



# Nuclear Waste Management Forum

## *Navigating Nuclear Waste with Sovereignty and Self-Determination*

### CALL FOR PRESENTERS

**The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is pleased to announce the call for presentations for the AFN Nuclear Waste Management Forum “Navigating Nuclear Waste with Sovereignty and Self-Determination,” on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, at The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, in Ottawa, Ontario.**

The AFN Nuclear Waste Management Forum is a platform for knowledge sharing, nation-to-nation dialogue, and collaborative decision-making on the critical issue of nuclear waste management. Grounded in the principles of sovereignty and self-determination, the forum emphasizes the protection of sacred water and lands while addressing the environmental, social, and legal dimensions of nuclear projects. Through discussions on Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), First Nations Knowledge Systems, environmental stewardship, and policy frameworks, the event aims to strengthen First Nations’ capacity to assert their rights in decisions related to nuclear waste storage and transportation across Turtle Island.

The AFN is inviting dynamic speakers, presenters, and facilitators to submit a proposal to host a session at the forum on a diverse range of topics, such as:

- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in Nuclear Development
- First Nations Knowledge Systems and Nuclear Stewardship
- Impact Assessments: Centering First Nations’ Voices
- Self-Determination and Sovereignty in Nuclear Waste
- Addressing long-term environmental risks of nuclear waste storage and transportation
- Nuclear Fuel Transportation: Risks and Preparedness
- Policy and Legal Frameworks: First Nations in the Nuclear Landscape
- Youth and Community Engagement in Resource Development
- Tools and strategies for building awareness and capacity at the community level
- Climate Change and Energy
- Protecting Sacred Sites and Waterways
- Alternative and Emerging Technologies for Nuclear Waste Management

*All presentation timeslots are 60 minutes in length.*



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#### Submission Requirements

- **Session Synopsis:** 250 words or less
- **Presenter biographies:** 100 words or less (*up to four presenters per submission*)
- Submitted to the Water Sector via email at [water-stewardship@afn.ca](mailto:water-stewardship@afn.ca) with the subject line: AFN Nuclear Waste Management Forum

#### The deadline to submit an application is **March 6, 2026, at 5PM EST.**

- Individuals with successful submissions will be notified on or before **March 13, 2026.**
- Please ensure that your application includes valid contact information, the title of your presentation and a detailed description of your presentation, and a short personal biography.
- Only successful applicants will be contacted.
- All breakout session presenters must pay for their travel to and from the forum. The successful applicants will have their forum registration fees waived if applicable.
- The AFN will not provide any monetary compensation.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

For inquiries, please contact: [water-stewardship@afn.ca](mailto:water-stewardship@afn.ca)