

# 2021 Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference

## Abstract Submission Instructions

The CCRC Program Committee invites submissions for oral presentations, posters, convened sessions, workshops, and trainings. This invitation is open to anyone working to increase climate resilience in the Carolinas including, but not limited to, local, state, tribal, or federal government representatives, regional government entities, non-profit organizations, military installations, small businesses, researchers, educators, or consultants. A list of relevant topics for the CCRC program is included below.

Although we are planning to gather mostly in-person for the 2021 CCRC, we understand that it may not be safe to do so, or there may be other factors that limit in-person participation. We are committed to making the CCRC accessible for everyone in the Carolinas resilience community. Therefore, we will offer virtual session and presentation options for those who are unable to participate in-person.

If ongoing health concerns and large gathering restrictions limit our ability to hold an in-person event, we will move conference sessions and presentations to a virtual format. We will provide support to session organizers and speakers to ensure successful participation online and an engaging, valuable event for all attendees.

### Submission Process

- All proposals should be submitted via this [online form](#).
- Please choose the most appropriate session or presentation format for your submission. These include workshops/trainings, symposia, poster presentations, and individual oral presentations. More information about each format can be found on the [conference website](#).
- Session/presentation descriptions should not exceed 350 words.
- Workshop, training, and symposium organizers are asked to provide details about how they would conduct their proposed session virtually if we pivot to a virtual conference.
- For workshops, trainings, and symposia, please include additional speakers or presenters who will participate. Please include full name and affiliation. These session formats may be submitted without a full list of participants. However, the names of all participants must be provided by **April 2** to be included in the final program.
- For posters and individual presentations, please include the full list of authors who should be included with the presentation description in the conference program. Please include author's full name and affiliation.
- Please determine the cross-cutting theme that is most relevant to your submission. More information about each of the themes is available on the [conference website](#).
- There is also space to provide a Tweet (280 characters or less) that we can use to advertise your session or presentation in advance of the conference.
- Please note if you are willing to transition your session or presentation to a virtual format if we are unable to host the 2021 CCRC in-person.

**The deadline for all submissions is Friday, December 4, 2020.**

## Submission Review Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed by the CCRC Program Committee with the following criteria in mind:

- *Adaptation in Action:* Presentations and sessions that highlight real-world examples of applied climate science and decision-making are preferred.
- *Equity and Diversity:* Submissions that include a diversity of speakers, variety of perspectives and/or organizational representatives, and/or which highlight work in the communities most heavily impacted by extreme weather and climate change are preferred.
- *Interactive Elements:* For workshops/trainings, symposia, and oral presentations, preference will be given to submissions that incorporate audience participation and engagement.
- *Topical Relevance:* Submissions must be relevant to climate resilience in the Carolinas, cross-cutting themes, and key topics for the conference.

## Relevant Session and Presentation Topics

### *Climate Science, Research, and Information in the Carolinas*

- Climate trends and variability in the Carolinas
- Available climate resources for decision makers and resource managers
- Climate change research and projections
- Sea level rise projections and tools
- Climate impacts on water resources, natural resources, urban areas, and/or public health

### *Planning for Resilience*

- Conducting vulnerability assessments
- Decision making in the face of uncertainty
- Identifying and assessing the economic consequences of climate
- Integrating climate change into sustainability planning
- Mainstreaming climate into ongoing activities and plans
- Using climate adaptation tools: moving from planning to practice

### *Coping with Climate*

- Case studies of local and regional efforts
- Extreme weather and hazard planning: precipitation (flooding, drought), temperature (heat)
- Tropical storms, coastal flooding, storm surge
- Planning for multiple hazards or compounding stressors
- Resources, tools, and trainings to help decision makers and managers address climate threats

### *Sector-Specific Projects and Activities*

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| • Agriculture                          | • Natural resources |
| • Built environment and infrastructure | • Public health     |
| • Hazards and emergency management     | • Tourism           |
| • Military installations               | • Water management  |

### *Climate Communications and Outreach*

- Addressing local impacts and concerns
- Communicating uncertainty
- Developing effective communications strategies and messages
- Engaging partners and stakeholders
- Working with elected officials and the public

### *Suggestions for Engaging Sessions and Presentations*

- Joint presentation between a climate scientist and decision maker to demonstrate real-world examples of how climate information, tools, or resources are incorporated into decision making.
- Joint presentation between an extension agent and community leader to share experiences of working together on climate risk assessment or adaptation planning.
- Joint presentation between a tool developer and user to show how communities are applying the tool or resource.
- Use [Mentimeter](#), [Poll Everywhere](#), [Slido](#), or [Jamboard](#) to have the audience respond to prompts or questions during the presentation.
- Integrate small group discussion or one-on-one sharing and report backs during your session.

### *Submission and Acceptance Timeline*

**December 4** – Submission deadline

**February** – Acceptance notifications, preliminary conference program announced

**April 2** – Deadline to confirm all workshop, training, and symposia speakers

**Mid-April** – Conference Program Finalized

### *Important Information for Presenters*

Your abstract will not be edited; you are responsible for any spelling, grammatical, or typographical errors.

By submitting an abstract, you grant CISA permission to publish it in the conference program and on the conference website.

Due to limited space on the agenda, proposals not accepted for oral presentations/sessions may be invited to participate as poster presentations.

All accepted abstracts will be notified in time to register at the early registration rate.

Due to public health concerns caused by the ongoing pandemic, the CCRC Planning Committee may decide to move the conference to a virtual format. We ask all session organizers and presenters to indicate if you are willing to participate virtually. If you propose a workshop, training, or symposium, we ask that you describe how you will conduct the session virtually.