CALL FOR FSM6 CONFERENCE RAPPORTEURS

Application Summary
The Faecal Sludge Management Alliance (FSMA) is hosting the virtual FSM6 Conference from May 31st to June 4th in 2021. To create a synthesized report encapsulating the conversations during the conference, FSMA is looking for a team of young professionals (ages 18-35) to fill 14-21 rapporteur positions to summarize 2-3 sessions (one per day max) over the week. This team will have all conference registration costs waived. Applications are here: https://forms.gle/mSUoP3q8R1dW2oUi8

Conference Background
The Faecal Sludge Management Alliance (FSMA) is hosting the FSM6 Conference from May 31st to June 4th in 2021. FSM6 will be held online and address the demands and challenges of the sanitation sector, while also highlighting best practice and lessons learned from around the globe.

The conference will focus on celebrating 10 years of FSM heroes in the past, present, and future. While the conference will cover many sanitation-related topics, nine FSM6 sessions will be based on three tracks: (1) Gender, Equality, and Inclusive Sanitation Service Level; (2) Service Delivery for Low-Income Communities; and (3) The Role of Sanitation and FSM Actors. For more details about the tracks and other session formats, please read the program details online.

Rapporteur Role
To create a synthesized report encapsulating the conversations during the conference, FSMA is looking for a team of about 14-21 rapporteurs to help summarize, report on and document both recorded and live events over the week.

Rapporteurs will be in charge of reporting on the content at FSM6. Rapporteurs will be assigned to attend 2-3 sessions (one per day max) along the three tracks and other session types to summarize their key points, capture quotes and document key calls to action. Rapporteurs will be instrumental in the conference’s final synthesis reporting.

Some sessions will be pre-recorded and available for Rapporteurs to synthesize before the conference, where Rapporteurs agree not to disclose information until the conference. Activities before and during the conference can be discussed with the two Rapporteur Program Managers, who will set up assignments and priorities.

Rapporteur Eligibility
Rapporteurs will be between the ages of 18 to 35 (as of May 31st, 2021) and can be students or young professionals with technical and writing skills to distil the content from various sessions. Rapporteurs
must be proficient in English and have good knowledge in at least one aspect of sanitation and faecal sludge management.

The selected rapporteurs will reflect a diverse geographical representation and also gender balance. People of colour, indigenous community members, residents of LMICs, and women are encouraged to apply.

**Rapporteur Benefits**
In exchange for working as a rapporteur, the selected individuals will have their full registration fees waived for FSM6. Rapporteurs will also be given access to an exclusive networking event in connection with the conference. *Please note that rapporteurs will receive no financial remuneration for their participation in this programme.*

**How to Apply**
To apply, candidates for Rapporteur must provide the following:

- Candidates must apply through this form: [https://forms.gle/mSUoP3q8R1dW2oUi8](https://forms.gle/mSUoP3q8R1dW2oUi8)
- The submission must be a short *motivation letter (<250 words)*, where the applicant can mention what track or other session topics s/he is more interested in covering.
- The applicant must provide a *short CV (2 pages max)* and one *writing sample* (article, paper, blog post, report, etc.) to demonstrate proficiency in English.

Submissions must be shared before April 20th, 2021, at 12:00 AM EST. Applicants will receive decision emails by the week of May 3rd.

**Next Steps**
Once selected, the candidates for Rapporteurs will be given a short deadline to send confirmation to FSMA of their ability to attend the conference. After the confirmation is received, selected rapporteurs will receive a welcome packet including notetaking methodology and templates. An online meeting and training session will be organised to receive training on conference reporting, get to know the team, receive schedules, and ask questions.