

Call for Submissions

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) invites submissions from those interested in speaking, participating in panel discussions, or facilitating interactive workshops at the 2024 AIBC Conference. Held every second year, the AIBC Conference attracts 500+ attendees over two and a half days. Architectural professionals from across B.C. and beyond come together to attend more than 20 speaking sessions, as well as engaging evening events.

- **Date:** Monday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- **Location:** Vancouver Convention Centre West
- **Website:** aibc.ca
- **Presentation Submission Form:** [Conference 2024 Submission Form](#)

AIBC Conference 2024: Act

The theme for AIBC Conference 2024 is “**Act**” – a simple yet profoundly impactful word that encompasses a myriad of meanings – within the architectural profession, it encapsulates a range of facets of professional practice and the role of architects in the built environment:

The act of designing and building with purpose and creativity;
Taking action to address social, economic, and climate challenges;
Reacting and proactively responding to evolving societal needs and technologies;
Acting with integrity and upholding professional standards;
Adhering to the governing act in B.C., the *Professional Governance Act*;
and much more – all centered around the call to act.

AIBC Conference 2024 will delve into the multiple dimensions of the word "act." The conference will explore technical actions, the art and science of architecture, as well as the thoughtful ways architectural professionals have impacted the built environment and their communities. We encourage you to bring your unique perspective to the event, where you will be both challenged and inspired to act.

Submission Criteria

A variety of presentation formats are sought, including lectures, panel discussions and workshops. Sessions will be 75 minutes in length, 60 minutes for presentation time with an additional 15 minutes for Q&A. The AIBC is looking for presenters who are experts in their fields and familiar with presenting to groups of 30 to 120.

The following criteria will be examined when reviewing and selecting submissions:

- Inspired content that is clear, concise and educational in nature;
- Relevance to the profession of architecture;
- Compliant with the necessary standards for [AIBC's Continuing Education System](#); and
- Qualified speakers with experience presenting at similar regional, national, or international conferences.

Conference Program

The Conference Professional Development (PD) Advisory Group is specifically interested in presentations related to the following topics:

- Innovative and sustainable technologies: mass timber, Step Code, Passive House, pre-fabricated materials, embodied carbon, 3D printing, regenerative design, etc.
- Learning from Indigenous culture and design, working with Indigenous groups
- Resiliency to natural events (flood, wildfire): mitigation, planning and design
- Diversity and inclusion in the architecture profession: overcoming barriers and unconscious bias
- Integrated design process
- Urban planning policy and design; designing for affordability and/or temporary housing
- Cross-cultural influences on architecture
- Architectural Case Studies embodying the above topics
- Unique experiences related to the above topics (such as architectural tours, workshops)

Submission Timeline

- **September 7, 2023:** Call for Submissions issued
- **October 16, 2023:** Call for Submissions closes
- **Early December:** Speakers notified

Submission Form

The deadline to submit a proposal to speak at AIBC Conference 2024 is October 16, 2023.

[View the Conference Submission Form.](#)

About the AIBC

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia is an independent, professional self-governing body with the mandate to regulate the profession of architecture in the interest of the public. The AIBC was established in 1920 by provincial statute, and since 2023, has governed the profession under the authority of the *Professional Governance Act*. For more information about the AIBC, please visit aibc.ca.