

Partnerships for People and Planet

**Third International Conference on Health and Biodiversity – Cohab3
Galway City, Ireland, 14th – 17th September 2026**

Conference Registration

Registration process

The Cohab Initiative Secretariat (Cohab) and its international Partners invite registrations for the Third International Conference on Health and Biodiversity (Cohab3) from governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academia, and other civil society organisations engaged in relevant areas of policy, research, communications, or practical activities at the intersection of health and biodiversity. ¹ Information on the conference agenda, venue, Steering Committee, side events, abstract submission etc. can be found on the conference website at <https://cohabinitiative.org/conference>

In order to ensure a balanced representation across all regions, disciplines and perspectives, and to facilitate our goal of promoting participation and engagement by indigenous peoples, youth and lesser-resourced or vulnerable groups, the registration process is divided into two stages.

1. **Participant nomination**: Organisations are invited to nominate participants through an official letter stating the name and contact details of their intending participants. This letter should be sent by email to cohab3@cohabinitiative.org. Organisations wishing to send more than one person to the conference are kindly requested to list all nominations in one letter if possible.

This nomination process will run from 11th February 2026 and close on Friday 7th August 2026.

An initial limit of five persons per organisation will apply, with exceptions possible for organisations wishing to support attendance of project partners from low- and middle-income countries (LMIC)² or others representing indigenous peoples, youth or other marginalised, vulnerable or under-represented groups. Such proposals should be clearly stated in the official letter.

Cohab may revise this limit per organisation at a later date. Where a full complement from any organisation cannot be accommodated for any reason, the organisation will be notified and may be requested to revise their nomination list.

As far as is possible, receipt of official letters will be acknowledged within 2 working days of receipt, and notification regarding acceptance or deferral will be made within 10 working days thereafter.

2. **Online registration**: Upon notification of acceptance, nominated participants will be sent a link to a URL where they can complete the registration process. Upon completion, participants will receive a digital conference pass which will be required for presentation at the conference venue.

¹ Including relationships between the health of humans, animals, plants, other biota and ecosystems, and the diversity of species, genes, habitats, ecosystems and ecosystem services, and landscapes.

² Cohab refers to OECD designations for the purposes of official development assistance; for details see <https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/sub-issues/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/dac-list-of-oda-recipients.html>

Registration fees cover access to conference sessions, lunches, morning and afternoon refreshments, the welcome reception and social activities. The conference banquet is a separate event hosted by Cohab, for which a nominal fee is applicable.

The schedule of fees is as follows:

Registration category	Early registration (until 31 st May 2026)	Full rate (1 st June until 23 rd August 2026)
Full rate	€500	€600
Regular student rate	€300	€375
Low and Middle Income Country rate	€200	€275
Conference banquet on Wednesday 16 th September	€50	€50

Intending participants will have 21 calendar days to complete the registration process online and submit the applicable fee, after which time their place may be offered to another person on the waiting list, and their nomination may be returned. This is to avoid holding of places and to ensure fairness in the registration process.

Cancellation and refund policy

Registration fees can be refunded minus a percentage to cover administration and venue costs, according to the following schedule:

Date of cancellation	Applicable cancellation fee
Up to and including 1 st June 2026	20%
Up to and including 1 st August 2026	40%
After 1 st August 2026	60%

Refund requests must be sent to cohab3@cohabinitiative.org before 28th August 2026. Refunds will not be possible after this date.

Accompanying persons

Participants may bring guests to Cohab3's social events only, subject to approval and availability, and subject to the following fees:

- Welcome reception on Monday 14th September: €30 per person
- Conference banquet on Wednesday 16th September: €50 per person

Requests for accompanying guests must be made by the conference participant in advance via email to cohab3@cohabinitiative.org. The closing date for submission of guest applications is 4th September 2026.

Funding support

Subject to the availability of funding from partner organisations, Cohab may be in a position to support the attendance of a small number of participants from low- and middle-income countries, and from organisations representing indigenous peoples, youth or other marginalised, vulnerable or under-represented groups. Such assistance, where it can be offered, will initially be restricted to one participant per requesting organisation and is subject to resources and the approval of Cohab and its partners.

Organisations wishing to apply for such assistance should submit their request to Cohab at cohab3@cohabinitiative.org referencing “funding support” in the subject line. Requests should be submitted by Friday 31st July 2026.

Visa requirements

Should a visa (entry and/or transit) be required to attend the conference in Galway, participants will need to process their visa application and any other administrative travel requirements in a timely manner. Visa applications are the responsibility of Intending participants. The Cohab Initiative Secretariat may provide a letter of support for visa applications to fully registered participants.

Note that the time required for approval of visa applications by the Irish Immigration Service is up to 14 weeks. Participants can check the requirements for coming to visit Ireland on the website of the [Irish Immigration Service](#).

Further terms

Nominating organisations and their participants accept the above and also agree to the following terms:

- All intending participants agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Cohab Events which is available online ³ and will be circulated to all nominated participants.
- The closing date for receipt of official letters of nomination will be Friday 7th August 2026.
- Nominations which are not initially accepted may, at Cohab’s discretion, be placed on a waiting list, and such nominees may be invited to complete registration at a later date.
- Please note that registrations for attendance are not transferrable; however, if an organisation wishes to amend its delegate list after registration has been completed it may apply to do so by contacting the conference organising committee at cohab3@cohabinitiative.org; such applications will be approved if feasible.
- Supplementary nominations will be also considered, though these may be subject to the limit per organisation; however. acknowledgement and / or subsequent confirmation, if approved, may be delayed.
- Invitations to complete registration and to attend Cohab3 are at the discretion of Cohab, which is under no obligation to approve any particular nomination. Attendance will be limited by venue capacity and subject to other considerations including participant comfort and well-being, safety, event resourcing and security, and the conference goal of achieving a balance across regions, disciplines, communities, gender, subject matter expertise, etc.
- No debate or negotiation will be entered into regarding any nominated participant, or any part of the registration process.

³ See <https://cohabinitiative.org/resources>



This document, the registration process and associated terms are subject to review and may be amended at any time at the discretion of Cohab. Updates of this document will be posted on the conference website.

Kindly direct all enquiries to cohab3@cohabinitiative.org

Cohab Initiative Secretariat
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<https://cohabinitiative.org>