



7TH ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM & TRADE SHOW

Bridging the Gap: First Nations Water and Wastewater Equity

15-18 April, 2024 | Hilton Lac-Leamy | Gatineau (Québec)

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Building upon the dialogue from the 6th National Water Symposium, “Securing Safe Water for All First Nations,” the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is hosting an in-person Water Symposium and Trade Show focused on addressing important water-related issues facing First Nations.

Access to safe, clean water and sanitation is more important than ever given the uncertainty facing First Nations with respect to water. Legislation, questions around sustainable funding, long-term transfer of care and control, and the implications of a new national water agency continue to be important issues to First Nations. In comparison to most Canadians, access to water and sanitation is a human right that too many First Nations still don’t have.

The AFN’s 7th Annual Water Symposium’s theme will be ***Bridging the Gap: First Nations Water and Wastewater Equity***. The AFN is calling for presenters to bring forward their work and ideas as they relate to securing safe water for all First Nations.

We anticipate the breakout sessions to be one hour in length, to be confirmed once submissions are received. If you are proposing a shorter session, we will work towards finding other speakers to fill the time slot. We will accept sessions that are 30 minutes or 1 hour in length.

The Symposium topics will include:

- Sustainable Water & Wastewater Futures
- Regulations and Standards for Water and Wastewater
- New and Emerging Contaminants - Protecting First Nations Health
- First Nations Water Stewardship (in partnership with AFN Environment)
- Urgent and Emerging Issues in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Management

Symposium attendees will include First Nations leadership from across Canada, water technicians, public works department staff, other First Nations infrastructure technicians, consultants, government officials and non-governmental entities and leading members of academia with an interest in First Nations water and wastewater issues.



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If you're interested in presenting at the symposium, you must submit:

- a description of your presentation (**max length: 200 words**) including how it relates to the symposium theme;
- the presenter(s) biography(ies) (**max length: 100 words**); and
- no more than three (3) presenters per submission.

Note that workshops and presentations with options for attendee participation are welcomed and encouraged. The AFN is working to have sessions at this Symposium count towards water and wastewater operators Continuing Education Units (CEUs), so please identify if your proposed presentation should count towards CEUs in your submission.

The submission should be provided in **MSWord** format and be submitted electronically identifying "AFN 7th Annual Water Symposium – Submission" in the subject line.

Submit by email to: water-eau@afn.ca.

Please note that submissions may be edited for length for Symposium documentation, digital and/or hard copy.

Submission Deadline: March 8, 2024, at 5:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time)

Individuals with successful submissions will be notified on or before March 11, 2024.

Presenters are responsible for their own registration fees and travel costs. The registration fee will be covered for one presenter per submission; registration fees for any additional presenter(s) are the responsibility of the applicant.

If you have any questions, please contact us at water-eau@afn.ca.