



FAST FORWARD
PLANNING AT THE SPEED OF CHANGE
2026 SEPTEMBER
27 - 29
CALGARY, ALBERTA

DEADLINE
12:00 PM
THURSDAY
FEB 19, 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EVALUATION MATRIX

The Conference Committee highly encourages content that represents interdisciplinary topics, indigenous, rural and/or northern planning interests and issues, geographic distribution across the APPI jurisdiction, public sector and private sector, perspectives and experience.

CRITERIA	EVALUATION WEIGHTING
<p>THE PROPOSAL CLEARLY CONNECTS TO THE THEME: FAST FORWARD Planning at the Speed of Change</p> <p>The proposal clearly demonstrates how the session contributes to planning practice in an era of rapid transformation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How does your session help planners operate at “the speed of change”?2. How does your topic address rapid technological innovation, climate urgency, demographic shifts, or policy evolution?3. What have you been doing that shows how the session encourages anticipatory or future-ready planning practices?4. How does your session connect to urban and/or rural contexts?5. What do you want to discuss to motivate and equip planners to create impact in the communities they serve?	40%
<p>THE PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS NEW, UNCONVENTIONAL, OR LESS MAINSTREAM PLANNING TOPICS OR IDEAS</p> <p>Emphasize how your program element will consider the complexities of planning realities or how it will tackle a familiar topic in a new way. Do not be afraid to explore ideas and topics that might seem unconventional at first glance. Interdisciplinary projects and collaborations are encouraged. Proposals do not have to be strictly related to the planning profession but should have some relevance to planning.</p>	30%
<p>THE PROPOSAL PROVIDES MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTENDEE PARTICIPATION, INTERACTION, AND LEARNING</p> <p>Describe how your program element will give attendees an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. Demonstrate how the conversation will offer practical solutions to challenges facing planners today, OR how you managed challenges that you faced and what were the outcomes. Highlight how your proposal will provide learning outcomes for participants.</p>	30%