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1 - Background on IMPAC5

The 5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from 1-8 September 2022, culminating in the Leadership Summit on 1 September 2022. IMPAC5 will bring together a broad spectrum of individuals, organizations, governments and institutions representing many sectors of society to advance solutions for the protection of the health of the ocean.

IMPAC5 will provide a forum for sharing knowledge, successes and best practices in an open and respectful environment for the exchanging of ideas among a diversity of views, expertise, opinions, backgrounds and lived experiences reflective of Congress participants.

2 - IMPAC5 Goals

- Demonstrate global support for marine conservation efforts such as networks of marine protected areas¹ and marine spatial planning.
- Provide an opportunity to celebrate and galvanize global cooperation in marine conservation.
- Provide an opportunity for countries to come together to develop a roadmap to a post-2020 biodiversity framework for ocean conservation.
- Showcase the important role of marine protected areas in addressing the climate crisis and conserving biodiversity in a post-pandemic world.
- Share what is uniquely Canadian: our vast marine and coastal environment, the rich diversity of local and Indigenous peoples and coastal cultures, our collective efforts, and our world-class ocean science and management regime.

¹ Networks include Marine protected areas (MPAs) and other designations, such as *Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures* (OECMS), *Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas* (IPCAs) and other approaches and tools that contribute to protecting 30% of the ocean by 2030.

3 - IMPAC5 Themes and Key Questions

THEME	THEME GOAL(S)	KEY QUESTIONS
Building a Global Marine Protected Area Network	Working with the global marine community to create effectively managed MPAs that will result in a lasting, global network of protected ocean spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the elements of success to building a global network and what are the major milestones to get there? 2. What are the barriers to success and how are they successfully being overcome? (e.g. environmental, social, political, financial) 3. How can we accelerate and implement actions to scale-up protection efforts
Managing Marine Protected Areas and Human Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the tools and approaches to design and effectively manage future and existing MPAs • Advancing successful approaches to ensure MPAs are sustainable and resilient through: community engagement and advocacy; monitoring and evaluation; and compliance and enforcement tools. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the enabling conditions required for the successful design and management of effective MPAs? 2. What are the barriers for successfully designing and managing effective MPAs and how are these successfully being overcome? 3. While ensuring ocean health as a priority, how do we simultaneously ensure effective ocean protection and manage ocean-based human activities?
Conserving biodiversity and addressing the climate crisis	Building on over two decades of active MPA establishment and management, 2022 is an opportune year to take stock of our collective knowledge, experiences and ways of knowing the ocean to ensure current and future MPAs build resiliency to climate change and are designed to conserve and restore biodiversity.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can MPAs successfully address the dual crises of biodiversity loss and climate change? 2. What is the role of MPAs in mitigating climate change? 3. How can we better design MPAs and networks of MPAs to be resilient to climate change impacts and effects?
Advancing Conservation in the Blue Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance solutions and approaches to demonstrate that conservation and the protection of oceans makes good socio-economic sense. • Advance the knowledge and understanding of the role and effectiveness of MPAs as a nature-based solution for growing the blue economy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do we ensure a blue economy is sustainable and contributes to better protecting and restoring the ocean? 2. How can MPAs be integrated with and supported by funding through the blue economy? 3. How can we overcome barriers to significant scale-up investments, now needed post pandemic, to better protect and manage existing and proposed MPAs?
Connecting Ocean, Culture and Human Well-Being	Stimulate the global dialogue among a diverse network of individuals, organizations and governments to advance the interconnectedness of ocean culture, commerce, recreation, education and food security.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role does a global network of MPAs play in shaping policies and practices around food security, nutrition and health? 2. What is the role of the exchange of ideas, information, art, language and other aspects of culture among nations and their people in fostering networks of effective MPAs? 3. How can public and community engagement be leveraged to raise awareness, deepen understanding and strengthen the support for the role of MPAs in ocean protection?

4 - IMPAC5's Cross-Cutting Streams

STREAM	PRIORITIES
Indigenous Peoples Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respecting the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and reconciliation in ocean governance • Recognizing Indigenous People's leadership in ocean conservation • Showcasing Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas • Incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing • Enhancing regional, national and international networking • Strengthening capacity of Indigenous communities • Understanding connections between art, culture and ocean
The Voice of Young Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing inter-generational learning and dialogue • Fostering mentorship opportunities • Building capacity and connections • Showcasing global youth movements
Innovation and Transformational Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating opportunities and discoveries • Exploring novel institutional and governance arrangements • Engaging local cultures and politics • Showcasing new technologies to advance protection and connection of MPAs • Embracing new partners and stakeholders and interdisciplinary approaches

5 - IMPAC5 Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Statement

Together We Will Succeed

The future of the ocean depends on us all and our future depends on the ocean. It safeguards and nurtures biodiversity so that life on our blue planet can thrive in all its natural richness. Protecting it requires truly global action that includes us all.

At IMPAC5 we are committed to diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion. When we each bring our unique perspectives – in a spirit of collaboration and interconnectedness – progress and innovation will result. By valuing differences and extending respect to others, we can truly work together to protect the global ocean.

6 - Proposal Submissions

This downloadable IMPAC5 *Proposal Submission Guide* provides you with the necessary information to electronically submit your proposal. You are invited to submit a proposal to present either in person or virtually during IMPAC5. Proposals must clearly align with IMPAC5's goals, themes and cross-cutting streams, respect IMPAC5's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement, and are encouraged to be applicable and engaging in their presentation to a wide range of participants.

All proposals must be submitted electronically on the Congress website at www.impact5.ca.

You are invited to submit a proposal based on the formats described below.

Attention

Applicants may now apply to participate in more than one presentation at IMPAC5. For example, an applicant can submit proposals for an individual presentation and to contribute to Symposia and Knowledge Sharing Sessions. As well, participants in group presentations no longer need to also apply individually.

IMPAC5 will contact coordinators of Symposia and Knowledge Sharing Session if more information on participants is required.

The *Call for Proposals*, is open from 14 June (08:00 PDT) to 20 October(23:59 PDT) 2021.

***All proposals must be submitted before this deadline to be considered. No extensions will be granted.**

Proposal submissions will be assessed by a team of independent reviewers representing a broad range of experience and knowledge. Based on established criteria, reviewers are responsible for selecting the best submissions to enable the development of a rich, inclusive, innovative, and engaging IMPAC5 program for both in-person and virtual attendees. Due to limited time slots, it may be necessary to restrict the number of proposals accepted.

To assist in the acceptance of your proposal you are strongly encouraged to carefully review the 'Proposal Selection Criteria' and IMPAC5's goals, themes and cross-cutting streams to ensure the proposal aligns with all requirements. A 'Final Submission Checklist' is provided for each session format to confirm all information is provided.

You have 2 choices in designing your proposal submission:

- A) You may submit an individual proposal that aligns with one of the formats described below (*Speed Talk, Symposium, E-poster*)
- OR
- B) You may submit to lead and co-ordinate either a *Symposium* or *Knowledge Sharing Session*, as described on page 8.

7 - Format Descriptions

All of these formats apply to both In-person and Virtual

A) Individual Proposals

You may submit an individual proposal that aligns with one of the formats described below (Speed Talk, Symposium, E-poster)

i. Speed Talk (10 minutes/speaker)

Speed Talks are 10 minutes in duration and allow participants to highlight their stories, projects and experiences on a particular Congress theme. A speed talk provides the audience with a rapid overview, allowing an informal discussion among presenters and the audience. Your speed talk will be part of a 60-minute session that will feature 4 presentations, followed by a 20-minute 'Question and Answer' period. The time limit will be strictly enforced to keep the agenda on time and facilitate movement between sessions

ii. Symposium (15 minutes/speaker)

Symposiums are moderated sessions consisting of a series of 15 minute presentations from speakers of diverse backgrounds and expertise, collectively addressing a broad suite of topics related to the Congress themes. Symposiums will be allocated ample time for discussion and audience engagement to facilitate knowledge sharing. Each 60 or 90- minute session will include 3 to 5 speakers, led by a session moderator. Symposium timeslots are limited, therefore accepted proposal submitters may be asked to deliver under a different format.

If you are submitting an individual proposal to be part of a Symposium, IMPAC5's *Program Committee* will coordinate the session. See below if you are interested in **leading** a Symposium.

iii. E-POSTER (10 minutes/poster)

Electronic posters (E-posters) facilitate the sharing of stories, knowledge and information, in a succinct way, within a short time period. Your E-poster will be organised into a 60-minute session to allow the opportunity for each presenter, at a designated time, to speak for approximately 6 minutes, followed by a 4-minute 'Question and Answer' period.

E-Posters should be concise and image oriented and will be displayed on a screen. **PRINTED PAPER POSTERs will not be accommodated.** Information related to the technical formatting requirements for the creation and display of e-posters will be shared at a later date. Generally, e-posters should avoid the use of too much text and all visuals should be of professional quality and be clearly legible from a short distance.

B) Lead and Co-ordinate a Symposium or Knowledge Sharing Session

You may submit to lead and co-ordinate either a Symposium or Knowledge Sharing Session, as described below.

i. Symposium (60 or 90 minutes, 15 minutes/speaker)

Symposiums are moderated sessions consisting of a series of 15 minute presentations from speakers of diverse backgrounds and expertise, collectively addressing a broad suite of topics related to the Congress themes. Symposiums will be allocated ample time for discussion and audience engagement to facilitate knowledge sharing. Each 60 or 90- minute session will include 3 to 5 speakers, led by a session moderator. Symposium timeslots are limited, therefore accepted proposal submitters may be asked to deliver under a different format

As the session **lead** of a Symposium, you will provide the title and description and organize a panel of 3 to 5 speakers within a 60 or 90-minute time frame. It is essential that these sessions provide ample room for discussion and use creative approaches to engage participants, who should be given the floor to share their knowledge and know-how.

ii. Knowledge Sharing Session (90 minute sessions)

Knowledge Sharing sessions (e.g., workshops, Knowledge Cafés) are led by one or more facilitators or instructors and provide the opportunity for focused, topic-specific dialogs, direct learning, and building the capacity of participants through interactive approaches to address practical solutions relevant to IMPAC5's themes and streams. They can accommodate up to 50 participants over 90 minutes, however, both the registration numbers and timelines could be modified depending on the proposed session.

As the lead, you will provide the title and description of your session; the names of each individual who will be supporting the delivery of your session; and identify the minimum/maximum audience size you can accommodate.

Knowledge Sharing sessions will require pre-registration prior to the start of the Congress. You are welcome to describe and submit alternate formats to best facilitate the sharing of experiences and knowledge while respecting the 90-minute timeframe.

8 - Proposal Selection Criteria

Proposals most aligned with the following criteria will be selected and integrated into the core program. In developing the program, a number of factors will be considered, including the distribution of topics across themes and streams, and the overall balance of in-person and virtual proposals and session types. To accommodate the overall scheduling, you may be asked to reallocate your submission to a different session type and you will be informed accordingly.

All proposal submissions will be reviewed by a team of independent reviewers on the basis of the following selection criteria:

- Clear alignment with one or more of the five IMPAC5 themes and one or more of the key questions per theme.
- Contribute to IMPAC5 goals and cross-cutting streams (Indigenous Peoples Leadership, Voice of Young Professionals, Fostering Innovation and Transformational Change).
- Identifies/discusses new challenges, best practices, opportunities, approaches, innovations and/or solutions.
- Illustrates significant social, human, environmental, and/or economic outcomes at the local, regional, national or global scale.
- Overall merit of the proposal (e.g., novelty, solutions orientation, applicability under different contexts and jurisdictions, and scalability).

Applicants will be notified by end of January 2022 of their proposal status.

For any questions related to the 'Call for Proposals' submission process, please first consult the Frequently Asked Question on our website and if necessary, email: programme@impac5.ca.

9 - Tips for Submitting Successful Proposals

Priority will be given to proposals with a focus on one or more of the following:

- Joint presentations, showcasing emerging or original partnerships to reflect multiple voices and perspectives.
- Indigenous People's leadership, knowledge and communities.
- Young leaders' expertise and perspectives.
- Community and local-level initiatives.
- Policy and governance reforms.
- Innovation and new technologies.
- Sustainable funding models and investment opportunities.

10 - Important Timelines

The process by which proposals are submitted, selected and accepted is as follows:

June 14, 2021 – 08:00 PDT

The 'Call for Proposals' submissions opens.

October 20, 2021 – 23:59 PDT

The 'Call for Proposals' submissions closes.

**All proposals must be submitted before this deadline to be considered. No extensions will be granted.*

October to November 2021

The proposal review process takes place.

November 2021 to January 2022

Program development by committee.

December 2021

Early bird registration opens.

January 2022

Early bird registration closes.

All applicants are notified of the final decision regarding proposals. Proposals may be:

- accepted as is,
- accepted with modifications to the format; or
- declined.

April 2022

IMPAC5 program will be published on IMPAC5's website.

September 1 to 8, 2022

IMPAC5 welcomes the world to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

September 8, 2022

Leadership Summit.

11 - DEI statement and link to [IMPAC5's Code of Conduct](#)

Those who submit a proposal must acknowledge and agree to IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct* at the time of submitting their proposal (and again upon registration).

12 - Final Submission Checklist per Format

The information outlined below is required when submitting your IMPAC5 proposal. Please note, there is a checklist for each session format.

- **Speed Talk**
- **Symposium – individual submission**
- **E-poster**
- **Symposium – lead a session**
- **Knowledge Sharing Session – lead a session**

Proposals for a ***Speed Talk*** requires the following information:

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Presentation Description (maximum 300 words)
- Justification (maximum 200 words)
Explain why your presentation matters for MPA conservation and how your topic relates to one or more of the IMPAC5 themes
- Identification of IMPAC5's relevant stream(s), theme(s) and key question(s)
- Selection of five keywords that describe the most essential concepts or topics of your presentation
- Tweetable description of your presentation
(less than 200 characters in English; less than 250 characters in French)
- Acknowledgement of *Disclosure of Interest* statement
- Acceptance of IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)* statement

Proposals for an **individual speaker for a Symposium** require the following information:

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Presentation Description (maximum 300 words)
- Justification (maximum 200 words)
Explain why your presentation matters for MPA conservation and how your topic relates to one or more of the IMPAC5 themes
- Identification of IMPAC5's relevant theme(s), stream(s), key question(s)
- Selection of five keywords that describe the most essential concepts or topics of your presentation
- Tweetable description of your poster
(less than 200 characters in English; less than 250 characters in French)
- Acknowledgement of *Disclosure of Interest* statement
- Acknowledgement of IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)* statement

Proposals for an **E-poster** require the following information:

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Presentation Description (maximum 300 words)
- Justification (maximum 200 words)
Explain why your presentation matters for MPA conservation and how your topic relates to one or more of the IMPAC5 themes
- Identification of IMPAC5's relevant theme(s), stream(s), key question(s)
- Selection of five keywords that describe the most essential concepts or topics of your poster
- Tweetable description of your poster
(less than 200 characters in English; less than 250 characters in French)
- Acknowledgement of *Disclosure of Interest* statement
- Acknowledgement of IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)* statement

Proposals to *lead a Symposium* requires the following information:

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Presentation Description (maximum 300 words)
- Justification (maximum 200 words)
Explain why your presentation matters for MPA conservation and how your topic relates to one or more of the IMPAC5 themes
- Identification of IMPAC5's relevant theme(s), stream(s), key question(s)
- Names of each of the speakers participating in your session
- Selection of five keywords that describe the most essential concepts or themes of your session
- Tweetable description of your poster
(less than 200 characters in English; less than 250 characters in French)
- Acknowledgement of *Disclosure of Interest* statement
- Acknowledgement of IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)* statement

Proposals to *lead a Knowledge Sharing Session* requires the following information:

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Presentation Description (maximum 300 words)
- Justification (maximum 200 words)
Explain why your presentation matters for MPA conservation and how your topic relates to one or more of the IMPAC5 themes
- Identification of IMPAC5's relevant theme(s), stream(s), key question(s)
- Names of each individual who will be supporting the delivery of your session (e.g., co-facilitator)
- Selection of five keywords that describe the most essential concepts or topics of your session
- Tweetable description of your poster
(less than 200 characters in English; less than 250 characters in French)
- Maximum / minimum number of attendees for your session
- Acknowledgement of *Disclosure of Interest* statement
- Acknowledgement of IMPAC5's *Code of Conduct and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)* statement