

# **CALL FOR SPEAKERS**

ECO Canada's Annual IMPACT Learning Series and Gala will be held on February 8-9, 2024

2024 IMPACT Theme: **Retrofitting the Workforce: Empowering Environmental Innovation.** 

In the quest for a sustainable and resilient future, the environmental sector in Canada plays a crucial role in driving positive change. As we navigate the challenges posed by climate change and environmental degradation, it is essential to focus on retrofitting our existing systems, practices, and infrastructure to align with sustainable principles. Drawing on the opportunities raised by IMPACT 2023, this conference aims to explore innovative solutions, transformative strategies, and collaborative approaches to retrofit the future of the environmental sector in Canada. Join us as we delve into topics such as green technologies, Indigenous and ESG barriers, how to leverage the downturn and dominate in 2024, and policy advancements to paving the way for a greener and more sustainable future.

We invite you to review the list of sessions and submit an abstract to any that might offer a forum through which you may present your findings and gain valuable feedback from colleagues across Canada.

Questions regarding the Call for Abstracts or the Conference should be addressed to **dfisher@eco.ca** 

## **ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Abstract title: Use keywords which describe the specific topic and content of the abstract.
- Abstract category: Select the category applicable to the abstract.
- Presentation track: Please select the topic/track from the list that best suits your abstract.
- Abstracts must be submitted online between June 15-December 15, 2023
- A maximum of three different abstracts may be submitted to three different sessions.
- Each abstract may be submitted to only one specific IMPACT conference session
- If declined, it may then be considered for another session upon the author or session organizer's request.
- Abstracts must be in English.
- Abstracts should be between a maximum of 300 words.
- ECO Canada must be notified immediately if there are changes to the abstract or if it has been withdrawn from consideration.

All of our Conference sessions will be held in person at the Westin by Marriott in Calgary, 320 4th Ave. SW.

#### **KEYNOTE LECTURES - 60 MINUTES**

- Typically, 1 speaker and 1 moderator.
- In-person presentation with the possible inclusion of a virtual component.
- At least 15 minutes should be reserved for discussion and attendee questions.

#### **REGULAR SESSIONS - 90 MINUTES**

- Between 2 and 4 presentations can be accommodated.
- Maximum 15 minutes allotted per presentation.
- In-person presentations with the possible inclusion of some virtual presentations.
- At least 15 minutes should be reserved for discussion and attendee questions.

#### **PANEL SESSIONS - 90 MINUTES**

- May include up to 5 panellists and a moderator.
- In-person panel discussion with the possible inclusion of a virtual component.
- At least 15 minutes should be reserved for discussion and attendee questions.

#### **WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

- May include facilitators and participants.
- In-person only.

### **DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

**Submit Deadline:** The deadline to submit your abstract is December 15, 2023. **Evaluation Deadline:** Your submission will be evaluated by December 22, 2023. **Approval Deadline:** Your submission will be approved or denied by January 8, 2023.

**Submit your Abstract** 

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