

AGES Talks - Connecting the Global Event Supply Community

Briefing for Speakers

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1. Introduction

The Association of Global Event Suppliers (AGES) values meaningful dialogue between its members and leading figures and organisations shaping our industry. Open exchange, insight sharing, and connection have always been central to AGES' development and collective progress.

To foster regular and relevant conversations, AGES launched “**AGES Talks**” - a series of accessible sessions designed for members and invited guests to engage directly with global thought leaders and decision-makers.

This document provides an overview and initial briefing for interested speakers.

2. Purpose

AGES Talks offer speakers a direct opportunity to connect with senior executives from over 70 international event suppliers - representing the leading expertise and innovation across our sector.

For participants, the talks create an open forum to learn, question, and exchange perspectives on topics that matter to our shared work and the future of the global event industry.

The sessions are typically held **quarterly**, except in the **first quarter**, when AGES hosts its **Annual Event**.

3. Format

The format of each **AGES Talk** is flexible and developed in collaboration with the invited speaker(s).

A standard session follows this outline:

1. **Welcome and Introduction**

A short welcome and introduction of the guest speaker(s).

2. **Keynote Presentation**

A 15–20 minute presentation, sharing insights into current challenges, innovations, or strategic directions within the speaker's field or organisation - particularly those that intersect with the expertise and influence of AGES members.

3. **Discussion and Q&A**

A moderated, interactive discussion of approximately 15–20 minutes, encouraging a dynamic exchange of views and questions from participants.

4. **Member Exchange**

Following the speaker's departure, AGES members remain online for informal updates, announcements, and open discussion on ongoing AGES activities and broader industry issues.

Each session lasts **around one hour** and is scheduled at a time suitable for participants across multiple time zones.

Sessions are held online using **Zoom**.

4. Participation

Participation is **by invitation only** and **free of charge** for AGES members, associate members, and partners. Speakers are welcome to invite a limited number of guests.

Registered participants will receive the event link and joining details a few days prior to the session.

5. Confidentiality

Sessions are **not recorded** unless specifically agreed with the speaker(s). AGES does not publish summaries or reports of the discussion. Any presentations or materials shared by the speaker will only be made available to members (within the secure area of the AGES website) with the **speaker's consent**.

6. Speaker Honorarium

AGES operates as a **not-for-profit organisation** and relies on the goodwill of guest speakers who share their expertise voluntarily. Should preparation or presentation expenses arise, AGES is happy to discuss reimbursement on a case-by-case basis.

7. Next Steps

If you would like to discuss a potential **AGES Talk**, including topics, timing, or format, please contact a **Board Member** or the **Chairman** directly.

We would be delighted to explore opportunities for collaboration.

8. Contact

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9. About AGES

The **Association of Global Event Suppliers (AGES)** is a **not-for-profit organisation** based in Switzerland. AGES serves as a **label of quality** for temporary infrastructure and event overlay construction worldwide. Our members are recognised leaders in innovation, safety, and sustainability, driving standards and best practices across the international event supply industry.

Through initiatives such as **AGES Talks**, **AGES Connect**, and the **Future Leader Initiative**, we promote education, collaboration, and the development of resilient, future-ready solutions for global events.

For the latest list of members, associate members, and partners, please visit:

 www.ages-connect.com