and Important Matters for EXCOM Meeting, Congress and General Assembly
  
2. WAITRO Board Meeting (Internal)  
**Attendees Profile:** - WAITRO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting (9am-1 noon) - WAITRO EXCOM Members and WAITRO Secretariat (12 people max)  
- WAITRO EXCOM - RFP Meeting (2 pm - 6.00 pm) - WAITRO EXCOM, RFP and Secretariat (16 people max)  
**Objective:** WAITRO Board Meeting
  
3. Opening Ceremony  
**Attendees Profile:** Usual Biennial Congress participants are around 150 - 250 people.  
**Objective:** Ice Breaking and Networking
  
4. International Conference  
**Attendees Profile:** WAITRO Member Organization and Stakeholders such as Government Representatives, UN Agencies, Funding Agencies, SME Agencies etc.  
**Objective:**
  1. To provide a platform to explore concepts, strategies, relevant models pertaining "Leadership for Innovation".
  2. To provide ideas in stimulating Leadership for Innovation



3. To provide a platform for sharing know-how and best practices.
4. To provide platform for exchange of ideas and experience.
5. Gala Dinner
6. WAITRO General Assembly (Elections)  
**Attendees Profile:** Contact Person or **Representative** of WAITRO Member Organizations only  
**Objective:** WAITRO Biennial Assembly / Meeting and Election

### Added Activities (Proposals):

1. UNIDO will launch the Arabic version of the **LABNETWORK** Project during WAITRO Conference in October. It is WAITROs most prestigious project at present, which they will also make it available in Arabic language, proving their commitment to the region. Translation is at present done by UNIDO (and on UNIDO's budget). Later on, it will also be available in Spanish language!

### ABOUT WAITRO:

World Association of Industrial and Technological Research is an independent, non-governmental and not-for-profit association established in 1970 to promote and encourage co-operation among industrial and technological research and development organizations (RTOs). It was founded under the auspices of the United Nations system and has consultative status with many of its specialized agencies. The Association currently has 174 members in 80 countries and co-operates with over 500 other institutes and international agencies worldwide.

#### MISSION

WAITRO aims "to be an enabler for developing action oriented partnerships among member organizations for sustainable development".

#### OBJECTIVES

WAITRO fosters links between member organizations through the following objectives:

- To encourage and facilitate transfer of research results and technical know-how
- To promote exchange of experience in research and technology management
- To enhance capabilities in management of research and technological organizations
- To identify and promote fields of research suitable for international collaboration, new opportunities and markets
- To promote technological research and capability building in the developing countries



## About DIT

**DIT** is the research and development initiative of **Economic Zones World (EZW)** under TechnoPark. It symbolizes Dubai's vision to develop a knowledge-based technology-centric sustainable business hub, which will not only support the country's research and development needs in its core sectors but will also support the nation's long term economic development and growth.

Leading Dubai's science and technological research development strategy by providing the appropriate environment, DIT would attract and enhance direct investment in manufacturing and 'research and development' facilities with key focus on appropriate advanced technologies related to water (resource management and desalination), energy, mobility / logistics, industrial engineering and health sectors.

### **DIT Vision:**

"Creating an Ecosystem that supports Science, Technology & Innovation to lead the region towards a value-based knowledge society."

DIT is divided in the following two areas:

### **DIT Core:**

DIT Core comprises the following:

1. DIT University
2. DIT R&D – Convention Center and Science Museum
3. DIT Services such as Business Development, Policy Advice for R&D, Incubator and Professional Services and Patent office
4. Dubai Institute for Sustainability as DIT's own Research Institute and laboratories

### **DIT Strategic Research Area:**

DIT Strategic Research Area focuses on:

5. Health
6. Water
7. Mobility and Logistics
8. Energy
9. Industrial Engineering
10. Socio Economic Studies at Dubai Institute of Sustainability