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WURI Global Conference 2025, Itinerary

Day 1 (September 24, 2025)

Sep. 24	Duration	Content	Main character, Organization, Category	Content	venue
08:30 ~09:00	30`	**Registration/Light Breakfast in Building 17**			
		Opening Plenary Session	**Jin-suk Kim, Chair of WGC25**		
09:00 ~ 09:05	5`	Welcome Remarks	Sang-chun Lee, President of Tongmyong University	2025 Host Institution	
09:05 ~ 09:10	5`	Opening Address	Dong-sung Cho, Chair of WURI Foundation		
09:10 ~ 09:15	5`	Congratulatory Remarks	Heong-joon Park, Mayor of Busan City Government (TBD)		
09:15 ~ 09:20	5`	Introduction of Participating Universities and Delegations	Jung-wan Cho, Vice Chair of WURI Foundation		
09:20 ~ 09:30	10`	Overview of the WURI Ranking 2025	Kyung-Sung Kim, President of iSTAT	Content provider of WURI Ranking metrics	
09:30 ~ 09:40	10`	Award to the Most Innovative Universities	Michael Magee, President of Minerva University	Innovations at Minerva University	
09:40 ~ 10:20	40`	Award to the Most Innovative Projects	Arthur G. Ibañez, President of Cagayan State University	A1-Project MIND (Mental Health, Inclusivity, and Nurtur	Main
			Dragan Ljutic, Rector of University of Split	A2-SEA-EU 2.0 – The European University of the Seas	
			Amihan April Alcazar, President of Urdaneta City Universit	A3-Smart Aquaculture: Advancing Regional Fisheries Su	
			Handa S. Abidin, Rector of President University	A4-SetSail: Innovating Tomorrow's Teenpreneurs	
			Andre Ikhsano, Rector of LSPR Institute of Communication	A5-Capacity building for disaster mitigation and climate	
			Rashmi Mittal, Vice Chancellor of Lovely Professional Univ	A6-ETHOS: Upholding Excellence in Ethics and Integrit	
			Moazzam Ejaz, Rector of National University of Technolog	A7-Visionary Wear: Smart Glasses for Visually Impaired	
			Gregorio A. Andaman Jr. President of St. Dominic College	A8-"TUBIG (water) IS LIFE" Program	
			Zoran Tomić, Rector of University of Mostar	B1-Revolutionizing Education through Visionary Leaders	
			Redentor Palencia, President of Samar State University	B2-From Vision to Reality: A Shared Leadership Framew	
			Nazir Afzal, Chancellor of University of Manchester	B3-RECYCLE (Rethinking low Carbon Hydrogen produc	
			Joy Grace, President of Kalinga State University	B4-Project H.E.R.I.T.A.G.E (Honoring Ethnic Roots and	
			Edgar Gonzalo Cue, President of Mountain Province State U	B5-FUND: Forging Unified Networks for Diversified and	
			Eaysmin Ara Lekha, President of Uttara University	B6-Green Nanotech Innovation for Sustainable Infrastruc	
			Gil-Ya Lee, President of Gachon University	B7-Energy Conservation and Low-Carbon Campus Devel	
			Yong-joo Choi, President of aSSIST University	B8-Empowering Innovation: University as a Dynamic Pla	
10:20 ~ 10:30	10`	WURI Ranking as a platform for Academic Research	Eun-ju Hwang, Professor of University College London	Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Innovation and Education	

Time	Duration	Session		
10:30 ~ 11:00	30`	**Photo/Networking/Coffee/2 Groups Moving to Building 17, 1 Group remaining in the Main Building**		
11:00 ~ 11:40	40`	The Second World University Network of Innovation (WUNI) for Presidents, Leaders, and Experts---Electing new BOD Members, Chairs, and Executive Officers	WUNI-Presidents	Group of Presidents/Rectors
			WUNI-Leaders	Group of Faculties
			WUNI-Experts	Group of Administrative Staffs
11:40 ~ 13:00	80`	**Networking Lunch/Moving to Building 16, lunch, then coming to Building 17**		Building 17
13:00 ~ 14:00	60`	Presentation by Presidents on successful cases in Category A1~A8	Arthur G. Ibañez, President of Cagayan State University	Student Support and Engagement
			Dragan Ljutic, Rector of University of Split (4 in 60 min)	Student Mobility and Openness
			Amihan April Alcazar, President of Urdaneta City Universit	Industrial Application
			Handa S. Abidin, Rector of President University	Entrepreneurial Spirit
			Andre Ikhsano, Rector of LSPR Institute of Communication	Crisis Management
			Rashmi Mittal, Vice Chancellor of Lovely Professional Univ	Ethics and Integrity
			Moazzam Ejaz, Rector of National University of Technology	Technology Development and Application
			Gregorio A. Andaman Jr. President of St. Dominic College	SDG-Based Responses to Global Challenges
14:00 ~ 14:20	20`	**Break time & Room transition**		
14:20 ~ 15:20	60`	Presentation by Presidents on successful cases in Category B1~B8	Zoran Tomić, Rector of University of Mostar	Visionary Leadership
			Redentor Palencia, President of Samar State University	Empowerment-Based Management
			Nazir Afzal, Chancellor of University of Manchester	ESG Trend
			Joy Grace, President of Kalinga State University	Culture/Values
			Edgar Gonzalo Cue, President of Mountain Province State U	Funding for Sustainability
			Eaysmin Ara Lekha, President of Uttara University	Infrastructure/Technology
			Gil-Ya Lee, President of Gachon University	Cost-Effectiveness Management
			Yong-joo Choi, President of aSSIST University	University Brand and Reputation
15:20 ~ 15:40	20`	**Break time & 1 Group moving to Main Building, 2 Groups remaining in Building 17**		
15:40 ~ 16:40	60`	First Roundtable discussions on Category A1~A8 (For Whom)	WUNI-Presidents	Group of Presidents/Rectors
			WUNI-Leaders	Group of Faculties
			WUNI-Experts	Group of Administrative Staffs
16:40 ~ 17:00	20`	**Break time & All moving to Building 8 (Auditorium)**		
17:00 ~ 18:30	90`	Welcome message by Host University (Chairman Kyung Su Greg Kang, Tongmyong University)		Building 8
		Surprise Prize Draws		
		Entertainment		
		Dinner (Buffet & Wine)		

Day 2 (September 25, 2025)

Sep. 25	Duration	Content	Main character, Organization, Category	Content	venue
08:30 ~ 09:00	30`	**Networking breakfast (Coffee & Sandwich) in Building 17**			
09:00 ~ 10:10	70`	Presentations by Leaders & Experts in Category A1~A8	Category A1:	Student Support and Engagement	
			Category A2:	Student Mobility and Openness	
			Category A3:	Industrial Application	
			Category A4:	Entrepreneurial Spirit	
			Category A5:	Crisis Management	
			Category A6:	Ethics and Integrity	
			Category A7:	Technology Development and Application	
			Category A8:	SDG-Based Responses to Global Challenges	
10:10 ~ 10:30	20`	**Break time & Room transition within Building 17**			
10:30 ~ 11:40	70`	Presentations by Leaders & Experts in Category B1~B8	Category B1:	Visionary Leadership	
			Category B2:	Empowerment-Based Management	
			Category B3:	ESG Trend	
			Category B4:	Culture/Values	
			Category B5:	Funding for Sustainability	
			Category B6:	Infrastructure/Technology	
			Category B7:	Cost-Effectiveness Management	
			Category B8:	University Brand and Reputation	
11:40 ~ 13:00	80`	**Networking Lunch/ Moving to Building 16, then 1 Group moving to Main Building, 2 Groups moving to Building 17**			
13:00 ~ 14:00	60`	Second Roundtable discussions on Category B1~B8	WUNI-Presidents	Group of Presidents/Rectors	
			WUNI-Leaders	Group of Faculties	
			WUNI-Experts	Group of Administrative Staffs	
14:00 ~ 14:20	20`	**Break time & Room transition/ I Group in Main Building moving to Building 17**			
14:20 ~ 15:30	70`	Submitted Research Papers related to WURI Ranking	Research Paper Session 1:		
			Research Paper Session 2:		
			Research Paper Session 3:		
			Research Paper Session 4:		
			Research Paper Session 5:		

15:30 ~ 15:50	20`	**Break time & Room transition**			
15:50 ~ 16:40	50`	Applying Guest Editors for Special Issues of	Guest Editor Session 1:	AI Journal of Business	
			Guest Editor Session 2:	Case Research	
			Guest Editor Session 3:	Journal of Mechanism Management	
			Guest Editor Session 4:	Journal of Sustainability Management	
			Guest Editor Session 5:	aSSIST Business Review	
16:40 ~ 17:00	20`	**Break time & Moving to Building 8**			
17:00 ~ 18:30	90`	Award Ceremony for Leaders & Experts			Building 8
		Surprise Prize Draws			
		Photo-Taking			
		Snack Party: Dinner (Chicken & Beer)			

Day 3 (September 26, 2025)					
Sep. 26	Duration	Content	Main character, Organization, Category	Content	venue
08:30 ~ 09:00	30`	**Networking breakfast (Coffee & Sandwich) in Building 17**			
9:00 ~ 10:00	60`	Third Roundtable discussions on joint research, student exchange, & double-degree programs	WUNI-Presidents		
			WUNI-Leaders		
			WUNI-Experts		
10:00 ~ 10:20	20`	**Break time & All moving to Main Building**			
10:20 ~ 11:20	60`	Presentations by non-WURI participants			
		Closing Plenary Session	**Jin-suk Kim, Chair of WGC25**		
11:20 ~ 11:30	10`	Call for 2026WURI Submission	Kyung-Sung Kim, President of iSTAT		
11:30 ~ 11:40	10`	Introduction of New and Revised Criteria	Dong-sung Cho, Chair of WURI Foundation	Addition of the Third Category with Eight Criteria	Main
11:30 ~ 11:40	10`	Announcing 2026WGC Host Institution	President Waldemar Berg, President of Deggendorf Institute	Deggendorf Institute of Technology, Germany	
11:40 ~ 12:00	20`	Surprise Prize Draws			
12:00 ~ 12:10	20`	Closing	Kyung Su Greg Kang, Chair of Tongmyong University	2025 Host Institution	
12:10 ~ 12:20	20`	Photo-taking			
12:20 ~ 13:00	40`	**Farewell Luncheon (Lunch Box)**			

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