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This issue is all about Cisco Webex! We wanted to give you a heads up that **Webex Meetings and Webex Events are going to be unified** under a single banner by the end of May. This means that many of your favorite features in Meetings will also be available in Events. This includes:

- ✓ Breakout rooms
- ☑ Share and optimize content for video and motion
- ✓ Webex Virtual Assistant (live AI Closed Captions and transcriptions)

...and much more! Keep reading to learn more about the new Webex Events, updates this month, and exciting features coming soon.

Reach out to the DSI Customer Success team so that we can show your organization these changes firsthand!

## **New Webex Events**

Cisco has added a new Webex Events service with a best-in-class virtual event experience that is video-centric, intelligent, and simple to use. The new Webex Events is currently available as a Beta release until the 41.5 update.

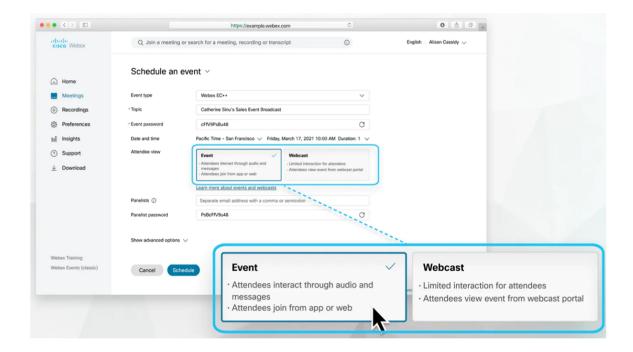
Webex Events (New) includes many of the advanced features you're familiar with from Webex Meetings, as well as those you know from Webex Events (Classic). [Compare Webex New & Classic]



## New features include:

#### **Event Mode & Webcast Mode**

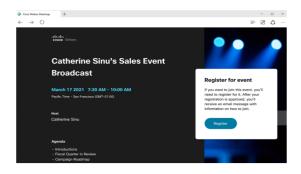
Hosts can choose between Event Mode for an interactive and highly engaging event and Webcast Mode for events with limited attendee interactions.



Both modes include improved experiences where presenters can share content optimized for motion & video with computer audio, all attendees can view the panelists' video & shared content, co-hosts can be assigned at the time of scheduling or during an event to help manage attendees in an event, and hosts can set a stage view for all attendees. [Differences between Event Mode & Webcast Mode]

#### **New Events Scheduler**

Schedule an event from either the Webex site home page or the Meetings page. The host can invite panelists, automatically start a practice session, choose Event or Webcast mode, and more.



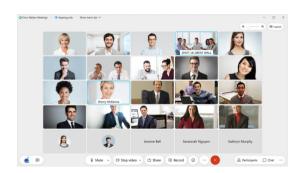
Attendees will join events from a brandnew welcome page and, if registration is required, attendees will register and answer questions on this page as well.

Check out the new Webex Events

# **Current Webex Updates**

#### **Zoom In/Out in Grid View**

Need to get a closer look at someone's video? By default, the Webex Meetings desktop app grid view adjusts automatically based on the number of people in the meeting. In this update, we're introducing a new slider, giving you more control of how many videos you want to see at any given time.





#### **Media Enhancements**

Cisco added a new next generation video coding format from the Alliance for Open Media to the Webex Meetings desktop app. This codec is referred to as AV1 and is optimized to provide a great user experience while using less bandwidth than existing codecs.

## **Customize the Stage View**

Our new customizable stage allows you to easily control who or what you want in view at any time in Webex Meetings and the "all-new" Webex Events. When in the

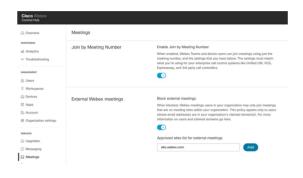
Stack or Side-by-Side view, you can now easily grab a participant from the filmstrip and move them to the stage.



This is a great way to get a closer look at a participant, to place an active speaker right next to the content that's being shared, or to keep users who aren't actively speaking in view (for example, a sign-language interpreter).

## **Admin Experience**

Site Administrators can now turn on a setting for their organization in Control Hub which prevents all company users from joining any external meetings. This setting also provides capability for you to add sites to the "approved site" list



### **Meetings Integration**

Microsoft Teams Administrators can now set up a default Webex site for their entire organization. This means that all Microsoft Teams channels within an organization will use that default Webex site for the integration.

See more updates

# **Webex Features Coming Soon**

The following features are coming in May 2021 with the 41.5 update:

### **Webex Events (New)**

Webex Events (New) is currently in public beta in the 41.4 update. In this update, Webex Events (New) will be generally available and will automatically enabled for Webex Meetings Suite customer sites. If your site isn't auto enabled with the Webex Events (New) and you would like to enable it, **contact DSI** and we'd be happy to help!

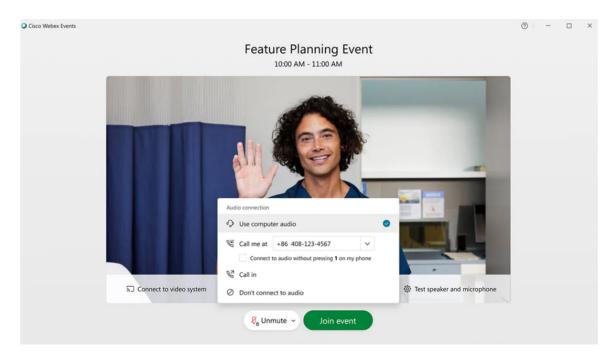
#### **Real-Time Translation**



Create an inclusive and engaging meeting experience with real-time translation of your meetings from English to 100+ languages. After the host turns on Webex Assistant, the Closed Captions dialog box can be translated from English to the selected language. Contact DSI to try it out!

## **PSTN** for Joining a Webex Event

With this update, the Call in and Call me audio options will be available for attendees joining an event in Webex Events (New). In addition, attendees have the option to call in to the event without joining from the Webex desktop app.



## **Stop Video from Devices**

We all like engaging video experiences in a meeting, but at times you need to stop the video from a particular participant. Meeting hosts can now stop video coming from all video devices. Before this update, hosts could only



stop video from other desktop app users.

### **Post-Meeting Experience**

From the post-meeting web page, you can now easily share meeting content to an existing or newly created space in the Webex app to continue collaborating. Cisco has also added an indicator to the My Recorded Meetings page that displays how much time the recording will be generated. Typically, recordings will be available within 12 hours, depending on the file size and bandwidth.

More about upcoming features

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