



2023

ACIC Symposium

Cost of Change:

Championing Social Justice,
Health, and Well-Being For All

Request for Proposal | Workshop

October 27-28

Prince Edward Island

Theme Statement

ACIC Symposium 'Cost of Change: Championing Social Justice, Health and Well-Being for All' will explore the web of factors that shape our society, and the role money and resources play in both creating disparities and elevating poverty in the world. The Symposium will delve into the complex dynamics of how individuals and organizations can fund change, while championing equity, and exploring the global and local shifts necessary to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all.

With health being top of mind for individuals, communities and countries, the Symposium will, through a Social Determinants of Health Framework, and with an intersectional lens, explore the non-medical underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions that impact individual and community health and well-being. It will explore youth, Indigenous communities, and local and global perspectives to sustainability and change as we understand the recent acute economic disparities around the world, and its impact on community health. The Symposium will also highlight what Atlantic Canadians are doing to counter this and champion change in their communities.

At ACIC Symposium 2023, we will explore the cost of change under three sub-themes:

1. International Cooperation and the Cost of Power

Delving into the relation between power, money and resources within the international cooperation sector, the Symposium will explore the ramifications of decreasing overseas development assistance. It will examine the effects of political agendas and capitalist priorities driving economic agendas, the importance of localisation for long term change, and the different streams and avenues of funding accessed and available for organizations, communities, and individuals to affect change

2. Climate Change and the Cost of Action

In the face of climate change and recognizing its detrimental effect on social and environmental determinants of health, it will also examine sustainability, and the rhetoric around climate action being an expensive choice. It will critically assess the interplay between urgent needs in the face of climate change, and capitalism-driven fossil-fuel dependent economic growth which is further exacerbating its effect.

3. Decent Work and the Cost of Exploitation

The Symposium will also aim to understand and discuss the impact of extractive labour and capital exploitation practises around the world. Using decent work for all as foundation, it will discuss global labour issues focusing on migrant workers, the impact of gendered labour movements, the disparity between minimum and living wage.

The Symposium will foster dialogue and knowledge sharing through panels, workshops, and diverse speakers. Together, as international development sector actors, policymakers, youth, activists and Atlantic Canadians, the Symposium will explore how to fund and impact change to ensure social justice, health and well-being for all.

Request for Proposal

We are seeking proposals for interactive and engaging workshops related to the Symposium theme. The workshops must align with one of the sub-themes and address the overall Symposium theme, in the context of international cooperation.

If you are interested in facilitating a workshop at the ACIC Symposium on October 27-28, 2023, please email membership@acic-caci.org with as much or as little of the following information as you feel necessary in your proposal.

Proposed workshop/activity description:

Provide a paragraph of the workshop/activity and describe how you will engage ACIC members and participants (approximately 250 words). Please include relevance to the main Symposium theme.

Workshop title/theme:

Think about how your workshop will fit into the Symposium theme of Cost of Change: Championing Social Justice, Health and Well-Being for All and the three sub-themes of:

1. International Cooperation and the Cost of Power
2. Climate Change and the Cost of Action
3. Decent Work and the Cost of Exploitation

Any inter-related and innovative topics and ideas are welcome and encouraged!

Scheduling preferences:

Please indicate the length preferred for your workshop and a proposed outline of activities (e.g for a 75-minute session: Welcome & Introduction [5 minutes]; Presentation [20 minutes]; Discussions [40 minutes]; Questions & Feedback [10 minutes]). We propose the workshops to be broken up into 15-minute, 45-minute, and/or 75-minute sessions.

Learning outcomes:

What do you hope that participants will learn from your workshop? How do you see this information being useful for participants in their day-to-day work? What outcomes do you hope to produce?

Facilitators/moderators/speakers/presenters:

Please provide the name, title, group/association (if relevant), contact information, LinkedIn profile, a brief biography and headshot of the proposed facilitators for your workshop.

Session size:

The ACIC symposium will be structured to accommodate workshops ranging from smaller intimate groups of ~10, to mid-size groups of ~25, to larger plenary sessions that will engage the entire group ~80 participants. Please indicate your ideal audience size based on your content and learning outcomes.

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Space requirements:

Please share, if any, access to audio-visual, equipment is required (e.g computer, projector, flip charts, etc). Please describe the ideal space for your session (e.g theatre or classroom style, semi-circle, large space with no chairs, only chairs, etc).

Accessibility requirements:

Please indicate any accessibility requirements or assistance that ACIC and the hosting space can provide that will help you facilitate your workshop, and/or help your participants interact with your content in a meaningful way.

Budget considerations:

Please share a proposed budget for your workshop (up to \$500) indicating honorarium, preparation time etc. ACIC will reimburse the costs incurred after successful delivery of the workshop. The symposium registration fee will be waived for the workshop facilitators. ACIC will however expect you to register and attend the symposium in full.

Deadlines:

Please share your proposal by August 27, 2023. ACIC will review the proposals and share the decisions by September 8, 2023.