



71<sup>st</sup>   
FCEM  
World Congress

**CONNECTING THE DOTS:  
WOMEN LEADING GLOBALLY**

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## 71<sup>ST</sup> FCEM WORLD CONGRESS

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 71<sup>st</sup> FCEM World Congress.

### CONGRESS LOCATION

We will be coming together in Sydney, the bustling capital of New South Wales; home to over 5 million people, and one of Australia's largest cities. Sydney is best known for its harbourfront, including the distinctive sail-like design of the Sydney Opera House and the iconic arches of the Harbour Bridge, but it is also home to many hidden gems and innovative businesswomen.



### CONGRESS CONTENT

The Congress will bring more than 400 women together under the theme of “Connecting the Dots; Women Leading Globally”.

The stimulating Plenary session keynotes and panels will focus on this theme from both business and personal perspectives. We will explore how we can embed the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals within our businesses and adopt AI. We will look at using our businesses to encourage active citizenship and tackle how as female leaders we can contribute to designing peace and addressing conflict. There will be interactive workshops and B2B networking opportunities as well.



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This will be balanced with a guided cultural tour of the city, and three lively social evenings, including the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner, both in harbourside venues with stunning views of the iconic Harbour Bridge.

Over the three days, you will feel inspired and motivated, and deeply connected with the women of FCEM from around the world.

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Wednesday, 23 October

#### Day

- Curated cultural city tours hosted by WCEI members, ending on the steps of the Opera House

#### *Concurrently:*

- Steering Committee and Presidents' Meetings

#### Evening

- Welcome Cocktail Reception

### Thursday, 24 October

#### Day

- Plenary Conference

#### Evening

- Cultural Evening

### Friday, 25 October

#### Day

- Plenary Conference
- FCEM Annual General Meeting
- Flag Raising Ceremony

#### Evening

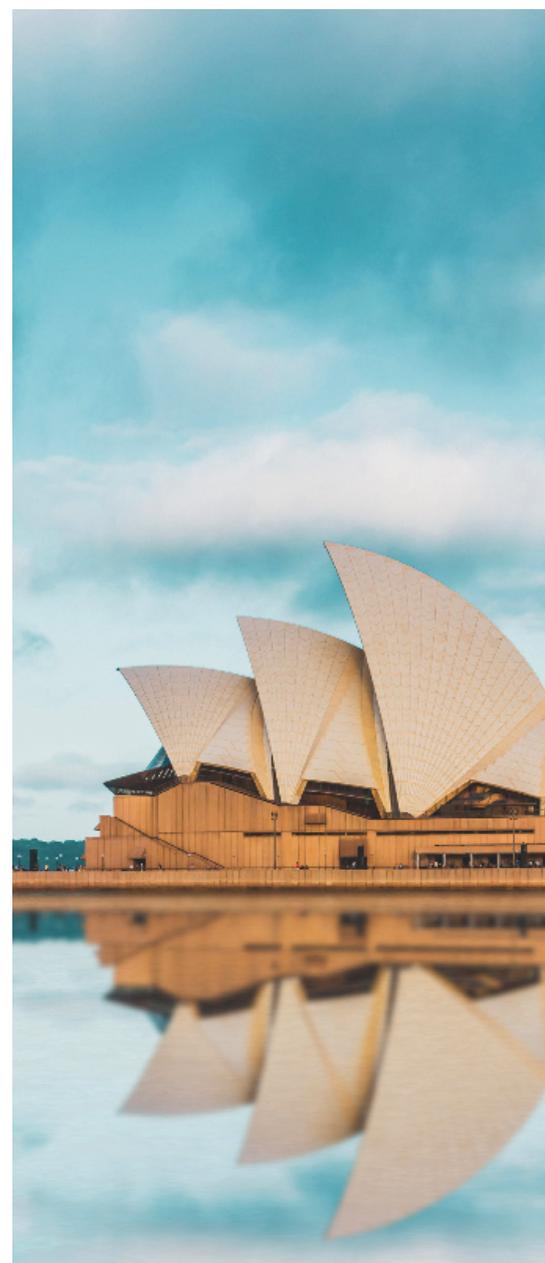
- Gala Dinner

### Saturday, 26 October

- Day at leisure in Sydney

### Sunday, 27 October

- Optional post Congress tours commence



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## LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The Congress is being hosted in Sydney's Darling Harbour and Pyrmont precinct at the historic Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf, located at 32 Pirrama Rd, Pyrmont. Its spectacular decking area offers outstanding views of the Harbour Bridge, city skyline and Darling Harbour.

A range of accommodation options to suit all budgets have been identified in close proximity to the Congress venue. They are located within a 3-4 minute walk of each other, and a 10-15 minute walk to the Congress venue.

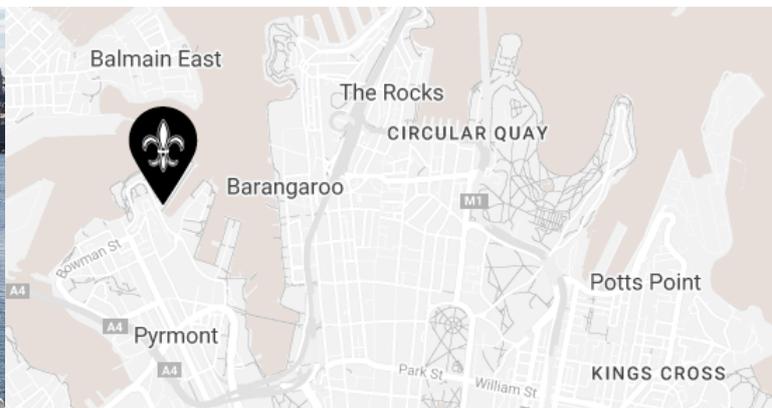
We recommend booking your stay at one of the following hotels nearby.

- [Novotel Darling Harbour](#)
- [Ibis Darling Harbour](#)
- [Aiden Darling Harbour by Best Western](#)
- [Sofitel Darling Harbour](#)
- [The Woolstore 1888 by Ovolo](#)

Please note that as it is a popular time for conferences, hotels will fill quickly, so availability will be on a first come, first serve basis. We have a limited number of rooms reserved at the Ibis (\$310 AUD) and Novotel (\$360 AUD), and a rate of \$349 AUD reserved at the Aiden. Please advise if you would like to stay at the Aiden.

Shuttle buses will be available to the venue for the Congress and social events from the Novotel / Ibis shared driveway. The Aiden is located across the street, a mere 100 metres away and the Woolstore is 2 mins walk away.

We recommend that delegates to arrive in Sydney on Monday 21 Oct or Tuesday 22 Oct, in order to adjust to the time change before the formalities commence on Wednesday 23 Oct. We suggest booking until Sunday, 27 Oct.



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## POST CONGRESS TOURING

Australia is a large country with many wonderful options of places to visit.

We are proposing three options of post congress touring. Full itineraries will be provided once we understand the number of expected participants for each tour.

### 1) Overnight in the Blue Mountains

Depart morning Sunday, 27 October. 2-3 hour journey by car/bus or train (tbc)

- Sunday: Tour of the spectacular Blue Mountains
  - Visit to the Three Sisters lookout in Katoomba
  - Tour the quaint village of Leura
  - Accommodation to be confirmed
- Monday: Tour of the Blue Mountain villages
  - Guided Walking Tour at the Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens

Approximate cost: \$500 AUD

### 2) Tropical Queensland – The Whitsundays

A 3 night tour to the tropical Whitsundays in Queensland

Flight to Whitsunday Airport, stay at the Coral Sea Resort or similar.

- Sightseeing tour of the beautiful Whitsundays
- Tropical activities such as snorkelling, glass bottom boat, rainforest Segway ride or helicopter ride can be arranged
- Long lunch on Whitehaven Beach, reached by super yacht

Approximate cost: \$2300 AUD including flights and accommodation

### 3) Hobart, Tasmania

A 3-5 day tour to Australia's southern-most capital city, Hobart, Tasmania

Home to FCEM's favourite Australian, Diane Tompson, Hobart is a two-hour flight south from Sydney, with many things to see and do including the Salamanca Markets, open on Saturday mornings

Approximate cost: \$2500 AUD including flights and accommodation

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the above tour options, and if so, which one and for how long.



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## CONGRESS BOOKINGS

- Congress early bird registrations are available until 30 June 2024 for 630 € plus GST (10%) and booking fee.
- From 1 July, 2024, registrations will be available for 700 € plus GST (10%) and booking fee.
- Tickets for accompanying partners or guests, and Welcome Reception-only and Gala Dinner-only are also available.

Bookings can be made via the website: <https://www.2024fcemsydney.com/>

## Cancellation Policy

Due to the necessity to prepay many Congress expenses, the Congress Cancellation Policy is as follows:

- Cancellations until 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 will receive a full refund less 80€ (Euros) charged as an administration fee.
- Cancellations between 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, will receive a refund of 50% of the paid registration fee.
- Cancellations will not be permitted after 1st October 2024; however delegates will be permitted to transfer their registration to a colleague for no fee.

Registrations provide access to the scheduled 71<sup>st</sup> FCEM World Congress program details outlined in the 'Program at a Glance' for Wednesday 23 October – Friday, 25 October.

All flights, accommodation, visas, and travel insurances must be arranged by the delegates. WCEI and FCEM are not responsible for additional costs associated with flights, visas, accommodation, or any costs associated with food and beverage outside of the event.



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## VISAS

Australia offers several classes of visas for visitors:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

- **Electronic Travel Authority visa:** passport holders of many nations are eligible for Electronic Travel Authority visas  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#Overview>
- **e-Visitor:** primarily for European passport holders  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>
- **Visitor stream:** For those of you who are not eligible for an ETA or e-visitor visa, you may be required to obtain a tourist visa:  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/business-visitor-stream#Overview>

**Please note these can incur a lengthy delay. We advise you to arrange your visa as soon as possible.**

Please advise us if you require a letter of invitation for visa purposes. We ask that you register first, and we will provide a letter of invitation after registration.

For the letters of invitation, we require the follow details for each delegate who requires a letter:

### Applicant details

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Passport number:**

**Nationality:**

Should you not receive your visa within a month of the date of the event and travel to Australia, we will refund the full amount of the registration fee without any administration fee.



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