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We acknowledge Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.
We pay our respects to elders past and present.

Invitation



**Andrew Gavrielatos,
President of the 23rd
World Congress on
Safety and Health at
Work**

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We will explore the theme of ‘Shaping Change’ in the evolving workplace environment. From workplace robotics to mental health, we will cover a variety of topics that will give us insights into what the future of health and safety might look like. We will explore best practices that protect workers from ongoing and emerging risks. Ideas around leadership and how to create a culture of safety will also be an important feature of this Congress.

The last few years have brought about rapid changes on a global scale, and the pace does not seem to be slowing. We have been reminded of the importance of robust Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) practices to support a well-functioning society and economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly challenged us but also identified many opportunities.

There has never been a better time to travel and come together - employers, workers, researchers, and governments - collectively thinking through new ideas and creating solutions to prevent harm and strengthen the culture of prevention.

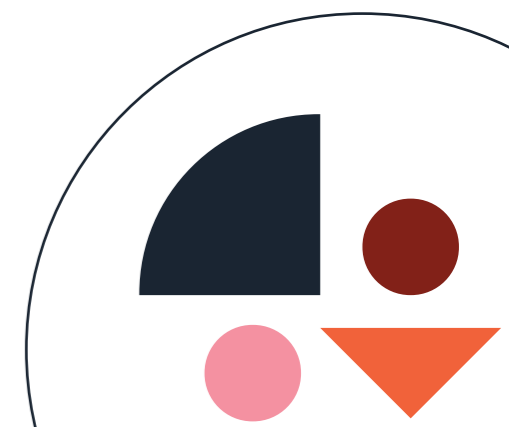
The 23rd World Congress will showcase the value and benefits of proactively safeguarding the health and wellbeing of workers and will demonstrate the power of unified efforts in achieving positive outcomes. Living in a world that is more connected than ever before, this presents an opportunity for a collaborative approach to create safer work for all.

The World Congress will be held on Aboriginal lands. The lands of the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. Cultural tours will be offered throughout the programme and will include opportunities to learn about the oldest continuing culture in the world. While you’re here, I hope that you will also find some time to discover Australia’s unique landscapes, from Bondi Beach to the Blue Mountains and beyond.

Join us in Sydney to broaden your perspective on safety, discover the latest technology, and make global connections.

I look forward to meeting you all in November 2023.

Andrew Gavrielatos, President
23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work



Invitation



**Guy Ryder,
Director-General
of the International
Labour Organization**

“...there is an urgent need to invest in safety and health at work through dynamic processes of consultation and dialogue between governments, employers, workers and the scientific and technical communities, to shape an inclusive and sustainable future.”

As the world recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, drivers of change such as demography, climate change, technology, and globalisation have an increasingly important impact on working conditions and on the nature of occupational hazards. But work injuries and diseases are not inevitable and with the right policies they can be prevented, including those that relate to new risks.

Ensuring safe and healthy work has been at the heart of the ILO's mandate from the outset. Our constitution recognises the protection of workers against sickness, disease and injury arising out of employment as a crucial element of social justice. The 1944 Philadelphia Declaration also recognises the solemn obligation of the ILO to further "adequate protection for the life and health of workers in all occupations".

More recently, the 2019 ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work calls for shaping the future of work through a human-centred approach, in which "safe and healthy working conditions are fundamental to decent work".

After the unprecedented global health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an urgent need to invest in safety and health at work through dynamic processes of consultation and dialogue between governments, employers, workers and the scientific and technical communities, to shape an inclusive and sustainable future.

For its part, the ILO is redoubling its focus on occupational safety and health, with the support of its Member States, to build and improve resilient occupational safety and health national systems.

The 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work will serve as an excellent opportunity to share and exchange knowledge and experience, as well as chart a course to tackle existing and newly emerging issues regarding the safety, health, and wellbeing of all. Next year, we will come together in Sydney, and we will continue to share with you our progress in making the world of work a safer and healthier place.

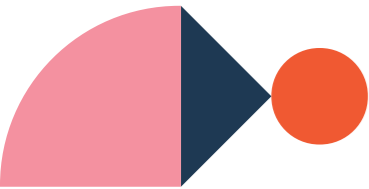
We are looking forward to your active participation.

Guy Ryder, Director-General
International Labour Organization



I am delighted to invite government officials, employers, workers and occupational safety and health experts and practitioners to participate in the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is honoured to join SafeWork NSW and the International Social Security Association (ISSA) in the co-organisation of this global event under the theme "Shaping Change. Collaborating for a healthier and safer world of work". The Congress will discuss how the world of work is changing and why anticipating new and emerging health and safety risks is more important than ever.



Invitation

“*“Shaping change” is not only the motto of the Congress, but also a call for us all, as experts, leaders, researchers, policy makers and workers, to jointly contribute to “shaping change” and demonstrate the power of unified efforts for achieving positive outcomes.*”



**Dr. Joachim Breuer,
President of the
International Social
Security Association
(ISSA)**

Together with our partners, we will offer a unique experience at the conference - ranging from cutting edge knowledge in prevention of occupational diseases to the latest rehabilitation and wellbeing strategies. Prevention must always come first, and there is a huge potential to make use of the new technologies to improve occupational safety and health in a connected, digital world of work.

The World Congress in Sydney will capture the current trends on occupational safety and health and will look at a diverse working environment to tackle the challenges that we face today. “Shaping change” is not only the motto of the Congress, but also a call for us all, as experts, leaders, researchers, policy makers and workers, to jointly contribute to “shaping change” and demonstrate the power of unified efforts for achieving positive outcomes. We will do this through the exchange of knowledge, good practices, and experiences in promoting safe and healthy work for all.

The digital transformation of work is in full swing and will be further developing with high speed within the years to come. New technologies, like the Internet of Things, safety cameras, real-time data exchanges, cloud-based technologies, and so on are currently used to increase efficiency and productivity at work. In addition, they can also be used to protect people at work and to support their professional rehabilitation. This calls upon all actors to innovate and strengthen their efforts in creating and maintaining safe and healthy workplaces.

When talking about prevention, the role of accident insurances cannot be underestimated. Not only do they compensate the workers who suffered from an occupational accident or disease and offer rehabilitation programmes to help them reintegrate into working life, but, together, with the social partners and the ministries in charge of occupational safety and health, they actively promote a global prevention culture with the goal of zero occupational accidents and diseases.

The ISSA promotes the values of prevention through its powerful set of tools, such as the Guidelines on occupational risk prevention, workplace health promotion and return to work. The ISSA’s Vision Zero strategy offers easy-to-implement solutions for companies and policy makers. There are companies that have managed to reduce their Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate by applying the ISSA’s Vision Zero proactive leading indicators, and social security institutions who have had a great outreach success by aligning their prevention strategy to the Seven Golden Rules of Vision Zero. Furthermore, the European Union has declared Vision Zero as their strategic goal to reduce fatal work-related accidents by 2027. There are many success stories to be shared around Vision Zero and the ISSA will showcase how Vision Zero is shaping change at the World Congress.

I look forward to meeting you in Sydney, Australia in 2023.

Dr. Joachim Breuer, President
International Social Security Association (ISSA)





CONGRESS INFORMATION



Join our global community!

“Come with us! We're going. It'll be a great event.”

Martyn Campbell

Chair of Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities

Secretary-General of the International Association of Labour Inspection

AUSTRALIA

“Going to be there. Save me a seat.”

Zoe Robinette

President at Industrial Athlete Pros

Vice President at IAG Risk Solutions Consulting

USA

“I am so looking forward to this conference.”

Bassey Akan CMIOSH, MSc.

Chief Occupational Safety and Health Officer, United Nations

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23rd World Congress

When & where do we meet?

27 – 30 November 2023
The World Congress will be held at the International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney) at Darling Harbour.

Situated at the intersection of Sydney’s academic, entertainment and technology precincts, ICC Sydney offers delegates, exhibitors, and visitors convenient access to Australia’s most cosmopolitan city.

About Sydney, Australia

From the iconic Opera House and sparkling harbour to fabulous beaches, delicious food and blockbuster shows, Sydney is a playground for the senses. Climb the Harbour Bridge, explore national parks, and meet incredible wildlife.

There’s no better place to start exploring all that Sydney offers than around the 23rd World Congress venue. Located on the waterfront at Darling Harbour, you’re a stone’s throw away from some of the city’s most iconic destinations, including the Powerhouse Museum. Take a boat ride, stroll the coastline or have lunch on the water at Cockle Bay Wharf.

Endless adventures and experiences await you - all at your doorstep.

Objectives

The 23rd World Congress is an opportunity for the global prevention community to come together, gain new ideas, and discover innovative solutions that advance occupational safety and health (OSH).

The Congress:

- ▶ Provides a forum for exchange of knowledge, practices and experience to promote safe and healthy work for all.
- ▶ Strengthens connections, networks and alliances while laying the groundwork for cooperation and strengthening relationships among all concerned.
- ▶ Provides a platform for sharing knowledge, innovation, and strategic and practical ideas that can be immediately put into use.

Congress languages

The official languages are English, French, Spanish and German. There will be simultaneous translation in these four languages during the opening and closing ceremonies, keynote sessions and technical sessions.

Other sessions will be conducted in English.



Who should attend?

From high-level government officials and regulators to business executives, decision makers, human resource managers, and OSH experts to trade unionists, media representatives and more - the 23rd World Congress is for anyone interested in OSH.



SHAPING CHANGE

Collaborating for a healthier and safer world of work.

The 23rd World Congress theme reflects how the world is changing and so is the world of work. Much of that change has been exacerbated or created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Across the globe, workers, employers and governments are rapidly adapting to those changes. These individuals and groups are coming together to collaborate and introduce new practices, processes and innovative ways of thinking to prevent harm. With the world more connected than ever, opportunities for collective and collaborative approaches to creating safer work for all continue to arise. By joining us at the World Congress, you'll experience firsthand how unified efforts contribute to positive outcomes that safeguard worker health and wellbeing.



Key Topics

Collaborating for a better future

Creating a safety culture and knowing how to measure it within our organisations is crucial if we want to prevent work-related injury and disease. While we all have a responsibility to prevent harm in the workplace, the Congress will focus on the important role leadership plays in developing a culture of prevention. The Congress provides an opportunity to learn from health and safety champions shaping change in workplaces around the world.



A changing world of work

The world of work is transforming at a rapid pace. Workplace robotics, flexible working models and the continuing rise of the gig economy are some of the factors driving this change. We are also thinking differently about psychosocial risks in the modern world, the blending of work and home life, and the connection with holistic health and wellbeing. The Congress asks how we can evolve our thinking to tackle new risks and seize opportunities, such as solutions that use human-centred design and behavioural insights to protect workers.

Futureproofing against ongoing and re-emerging risks

Managing safety in high-risk industries or preventing occupational disease are not new challenges. However, continuously changing work environments, new technology, declining industries, diverse supply chains and a changing workforce provide us the opportunity to rethink those persistent problems – and how to approach them to build safer workplaces in the future. At the World Congress, discover best practices to deal with ongoing health and safety risks, such as safety in design approaches to inclusive job design.



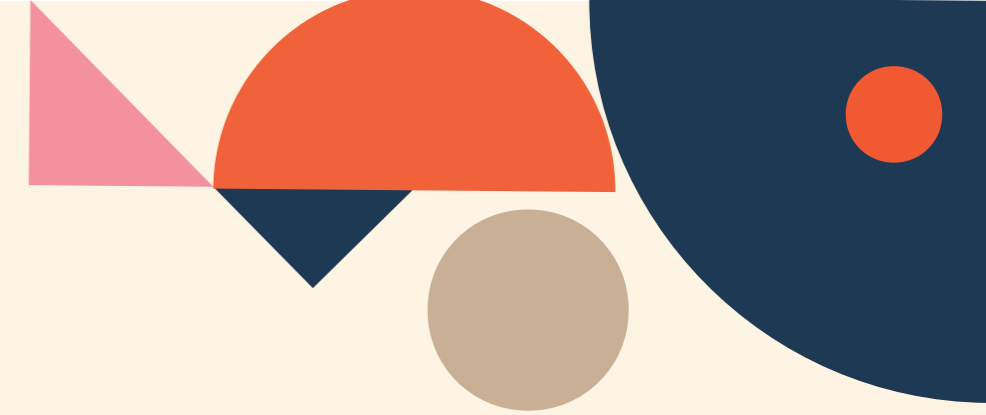
Programme Principles

Four key principles underpin the World Congress



Schedule

The 23rd World Congress is a hybrid programme integrating the best of face-to-face with virtual engagement and collaborative events, activities, and workshops. Expect grand ceremonies, entertaining keynote speakers and engaging symposia. In person, we invite you to attend mock trials, technical tours and more. Our digital experiences will ensure a premium networking, entertaining and educational experience. **Explore what's on***.



Monday 27 November	Tuesday 28 November	Wednesday 29 November	Thursday 30 November	Friday 1 December
OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME RECEPTION	Keynote Presentation Technical Sessions x 2	Keynote Presentation Technical Sessions x 2	Keynote Presentation Technical Sessions x 2	TECHNICAL TOURS
	Lunch & Networking Symposia x 6 ILO & ISSA Reports	Lunch & Networking Symposia x 9	Lunch & Networking Symposia x 9	
	INTERNATIONAL MEDIA FESTIVAL FOR PREVENTION AWARD CEREMONY	AUSTRALIA NIGHT	CLOSING CEREMONY	

Participate in the following experiences from 28 - 30 November, inclusive.

- Poster presentations & Exhibition Hall
- Placemaking activities & cultural tours

- Roundtables, mock trials, role plays & alternative ideas sessions
- Virtual experiences: research sprint, 1-minute interview & hot topic speed dates

*Schedule subject to change.

International Safety and Health Exhibition Hall

Held in conjunction with the World Congress, discover and engage with over 100 exhibitors showcasing their latest products, innovations and developments in safety and health. The Exhibition Hall will be open for the duration of the Congress, so stroll through and network with exhibitors at your leisure. Would you like to exhibit? Get in touch!

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International Media Festival for Prevention

Grab the popcorn and prepare to be wowed!

Visit the Festival Cinema to watch the best safety and health at work films and multimedia productions from all over the world. Enjoy creative and innovative cinematic storytelling that demonstrates how successful prevention work requires good communication.

Jointly coordinated by the ISSA Section Electricity and Information and the International Media Festival for Prevention (IMFP), this festival has been an integral part of the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work since 1990.

The Media Festival winners, as selected by an International Jury, will be announced at an exciting awards ceremony in the Special Media Session. The Festival Cinema is open throughout the Congress, so stop by to view all nominated and winning productions.

If you'd like to register for the IMFP, submissions open 1 September 2022 and close 28 February 2023. For more details on submission procedure and criteria, visit mediainprevention.org

Follow the Media Festival on LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram ([@IMFP2023](https://www.instagram.com/IMFP2023)).



Technical Tours

Gain firsthand knowledge from key industries about occupational safety and health developments.

Be quick to secure your spot as limited places are available. We'll announce when bookings open via our newsletter. Subscribe now at www.safety2023sydney.com

Cultural Tours

Australia is home to the oldest continuing culture in the world. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as traditional custodians of Australia.

The 23rd World Congress takes place on the lands of the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians of this area.

Cultural tours will be offered throughout the Congress. Tours include opportunities to learn about the art, language, and history of Sydney's traditional owners.



Call for Abstracts Symposia & Posters

Share your work on the world stage!

Applications are now open to present a poster, paper, project or case study. Detailed information about abstract submission is available at www.safety2023sydney.com



Fellowship Programme

Submit your application to participate in the Congress.

We're committed to improving equity of access and sharing in the global exchange of OSH knowledge and experience with low and lower-middle income economies. To find out if you're eligible and to apply, visit: www.safety2023.sydney.com

KEY DATES

Early-Bird Registrations

Open now
Close 31 March 2023

In-person Registrations

Close 6 November 2023

Fellowship Applications

Open now
Close 30 November 2022

Fellowship Offers

Made April 2023

IMFP Submissions

Open 1 September 2022
Close 28 February 2023

Abstract Submissions

Open now
Close 30 November 2022

Abstract Awarded

April 2023

Virtual Registrations

Open 3 May 2023
Close 27 November 2023



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Registration & Fees

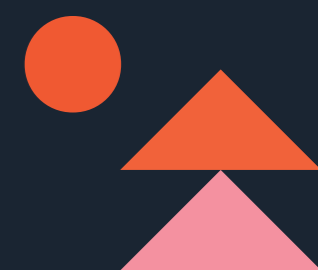
We look forward to seeing you at the World Congress and welcoming you to Sydney, Australia. Registrations are open at

TYPE OF TICKET	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR
Professionals (low & lower-middle economies)	AUD\$290	AUD\$360
Professionals	AUD\$1200	AUD\$1500
Students	AUD\$135	AUD\$165
Accompanying person	n/a	AUD\$300

- ▶ Virtual ticket and pricing will be released mid-2023.
- ▶ Ticket prices are in Australian Dollars (AUD).
- ▶ Group ticket rates (+10 people) receive a 20% discount.
- ▶ Students must provide a valid student card.
- ▶ Accompanying person tickets will entitle the holder to attend the opening ceremony and reception, Australia Night, IMFP and the closing ceremony.
- ▶ Prices are inclusive of GST. Credit card fees & bank charges may apply. For more details, visit our website.



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What's included in your ticket?

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- ▶ Attendance for one at the 23rd World Congress, ICC Sydney, Australia
- ▶ Ticket to the opening ceremony and welcome function on 27 November
- ▶ Social and networking sessions and platforms used in the online programme
- ▶ Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea on 28, 29, 30 November at the ICC Sydney
- ▶ Ticket to the Australia Night
- ▶ On-demand access to recorded sessions
- ▶ Interactive forums (in person and online)
- ▶ Technical tours (separate registration)

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- ▶ Social and networking sessions and platforms used in the online programme
- ▶ Access for one participant to the World Congress online platform
- ▶ On-demand access to recorded sessions
- ▶ Interactive forums (online)



Where to stay?

As part of your experience at the 23rd World Congress, special rates with select hotels close to the ICC, Sydney will be available. These hotels are listed on our website at the point of registration.



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The World Congress is co-organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and SafeWork NSW.

The International Labour Organization (ILO)

Founded in 1919, the ILO became the first United Nations specialised agency in 1946 with 187 Member States. The ILO commits to promoting human and labour rights, pursuant of its founding principle that social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace. The ILO objectives are prioritised in Goal 8 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on Decent Work and Economic Growth.

Objectives include:

- ▶ setting international labour standards
- ▶ promoting rights at work, including the right to a safe and healthy working environment
- ▶ advocating for decent employment opportunities
- ▶ enhancing social protection and
- ▶ strengthening social dialogue on work-related issues.

With a unique governance structure, the ILO brings together governments and employers' and workers' representatives to jointly set international labour standards and to implement policies and programmes promoting decent work for all.

Today, the ILO has over 600 development cooperation programmes in more than 100 countries. The ILO provides assistance to Member States and aims to improve people's lives. The ILO's Secretariat has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and a global network of field offices in more than 40 countries.

The International Social Security Association (ISSA)

The International Social Security Association (ISSA), with headquarters at the ILO in Geneva, is the principal international institution bringing together agencies and prevention experts from 320 social security institutions in 161 countries. The ISSA offers a global platform and a unique network for all those in social security concerned with the health of workers. The ISSA aims to promote dynamic social security as the social dimension in a globalising world by supporting excellence in social security administration.

Prevention has been on the ISSA's agenda since its creation in 1927. Beyond the traditional focus on occupational safety and health, the ISSA supports social security policies that foster preventive approaches to protect and promote workers' health and employment in all branches of social security. The ISSA provides access to information, expert advice, business standards, practical guidelines and platforms for members to build and promote dynamic, accessible, sustainable, adequate, socially inclusive and economically productive social security systems worldwide based on performing, well governed, proactive and innovative social security institutions.

Additionally, the ISSA promotes investments in workers' health by providing good practice information, research, expert advice and platforms for members and other stakeholders to exchange on innovation in workplace health promotion, active employment policies, rehabilitation and reintegration. To implement a range of projects and activities, the ISSA Secretariat works closely with its Technical Commissions, the Special Commission on Prevention, and its unique network of International Prevention Sections.

To learn more about the Special Commission and its Sections, visit <https://www.issa.int/prevention-sections>

SafeWork NSW

SafeWork NSW is the government regulator for work health and safety in the state of New South Wales, Australia. It works with the community to ensure that workplaces can conduct business safely and to protect workers from harm.

As well as being a regulator, SafeWork NSW commits to reducing workplace hazards and risks and preventing workplace accidents. It supports businesses by:

- ▶ providing free advice on improving occupational safety and health
- ▶ providing licencing and registration for potentially dangerous work
- ▶ providing testing services
- ▶ investigating workplace incidents
- ▶ ensuring compliance and enforcing the work health and safety laws in New South Wales.



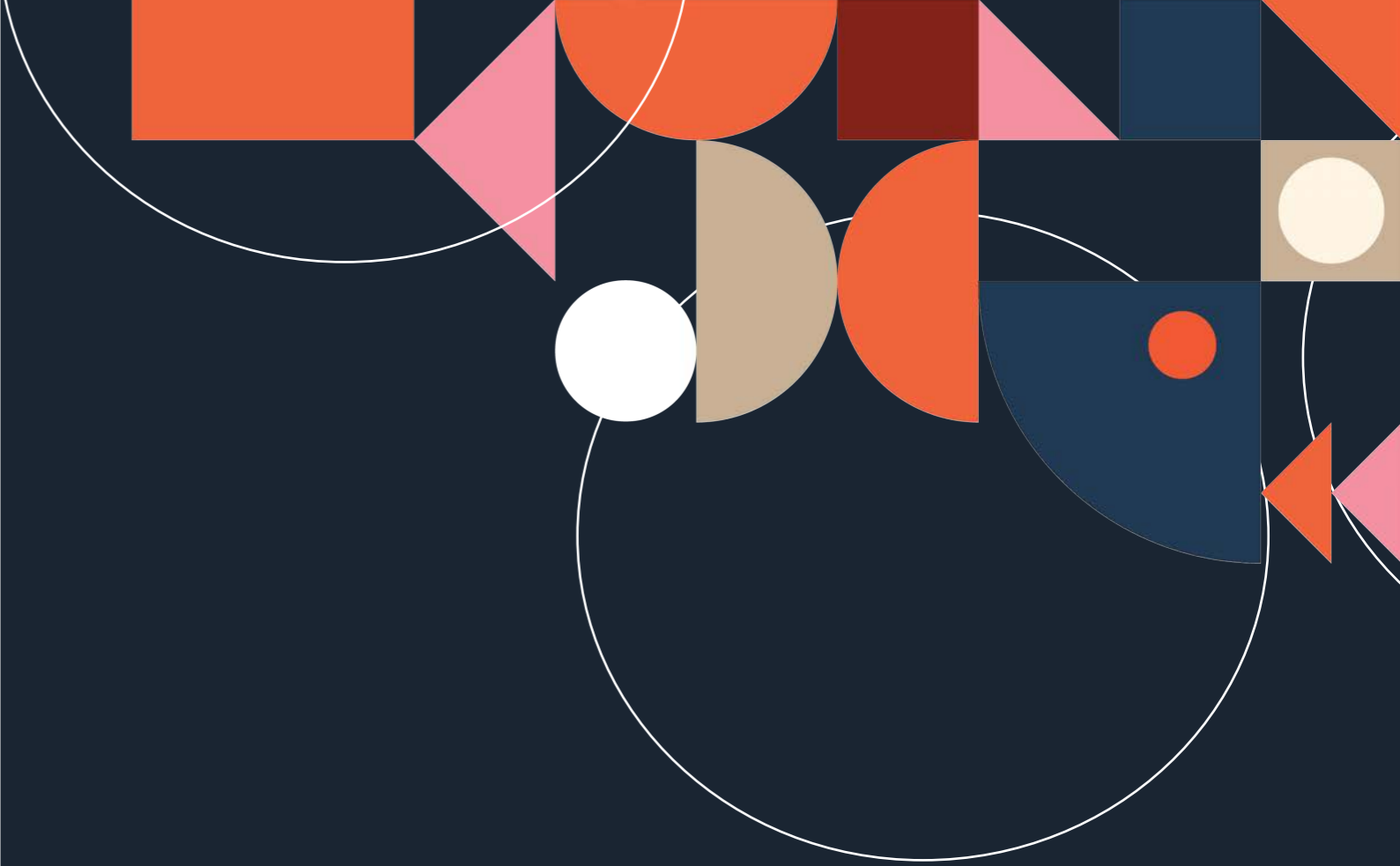
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