



The banner features logos for NICE, JITRI, eadway, SENeca, and TÜBITAK at the top. The main logo is a lightbulb with a green leaf inside, next to the text "WAITRO SUMMIT 2024 From Innovation to Impact Strategies for Sustainable Solutions". Below this, it says "November 13-15, 2024" and "Nanjing | China". At the bottom, it lists "Jiangsu Industrial Technology Research Institute (JITRI)" and "World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO)". On the right, there is a colorful graphic of a hand holding a globe made of dots. At the bottom, the word "NANJING" is written in large, stylized letters over a city skyline.

Exploring WAITRO's Global Foot-print and Updates on WAITRO Summit 2024

FROM THE SECRETARIAT



**By Dr Paul E. Burrows,
WAITRO Secretary General**

Welcome to the third WAITRO Newsletter of 2024. The news that I am most excited to publish in this quarter is that our flagship event, the WAITRO Summit 2024, scheduled for November 13th - 15th in Nanjing, China, is finally ready to launch! Thanks to the tireless efforts of the team and the contributions from members, the main conference website is up at www.waitrosummit2024.org and registration is open.

Some content and details on the website are still "TBA," but by July 19th, all this will be finished. In the meantime, you can enjoy the good bits, go register, and propose to contribute to sessions that you find particularly relevant! Due to facility constraints, there will be a limit on how many registrations we can accept, so register soon and save a bit by grabbing the early-bird registration deal.

This year, the Summit focus is “Innovation to Impact” and the goal is to help and inspire our members to achieve exactly that. We are planning Keynote and Breakout sessions on themes including connecting indigenous technology with the global marketplace the convergence of digital technology and green transformation, sustainable global supply chains, disaster-resilient cities, and updates of the WAITRO working groups on the sustainable development goals. The introduction of Associate Members, which are largely commercial entities, will bring a new focus on the realities, needs, and support of industry, better preparing members for the global trend of private-government partnerships in research and implementation.

Following the Summit focus, expect a slightly different format for the SDG Impact poster competition that was so popular at the last Summit in Cape Town. Many of the posters showed innovative technology but lacked key components required to attract the interest of impact investors. This year, the SDG Impact competition will kick off with a webinar on July 25th (save the date) where invited experts will identify these gaps and show how to fill them. Teams will then be invited to submit posters describing their impactful projects with roadmaps to investor readiness. Finalists selected at the Summit will give a short pitch in a plenary session. The winners will receive support from one of several WAITRO-affiliated incubators to realize their vision, turning innovation into impact.

Finally, an idea approved at the 94th WAITRO Executive Board Meeting is to solicit sponsorship to help RTO representatives from Belt & Road developing countries come to China for the 2024 Summit. In return for funding these members, WAITRO offers co-branding opportunities on all Summit announcements and documentation, premier participation opportunities, and, at the highest level, co-branding of the WAITRO SDG-Impact Award. Further information is available from the Secretariat.

NEWS / PAST EVENTS



Webinar: Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy

The "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy" Webinar, organized by CTA and WAITRO for the Latin America and Caribbean network, focused on sustainable nuclear energy use, featuring experts from Guatemala and Mexico. This webinar underscores the future potential of nuclear energy in Latin America and the Caribbean by promoting sustainable practices, regional collaboration, and advanced nuclear techniques for environmental and energy advancements.

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Towards Water Wisdom: Pioneering Projects for SDG6 Success

This Webinar, led by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS-Jordan) in collaboration with Fraunhofer during the WAITRO Summit 2024, aimed to facilitate dialogue among researchers, technical experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to develop actionable steps for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6) on clean water and sanitation. The event highlighted the importance of bridging the gap between global solutions and local implementations, showcasing groundbreaking technologies and sustainable practices to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

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Eureka Global Innovation Forum 2024 - Building Bridges for Global Challenges

The Eureka Global Innovation Forum 2024 in Istanbul, organized by Turkiye under its Eureka Chairship, brought together global leaders in research, innovation, and entrepreneurship to foster collaboration and showcase cutting-edge projects. Featuring thematic discussions, pitching sessions, and networking opportunities, the summit emphasized green transition, digitalization, and innovation excellence through

the Turkiye EUREKA Innovation Awards, highlighting its pivotal role in advancing global innovation and partnerships within the Eureka network.

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CARIRI/WAITRO Navigating Emerging Technology in the Caribbean

The "Navigating Emerging Technology in the Caribbean" Webinar, presented by CARIRI and WAITRO, highlighted technological advancements in Trinidad and Tobago and the broader Caribbean region. The event showcased cutting-edge research and applications in telecommunications, health, cybersecurity, insurance, and agriculture, emphasizing interdisciplinary collaboration and industry partnerships. It provided a platform for global participants to engage with innovative methodologies and share insights, reinforcing the Caribbean's role in the current technological revolution.

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China-EU Partnership: A Path to Global Sustainability

At the Delphi Economic Forum, a WAITRO panel discussed China-EU partnerships in global sustainability. Moderated by Dr. Paul E. Burrows, the panel included the Chinese Ambassador to Greece and research leaders from Greece, Belgium, and China. They highlighted China's innovation in green technologies and the potential of China-EU collaboration to tackle climate change. Emphasis was on fostering cooperative ties and creating markets for sustainable technologies, with successful partnerships in cultural exchange, education, biomedicine, and agriculture.

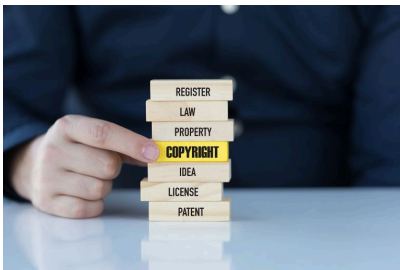
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TÜBİTAK hosted WAITRO International Student/Researcher Forum

TÜBİTAK hosted the WAITRO International Student/Researcher Forum at its Gebze Campus in Türkiye. Led by Prof. Hasan Mandal, the event welcomed international participants to explore funding, employment, and internship opportunities. Highlights included talks on global collaboration, sustainability, and WAITRO's programs. The forum featured presentations on TÜBİTAK's institutes, a campus tour, and concluded with discussions and a look forward to the WAITRO Summit 2024 in China.

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CTA and CIB hosted webinar: intellectual property of technology, Insights for RTOs

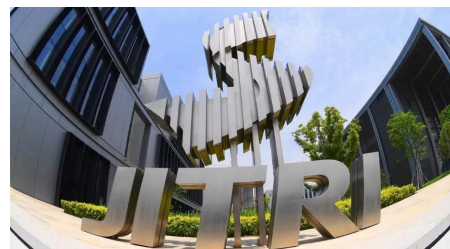
CTA and CIB hosted a webinar on Intellectual Property of Technology, led by Carlos Salazar Lopera. It covered the protection of inventions, trademarks, industrial designs, and creative works. The session emphasized practical applications in science and innovation centers, highlighting the importance of policies to protect and transfer intellectual property through licenses and agreements, thus supporting regional economic and social development.

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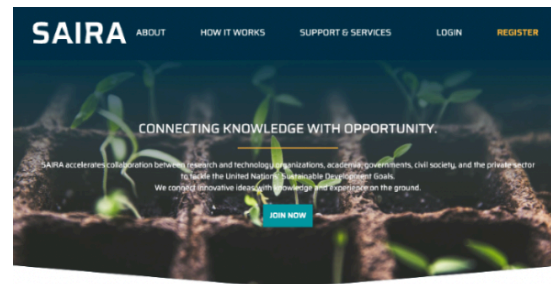
OPEN OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

JITRI-WAITRO Fellowship

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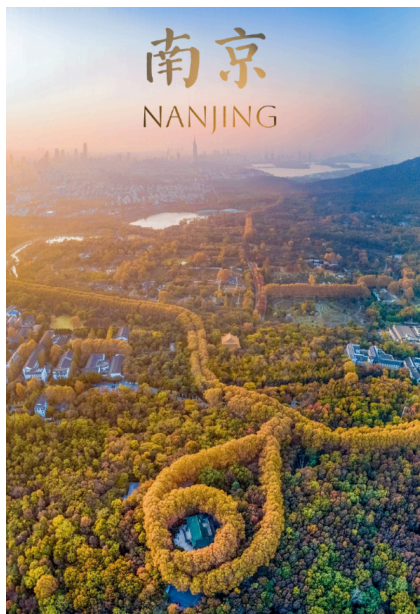


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EVENTS

UPCOMING / SAVE THE DATE



**Registration open now:
WAITRO Summit 2024
November 13-15, 2024**

WAITRO Summit is scheduled for November 13-15, 2024, in Nanjing, China. The focus will be "From Innovation to Impact—Strategies for Sustainable Solutions," emphasising the impact and challenges of Indigenous technology and navigating the future with cutting-edge topics, including the convergence of digital and green transformation, disaster resilience cities, global supply chain resilience, private-government partnership, WAITRO workgroups and WAITRO benchmarking. Save the date, and don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat if you want to propose a

partnership or sponsorship within those focus areas!

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The 2nd InterQuadrennial ICF Conference in Africa and the Middle East November 18-21, 2024

The 2nd InterQuadrennial ICF Conference in Africa and the Middle East, hosted by the Central Metallurgical R&D Institute (CMRDI) in Luxor, Egypt, will take place from November 18-21, 2024. Organized with the ICF and Egypt's Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the conference will focus on "Processing, Performance, and Failure Analysis of Engineering Materials." It will cover topics like fracture mechanics, corrosion, and advanced manufacturing technologies.

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Beijing Changan Automobile R&D Co.

CHANGAN Automobile has more than 18,000 engineers and technicians from 30 countries around the world, and has established R&D network of ten cities in six countries in Chongqing, Beijing, Shanghai, Dingzhou in Hebei, Hefei in Anhui, Turin in Italy, Yokohama in Japan, Birmingham in the UK, Detroit in the US and Munich in Germany.

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KCA University

KCA University is a private, non-profit institution of higher learning located in Nairobi, Kenya. The university was founded in 1989 as Kenya College of Accountancy (KCA) by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) as a training institution for accountants in the country.

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Centro Nacional de Inteligencia Artificial

CENIA is a leading research and transfer technology institution dedicated to advancing AI technology and its applications. CENIA focuses on multidisciplinary and ethical AI research, technology transfer, and public policy influence. Research spans DL for Vision and Language, Neuro-

Symbolic AI, Brain-Inspired AI, Physics-Based Machine Learning, and Human-Centered AI.

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CREDI is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan think tank aimed at strengthening evidence-based culture in BiH and the Western Balkans region. CREDI do this by producing high-quality program and policy evaluations and research in the social sciences using state-of-the-art methodological approaches.

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Federal University Dutse

The Federal University Dutse (FUD) received its charter, along with eight other newly established Federal Universities, from the Federal Government of Nigeria on February 9, 2011. The university recognizes the importance of its location in Dutse and seeks to link its research and teaching to the vast resources of these great metropolitan areas in the surrounding states.

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Tashkent International University of Financial Management And Technologies

Tashkent International University of Financial Management and Technologies, founded in 2022, is a non-state higher educational institution focused on training specialists in high-quality education. The university's main goal is to provide innovative educational programs that cultivate innovators, entrepreneurs, creatives, and businessmen.

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University of Abomey-Calavi

The **University of Abomey-Calavi** is the principal public university in Benin, a West African country. It is located in the city of Abomey-Calavi in the south of the country and is a member of the Association of African Universities and Agence universitaire de la Francophonie.

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WAITRO currently has 178 members in 117 countries and areas.



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Reports and Readings

The image shows the cover of the 'NEWS letter' for April 2024, Issue 10. The header includes the WAITRO logo and the text 'ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATIONS'. The main title is 'EDITORIAL' with a sub-heading 'CARR'S RELATIONSHIP WITH WAITRO' and a small portrait of a man. The text below discusses CARR's membership in WAITRO, its benefits in areas like RTO capacity building and consultancy support, and its role in project initiatives. It also mentions CARR's Open Innovation Platform and its alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

EDITORIAL

Regional Focal Point for Europe, WAITRO
Sergio Balazs
Member Director, Euler Technologies Center
Dado WAITRO family and friends.



I am deeply honored to have been given the opportunity to express my thoughts and vision regarding WAITRO's potential to foster cross-border collaboration. I truly believe that WAITRO serves as a direct catalyst for global innovation in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The true value of WAITRO, in my opinion, lies in the family concept and the shared willingness to collaborate of all members. The direct access to a global network of innovation-based institutions, together with the framework of the editorial and the presence of regional focal points, empower WAITRO to promote international cooperation. This is aimed at the appropriation of technologies for their direct application to the distinct needs of the different regions.

On a global scale, there are other dedicated for developing technological processes from scratch to address local needs. Many others, from not, this solution has already been implemented in other regions with similar needs. WAITRO promotes international dialogue and collaboration in order to avoid such duplication through global collaborative projects that aim to maximize joint research towards local impact.

Public institutions that advocate for research and innovation, such as the European Commission or international funding institutions like the World Bank or the International Development Bank, have already implemented this issue. We can observe that their calls for proposals are increasingly encouraging international cooperation, and that this is a significant factor during the evaluation of proposals. Given that WAITRO possesses the necessary tools, we believe that we have the opportunity, and indeed the responsibility, to promote it.

I would like to reiterate on the above and deliver a powerful message to WAITRO members who are interested in engaging on international cooperation initiatives: look it back and look for opportunities to come along. It is crucial to be active with the platform, to participate in the events, meetings, webinars, and workshops that are organized. Participation should not be passive, but proactive, contributing to the development of the resources allocated to participate in WAITRO would be seen by members as an investment that will undoubtedly bring future benefits in terms of projects, collaborations, or contacts.

Without further ado, I would like to conclude by stating that there are many opportunities for the development and funding of international cooperation. We do have a lot of complementary capacities among members, and WAITRO has the tools to emerge collaborations. We have the potential to make a significant impact, but we require the participation of everyone to make it a reality. Be proactive, not reactive!

Thank you all for your continuous support to WAITRO and I look forward to working with you all in the future.



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TURKISH MARINARA RESEARCH CENTER, GEBZE, TURKEY

WAITRO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

This year, WAITRO has launched several Fellowship Programs to foster an innovation ecosystem and support member organizations by facilitating research exchanges. The programs include:

1. **WAITRO-BRIN Fellowship Program on SDG2 Zero Hunger - Call for Proposal**
2. **TURKISH-WAITRO Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**
3. **WAITRO Fellowships (Travel Subsidy)**
4. **JITRI Fellowship (with Chinese industrial partners)**

Members who have a fellowship program may join in WAITRO Fellowship Pool. For more information on each fellowship, please visit the WAITRO website.



13-15 November 2024
Nanjing, P.R. China

WAITRO SUMMIT 2024

This year, **Jiangsu Industrial Technology Research Institute (JITRI)**, will host the WAITRO Summit & General Assembly 2024 as a biennial flagship event for WAITRO members on **Nov 13-15, 2024**, at its campus in Nanjing, P.R. China. The summit is open for WAITRO members and non-members to participate in.

- The summit focus is **"From Innovation to Impact"** with several tracks inspired by the Executive Board & RFP members e.g.
- The Convergence of Digital & Green Transformations
 - Enabling Local Solutions, Achieving Global Impact
 - Incubators, Accelerators, and Entrepreneurship
 - WAITRO Working Groups

Any members that have an idea and wish to host a technical workshop, please contact the WAITRO Secretariat team as soon as possible.

In addition, the General Assembly (GA) will be hosted back-to-back to the Summit. It is a significant meeting for all members to see the contribution and performance of the Executive Board Members throughout the past 2 years including to learn future direction and provide feedback. Importantly, it's time for the members in good standing to vote for Executive Board Members for 2025-2026.

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