SHARE
YOUR IDEAS

In order to build a Conference program that maximizes our diverse delegates and to create a program that will interest everybody we need YOU to share your ideas, concepts, experience and research. We're planning sessions that will cross all sectors of our industry and connect all of our delegates, but we'll also feature sessions that will focus on national issues that will appeal to you and your professional focus.

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If you're interested in highlighting your achievements on a national stage please submit a 250-500 word presentation proposal, describing your proposed presentation, and what session theme it would best fit into.

Deadline to submit is April 15, 2024

Submit your abstract online

SUBMIT BY THE NEW DEADLINE APRIL 15

POTENTIAL TOPICS

WE ARE AIMING TO BUILD A CONFERENCE THAT INCLUDES ALL AREAS OF WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WITH A PROJECT OR EXPERIENCE TO SHARE TO SUBMIT A PRESENTATION PROPOSAL.

- **Utility Management**
  including asset management, human resources, system management tools and more

- **Water Quality**
  including water quality management, treatment technologies, emerging contaminants

- **Climate Change and water/wastewater services**
  including adaptation strategies, impacts of climate change on water quality, infrastructure and more, flood management

- **Water and Wastewater Security**
  including cyber security, threat assessment, emergency preparedness and physical infrastructure vulnerability

- **Wastewater Management and Treatment**
  including wastewater and stormwater management, treatment techniques and emerging contaminants of concern

- **Biosolids Management**
  including biosolids management, public outreach and perceptions, emerging contaminants and regulatory compliance

- **Water Efficiency**
  including public outreach, programs and initiatives to reduce demand, infrastructure impacts, data collection and use

- **Energy Efficiency for water/wastewater services**
  including energy audits and assessments, methods to reduce energy consumption, opportunities to produce energy

- **Public Education and Outreach**
  spotlight programs that engage customers and communities to protect water quality and/or infrastructure

- **Collaborative Networks**
  continuing our focused sessions from the NWWC 2022 on collaborative projects between utilities and academic partners, we'd like to hear about successful partnerships, and experiences and building and fostering these relationships

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

International Participation
While we welcome presentations from international participants we are unable to offer financial assistance for travel, accommodations or registration. We will also not provide a letter of invitation for the purpose of obtaining necessary travel documents.

Review Process
All submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail. A follow up e-mail will be sent to those speakers who have been selected by the Programme Subcommittee.

Compensation
As the conference is a not for profit operation we cannot provide financial support for speakers. Speakers will be given a discount on registration fees.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Breakout Sessions - selected speakers will be given a 30 minute time slot. Suggested format is a 20 minute presentation, leaving 10 minutes for questions and discussions.

Panel Session— shorter presentation followed by panel discussion. Panel session and format will be determined during program development.

SELECTION CRITERIA

From proposals received, the programme subcommittee will select prospective topics and speakers with preference given to submissions that comply with the criteria below. The proposal should not contain more than 500 words. Please indicate the session theme under which your presentation would best fi t.

Selection Criteria

The Programme Subcommittee will review all presentations - selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Topic and relevance to the conference and attendees
- New ideas and approaches
- Leading edge and topical
- Practical advice for practitioners
- Any research / technical presentations should stress the applicability to practitioners;
- Concise statement of the benefits of your presentation to attendees (e.g. how will this help them in their work);
- Speaker's expertise, knowledge and ability to challenge delegates;
- Presentation experience of speaker;
- Not related to sale of services or products.