



The Nature of Cities (TNOC) Summit

A movement for transdisciplinary green cities

PROGRAMMING PARTNER PACKAGES

Join us at the TNOC Summit – Host a session and join a movement!



We aspire to change the process of city creation—designing, planning, building, and adaptively managing—with the [TNOC Summit](#) that joins relevant thought leaders, scientists, practitioners, and stakeholder groups—into a unified event, on equal footing. Join us in convening an ecological design meeting working from the premise that cities are both ecological and social spaces; a planners’ meeting that interacts with artists; a meeting balanced between the Global South and North, and balanced between thought and action, theory and

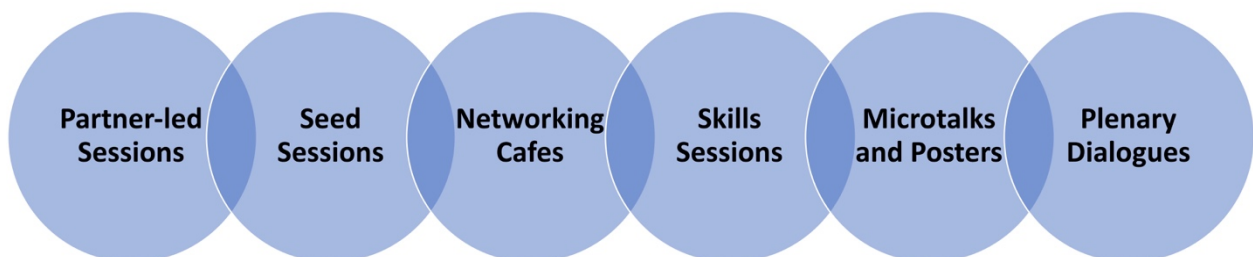
experimentation.

We invite you to be a Programming Partner with TNOC to create the Summit that we all need. We are planning a variety of innovative, dialogue-driven types of sessions: lots of conversation and workshop, not so many “talks”. We also invite proposals for “partner-led sessions”, in which a partner can invent the format that suits their session. We provide the appropriate room and the opportunity for integration into the wider Summit agenda. The benefits to you are embedding your work and colleagues into the wider Summit agenda. The benefits to us are more and more diverse people participating the Summit—we welcome the ideas and people you would bring.

Packages vary depending on the size of your session, but for a typical Programming Partner session we request a €5,000 or €10,000 donation to the Summit, for which the donor receives the session opportunity, support for the session, several complimentary registrations, and being a named partner.

Join us.

Types of Sessions at TNOC Summit



Details of Sessions at the Summit

PARTNER-LED SESSIONS: With Partner-led sessions you own the program and we set the stage. Propose your own idea for a session and join us to host your organization's very own mini-gathering within the wider TNOC Summit! Your people are can fully participate in sessions around the Summit. Other participants may be interested in attending your session (unless you've made it private). You can build workshops, panels, or traditional talks, as you require, although we encourage you to engage a spirit of dialogue and transdisciplinarity. You can even set parts of your session to "invitation only", although we don't encourage this. *For Partner-led sessions expected to be of standard size (25-125 people) we typically request a €10,000 donation to the Summit, which includes an appropriate room, required AV, listing in the Summit session list and program, two complimentary registrations, and session support. For smaller sessions (in which you plan to accommodate fewer than 25 people), we typically request a €5,000 donation. Special translation services, if needed, may require an additional at-cost fee. But we are open to other arrangements, so please get in touch.*

NETWORKING CAFES: Networking Cafes are 90-minute periods to gather in a cafe-like setting, with people interested in one of the five thematic pillars: resilience, sustainability, livability, health, justice. There will be five such Cafes, one for each pillar, with light food, coffee and tea, drinks, wine, and beer. The idea is to gather and converse. (We may consider activities designed to facilitate meeting people you don't know.) Posters in a theme will be available at the Café, attended by the poster's author. The idea is to *network*. There will be several soap boxes around the room. At any moment, anyone can mount a soapbox. A person responsible for monitoring the soapboxes will make a sound (e.g., a bell), and everyone must stop to listen for 1-minute to the person making a statement, proposition, or request. For example: "I want to create a project about <something>; come and talk with me about it". After one minute, the person dismounts the soapbox and the room returns to conversation. *Sponsorship of Networking Cafés is €10,000, with the complimentary registrations and logo placements outlined below.*

SEED SESSIONS: Synthetic ideas that find expression in example works or projects will be the focus of interactive workshops and will be the "Seeds" around which small mixed-discipline groups will gather to talk about how they can contribute, and different parts of the world can benefit. Seed Sessions can start with short scene-setting talks—perhaps several examples of a similar idea—followed by facilitated discussion. Note takers will capture the ideas. *To propose a Seed Session with a direct path to the program (bypassing the usual full review process) we ask for a €5,000 donation to the Summit, which includes an appropriate room, required AV, listing in the Summit session agenda and program, one complimentary registration, and session support, and logo placements, as outlined below. You are also welcome to propose a Seed Session in the usual public process, without a donation.*

Note that Seed Sessions are NOT about just presenting your work—they are about creating a dialogue, exploring ideas, and fostering co-creation among diverse collaborators. As such, Seed Sessions start with an idea, work, or example project that is specific enough to have details to discuss, but is open enough to attract diverse participants. Do you have a project idea you want to kickstart? Think about what the output of such a session could be, so the session's discussants can work toward that conclusion. Examples outputs could be: a TNOC-style roundtable published at The Nature of Cities; a call to action; a proposal for a project or work; a publication; or just to explore where the idea leads.

Examples of emerging Seed Sessions include: “Towards a Swimmable Urban River”; “A feminist (gender, generational, caring) and ‘global south’ approach to urban planning”; “What is the research and practice frontier of nature-based solutions? What is next?”; “Bringing fringes together”; “Revealing, integrating, expanding environmental cultural patterns in cities”; “Build a framework for putting ecology into planning”; “Designing landscapes in which both people and nature thrive”; “Art as a collaborative tool”; and many more.

SKILLS SESSIONS: Skills Sessions are for trainings and teaching on specific topics or techniques. Examples including: "Storytelling Techniques"; "Writing for New Audiences"; Methods of collaboration". Or, perhaps you have a valuable tool or technique that people would like to learn. *To proposing a Skills Session with a direct path to the program (bypassing the usual full review process) we ask for a €5,000 donation to the Summit, which includes an appropriate room, required AV, listing in the Summit session agenda and program, one complimentary registration, and session support, and logo placements, as outlined below. You are also welcome to propose a Skills Session in the usual public process, without a donation.*

MICROTALKS: MicroTalks meld communication and dialogue and are 2-minute presentations and can include 1 slide. All presenters will be sitting in a circle, with the audience sitting outside the circle. After all of the presentations, the entire group (presenters and audience) will participate in an open discussion, in the style of a Fishbowl*. A summary of each talk—up to 250 words—will be published as part of the Summit Proceedings. Two-Minute talks are a special and exciting format. But please make sure to commit to the two-minute limit, to be fair to other presenters, and to leave time for the most important part: dialogue. MicroTalk presentations will be grouped together into one of the five pillar themes of the Summit (resilience, sustainability, health, livability, justice), without reference to discipline. That is, talks will be gathered into mixed points of view within the pillars. *Microtalks are free for anyone to submit, without charge.*

Worried about a 2-minute talk. Don't be—it's a really dynamic format, with lots of potential for exchange of ideas.

* Fishbowls are a discussion format in which people are gathered in a circle facing the middle. In the middle are 5 chairs, one of which is always empty. Only the four people in the middle may speak. The four who start in the middle are given a prompt and start to discuss. After all the MicroTalks, the starting prompt is: "What did you hear in the talks that moved or affected you?" At any point, anyone can come in to sit in the empty chair and one person has to leave. The conversation proceeds where it will.

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE HOST PACKAGE?

- One registration fee waiver for a €5,000 package; two for a €10,000 package
- An additional registration fee waiver for every 20 paid registrations you recruit to your session
- Le Sorbonne venue site with technical set-up included and various sizes and styles of rooms to accommodate the session you need
- Access to all Summit regular programming for your participants
- TNOC minimal-waste swag bag for each participant
- Onsite branding and logo placement on Summit materials