Session Information

Plenary

*Format:* Single speaker or panel discussion  
*Length:* 90 minutes  
*Other Features:* Moderated Q&A

The plenary is the most high profile event of the conference and features speakers and topics focusing on topical and significant themes for the year. One plenary session is scheduled per day and each session usually features a moderator and a panel of speakers with some audience engagement.

Side Events

*Format:* Topic “deep dives”, collaborative discussions, possible brief presentation  
*Length:* 75-105 minutes  
*Other Features:* Networking, possible breakout rooms

Each Side Event block will have 3-4 sessions occurring simultaneously in separate rooms. These events are intentionally designed to allow colleagues to collaborate and brainstorm to build deeper understanding on a variety of topics as well as network to develop relationships among peers.

Verbal Presentations

*Format:* Presentation and Q&A  
*Length:* 50 minutes  
*Other Features:* 3 different speakers (10-minute presentation and 5-minute Q&A each)

Each Verbal Presentation block will have 3-4 sessions occurring simultaneously in separate rooms. Attendees may move between rooms to view presentations on different topics scheduled during the same time block.
Special Sessions

_Format:_ Casual presentation and Q&A  
_Length:_ 60 minutes  
_Other Features:_ Themed programming

All sessions are casual in nature so attendees are encouraged to have a bite to eat while viewing these programs focused on professional development or special interest groups. Each Special Session is offered at a unique time with no other competing programming.

Poster Presentations

_Format:_ One-on-one or small group discussions  
_Length:_ 60 minutes  
_Other Features:_ 26 posters per session (1 poster per room)

Grab a coffee or a cocktail and talk with our poster presenters. During the session, presenters will hold one-on-one or small group meetings to answer questions about their poster and to discuss their research. Poster presenters will have a 30-60 second “elevator pitch” about their research prepared for attendees who drop into their room to start the conversation.

Virtual Exhibit Hall

_Format:_ One-on-one or small group meetings with company representatives  
_Length:_ 30 minutes

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