



PROGRAM

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) &
The Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA)

2025 Washington Conference

March 9-12, 2025

The Crystal Gateway Marriott | 1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington Virginia

This draft agenda is subject to change.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

*NOTE: NADO and DDAA board members and advisory committee members are asked to participate in pre-conference meetings throughout the day on Sunday, March 10. All conference attendees are encouraged to attend the **opening reception** on Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. ET. DDAA members are invited to attend the DDAA Dinner Banquet that follows at 6:30 p.m. ET.*

10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – All attendees

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee Meeting

NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee members

12:00-2:00 p.m.

NADO Executive Committee Meeting

NADO Executive Committee members

1:00-3:00 p.m.

DDAA Board of Directors Meeting – DDAA Board of Directors

3:30-5:30 p.m.

NADO Board of Directors Meeting – NADO Board of Directors

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception – All attendees

Arlington Foyer

6:30-8:00 p.m.

DDAA Dinner Banquet – *DDAA members*

Monday, March 10 2025

NOTE: Concurrent breakout sessions on Monday are open to all participants, including both NADO and DDAA members. The “NADO track,” “DDAA track,” and “Joint track” labels denote which attendees may find the session content most relevant, but all attendees are welcome.

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration – All attendees

Arlington Foyer

7:45-9:00 a.m.

DDAA Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting – DDAA members

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session - All attendees

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)

Breakout (A): NADO track

Breakout (B): NADO track

Breakout (C): DDAA track

Breakout (D): Joint track

12:15-1:30 p.m.

Plenary Luncheon – All attendees

1:45-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A, B, C, D)

Breakout (A): NADO track

Breakout (B): NADO track

Breakout (C): DDAA Track

Breakout (D): Joint Track

3:30-4:30 p.m.

NADO Regional Chapter Meetings - NADO and DDAA members

Central:

East:

Midwest:

Southeast:

Southwest:

West:

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Federal Stakeholders Networking Reception – All attendees

This reception provides an opportunity for federal agency staff and leadership and other national

stakeholder organizations to interact with NADO and DDAA members.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

NOTE: NADO member attendees are encouraged to participate in meetings on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 11. For those attendees who do not plan to attend Hill meetings, additional conference content is offered at the conference venue throughout the day.

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration - All attendees

Arlington Foyer

8:00-9:00 a.m.

DDAA Breakfast - DDAA members

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session – All attendees

10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Meetings (on your own) - NADO track

NOTE: Attendees are encouraged to spend this open block of time on Capitol Hill educating your members of Congress about your work. Hill meetings are self-directed. If you need help securing contact information for Hill staffers and schedulers, please contact Jamie McCormick at jmccormick@nado.org.

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A and B)

Breakout (A): DDAA track

Breakout (B): DDAA track

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (A and B)

Breakout (A): DDAA track

Breakout (B): DDAA track

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Reception - All attendees

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

NOTE: Conference content for the NADO & DDAA joint conference concludes at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12. Following the conference, there is a special post-conference training for the Economic Development District (EDD) Community of Practice (CoP). This post-conference training session is free, but separate registration is required.

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration – All attendees

Arlington Foyer

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Plenary Breakfast – All attendees

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Closing Plenary Session – All attendees

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

An Afternoon with the Districts -- *Post-conference training. Separate registration required.*

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