Dear VP22 Session Chairs,

With less than five weeks until VP22, please familiarise yourself with the important updates:

- **Final programme** is now ready and can be viewed here
- **Early Bird (discounted) registration** ends on Friday, 12th April, 23:59 UTC. All session presenters are required to be registered.
- **Highlighting session speakers in Whova.** Presenters of sessions can now be designated as "speakers" in Whova. Being a "speaker" on Whova has several benefits such as increased visibility, highlighting speakers' details under each session description, and the ability to add polls (surveys). Using the polls during your session within Whova is one of the simplest ways to engage with the audience.
  Note: Only speakers can create polls. Therefore, we urge you to add your session speaker details to Speaker_list_VP22.xlsx - Google Sheets to contribute from the benefits. VP22 organisers will upload the details as they become available.
  Deadline: we are aware that not all speakers have been confirmed as of yet. The closing date is **Monday, May 13.**

In the coming weeks, we will provide the following VP22 planning updates:

- Support provided during your session
- Collaborative notes and presentation slides template
- Instruction for session chairs and presenters

Updates from **Costa Rica, 23rd Plenary Meeting (12-14 November 2024):**

- Venue announcement
- Revised timeline with a call for sessions opening on 22nd April

Please use vp22enquiries@rd-alliance.org for any assistance.

Kind regards,
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