

Transforming Museum Spaces and Practices (Quito, 18–21 Nov 26)

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Quito, Ecuador, Nov 18–21, 2026

Deadline: Jun 30, 2026

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52nd International Conference of the International Committee on Architecture and Museum Techniques of ICOM - Transforming Museum Spaces and Practices: Architecture, Sustainability, Collections, and Exhibitions in Latin America, the Caribbean and Beyond.

This joint event is organized by the ICAMT Committee in collaboration with the ICOM STORAGE Committee, with the support of ICOM Ecuador.

Museums are undergoing significant transformations that challenge how spaces, narratives, collections, and professional practices are conceived and managed. In the face of climate change, social inequalities, technological innovation, and growing demands for sustainability and accessibility, museums must rethink the relationship among architecture, storage, exhibitions, museum techniques and collections care.

This joint conference of ICAMT and ICOM STORAGE invites critical reflections and shared experiences on the transformation of museum spaces and practices, with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean and its dialogue with broader international contexts. Contributions are welcome from professionals, students and researchers engaged in innovative, interdisciplinary approaches that address both theoretical and practice-based experiences, highlighting innovative projects, research outcomes, and case studies.

We are now welcoming abstract submissions related to the following sub-themes:

- Museums in Risk Territories: Architecture, Collections, and Resilience
 - Adaptive Reuse and Historic Museum Buildings
 - Museum Storage as Infrastructure: Sustainable Approaches
 - Hybrid Museum Spaces: Visible Storage and the Public Interface
- Professional Practices and Collaborative Design

Participation:

Prospective presenters across the world are encouraged to help shape the conference and contribute through oral presentations (on-site paper presentations – max. 15 minutes).

Application:

If you are interested in the 52nd ICAMT & 1st ICOM STORAGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026, please:

- Fill out the following Application form no later than June 30, 2026, midnight CET:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdslwuw22BuKIJSr6p33h3kmJspD8jW7kfwkhWNFW4xwoku7Q/viewform?pli=1>

- Prepare and submit your abstract according to the instructions given below:

Please note: All Short-Bios and Abstracts should be sent in English.

In case of joint participation, the required information in points from 1 to 5 refers to each author:

1. Name, surname
2. Affiliation
3. Country, e-mail address
4. ICOM membership number and committee (ICOM membership is not mandatory)
5. Short bio (max. 200 words)
6. Title of contribution
7. Sub-Theme (please choose 1 from the suggested 5 sub-themes)
8. Abstract (do not exceed 300 words / No images or bibliography)
9. 3-5 Keywords
10. Technical requirements for the proposed presentation

If you are interested, please click on the link above and consult the English or Spanish versions of the Call for Abstracts.

For any additional information, please write to icamt.storage.conference2026@gmail.com.

Reference:

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