

Delegate's Guide to the IAWP Congress 2024

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1st Elective Congress
May 1st-5th - 2024
Buenos Aires - Argentina



**Dear Fellow Waste Pickers,
We welcome you to Buenos Aires and congratulate you on being selected as delegates to represent your respective organizations at the 1st Congress of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers.**



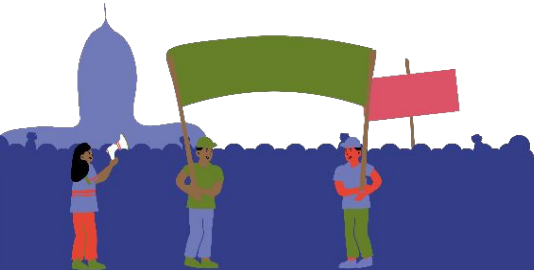
This event is of great importance to all of us, as it provides an opportunity to evaluate our work, elect leadership, propose resolutions and policies, and discuss the most pressing issues facing our sector.



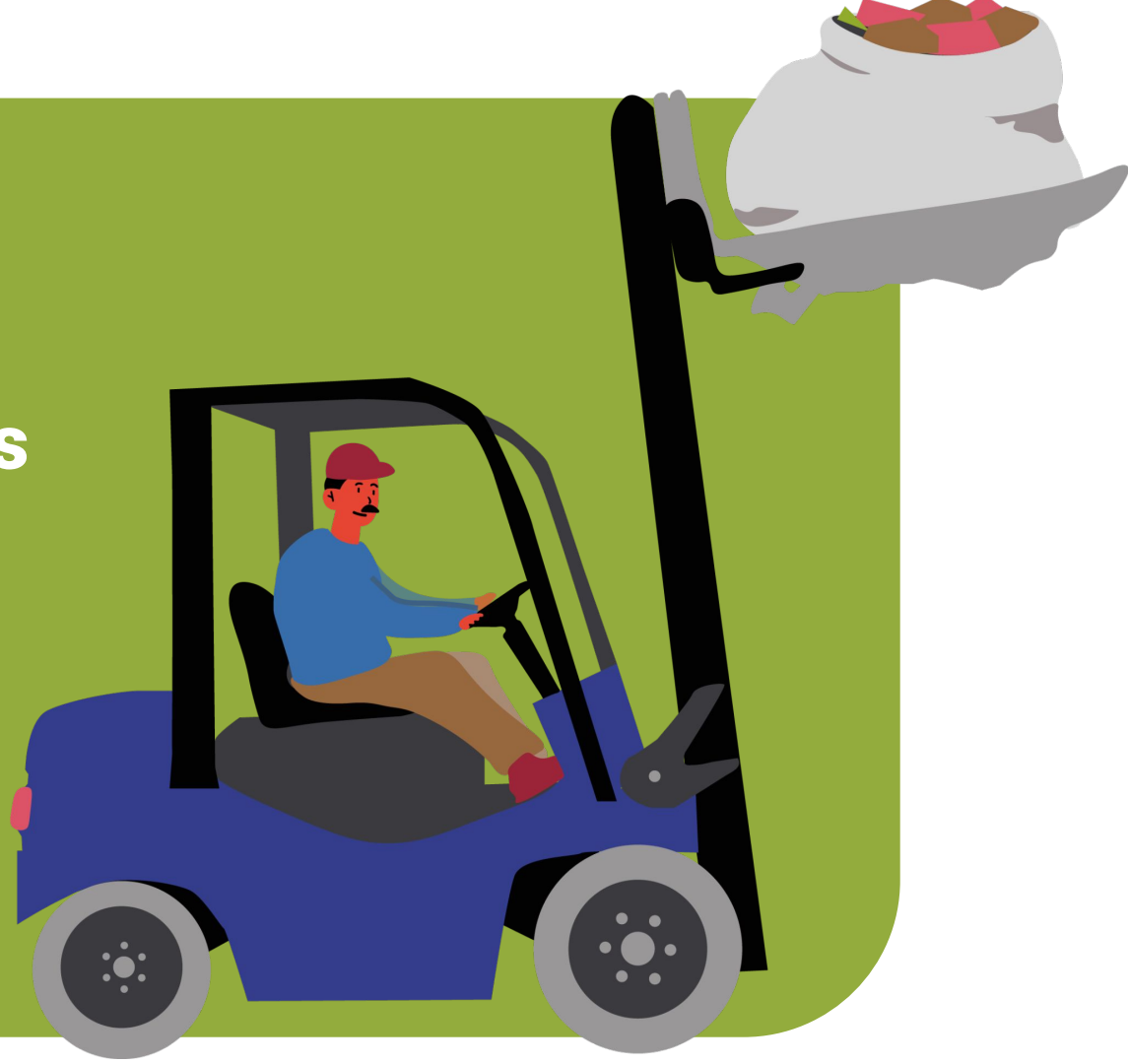
Below is a guide to participating and feeling comfortable at the Congress.

1. Delegate Participation

- We invite you to carefully [review the agenda](#) and schedule to actively participate in the programmed activities.
- If you brought materials from your organizations, we encourage you to ask about the possibility of exhibiting them.
- Do not hesitate to take a break when needed, as there will be numerous activities and important decisions to be made



2. Roles and Responsibilities



It is essential to foster solidarity among all delegates and to become familiar with the Constitution.

We encourage you to actively participate in the discussions and present your ideas during the sessions.

During the days, Committees responsible for different tasks will operate to ensure the proper functioning of the Congress for the governance of waste pickers. They were approved by the AIR Working Committee in office, January 2024.

Its members will be identified. Do not hesitate to approach them with any questions or suggestions!

The following is a review of each Committee



Credentials Committee

It is composed of 5 recycler delegates, non-candidates, selected for the Congress and appointed for the duration of this particular Congress. They must:

- Match the delegates registered for the Congress with the delegations that each affiliate is entitled to send to the Congress.
- Check the gender composition of the affiliate delegations to the Congress,
- Verify compliance with the quorum required for the Congress.



Communications Committee

It will be composed of fellow waste pickers who already assume this task on behalf of their regions. As well as they worked on the communication strategy towards the Congress, during the Congress they will have to:

- Propose and coordinate dissemination contents about IAWP and the Congress.
- Motivate the dissemination of contents among all participants.
- Guarantee the impartiality of the communication, disseminating in equal measure to all regions and their countries.

Independent Electoral Committee

It shall be composed of four female colleagues from other union organizations, specifically summoned to carry out this task and with the objective of guaranteeing impartiality in the electoral procedure. They shall:

- Receive the candidacies, receive and define objections, and present the candidacies.
- Formally present the election modality.
- Supervise the correct development of the elections.
- Carry out the counting of votes.
- Sign the certificate of elected representatives.



Resolutions Committee

It is composed of 3 waste picker delegates, non-candidates and one member of the Staff as administrative support, selected for the Congress and appointed for the duration of this particular Congress. They shall:

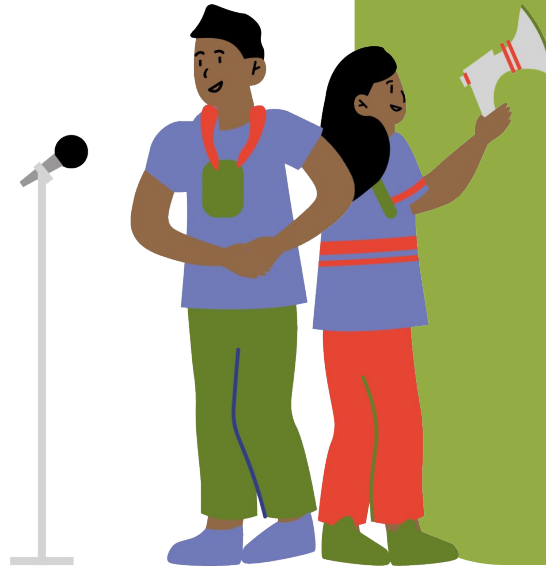
- Receive proposed resolutions and amendments to the Constitution submitted by affiliates.
- Merge similar amendments and resolutions.
- Decide on the order of submission of amendments and resolutions to the Congress.
- Compile resolutions arising in the course of the deliberations of the Congress and introduce them into the agenda for processing.
- In the case of resolutions, decide which ones could be referred to the Executive Council for processing after the Congress.

3. Elections



You will have the opportunity to vote for positions such as President, Vice President and Treasurer.

We remind you of the importance of following election procedures and respecting gender and regional representation policies.



4. Constitution and Resolutions

We encourage you to carefully review the proposed resolutions and amendments.

Please actively participate in the discussions and make sure you understand the documents provided.



5. General Rules

We ask that you maintain respect for other delegates and staff.

Avoid hate speech, discriminatory language and any form of harassment.

If you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to consult the materials provided.





If you have any questions or need assistance during the Congress, please do not hesitate to contact the International Alliance of Waste Pickers staff.

We appreciate your dedication to advancing the rights and recognition of waste pickers worldwide.

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