



Marine Renewables Canada
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Member Workshops – Call for Proposals

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FOR MEMBERS - BY MEMBERS

Building on the success of the Member Workshops in 2025, the **Marine Renewables Canada 2026 Conference & Exhibition in Ottawa (November 17-19, 2026)** will once again offer the opportunity to learn directly from industry experts through specialized workshops. These sessions will provide in-depth discussions on key topics, offering valuable insights, practical knowledge, and interactive learning experiences tailored to the evolving needs of the sector.

MRC members have the exclusive opportunity to propose and host their own workshops on critical issues affecting the sector, helping shape the conference program while showcasing their expertise, innovations, and solutions to industry challenges.



Conference schedule at a glance:

Tuesday, Nov 17

Member Workshops,
International
Roundtable, &
Member Reception

Wednesday, Nov 18

Industry & Technical
Sessions, Exhibition,
Welcome Reception

Thursday, Nov 19

Industry & Technical
Sessions, Exhibition,
Post-conference Mixer

DEVELOPING YOUR WORKSHOP CONCEPT

Member Workshops are intended to provide market intelligence, advice on key issues, and insight on topics that can support members' growth and development ambitions.

They should demonstrate a diverse speaker representation that contributes to the growth and success of Canada's marine renewable energy sector. Workshops will be 60-75 minutes in length – please keep in this mind when developing your concept and proposal.

Workshop proposals should reflect a company or organization's expertise and offer insight on a topic that has broad-reaching industry interest. When thinking about a workshop you may want to propose, MRC encourages you to develop concepts that help meet one or more of these criteria:

- **Share a real-world industry project or experience as a case study**, highlighting key observations, results, findings, and lessons for the future.
- **Facilitate meaningful industry discussions** by bringing together key sector representatives from industry, government, communities, Indigenous organizations, supply chain, etc.
- **Offer both innovative and proven solutions, strategies, and technologies** to address ongoing industry challenges.
- **Present emerging industry trends, new technologies, ground-breaking research**, or other forward-thinking insights.
- **Provide valuable data, market analysis, and trends** that inform industry decisions.

Please note, workshops should focus on knowledge-sharing rather than sales pitches.

WORKSHOP THEMES

With the intent of delivering information and knowledge that touches on key issues affecting the offshore wind, tidal, wave and river current energy sector and complements the MRC 2026 program, MRC has prioritized the following themes for workshops to be focused on:

1. **Co-existence, Cooperation and Collaboration**
2. **Workforce and Supply Chain Development**
3. **Solutions for Remote and Indigenous Communities**
4. **Indigenous Partnerships and Economic Reconciliation**
5. **Stakeholder Engagement and Social Acceptance**
6. **Communications and Storytelling**
7. **Global Best Practices** (lessons learned from global projects and industry progress)
8. **International Collaboration**
9. **Other** – if you have an **idea that's outside of the box** and not listed here, MRC invites you to share your ideas



PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- **Proposal Deadline:** All proposals must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. AT on May 29, 2026 (extended from May 15)**.

- **Workshop Participants:** Hosts and speakers of workshops must be an MRC member in good standing to be eligible.

- **Proposal Format:** Proposals must be submitted through this platform **[LINK](#)**.

You will be asked to include:

- Title of the presentation
- Workshop description (up to 300 words)
- Name and affiliation of workshop host and speakers, including full name and title

(Note: workshops should not have more than 3 speakers max including the host/moderator)

- Biographies of all proposed presenters (included in one document for upload)
- 3 objectives/targeted outcomes of the workshop
- Target audience
- Focus area (offshore wind, tidal, wave, river current)
- Theme (one of the themes above or "other")
- Keywords related to the workshop concept (choose from the topics listed above or suggest others)

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda White, Senior Director, Operations at amanda@marinerenewables.ca or 902.717.0716

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REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of industry experts. The review criteria will take into account the relevance, impact, proposed speakers, and overall contribution to MRC 2026.

Milestone	Key Date
Proposal Submission Deadline	May 29, 2026 (extended from May 15)
Proposal Review Period	June 8 - July 10, 2026
Proposal Selection Completed	July 24, 2026
Notify Proposal Submitters	Week of July 27-31, 2026
Final Program Published	August 28, 2026

