Call for Breakout Session Proposals

It is Time for Our Community to Explore Ways to Lead the NGO Sector into the Future.

Forum 2023 will be an exciting one-day event, open to Members and non-Members, that will take place on October 19, 2023, at Convene, in Washington, D.C.

We are seeking proposals for Breakout Sessions to be held during Forum. Each Breakout Session will be 70 minutes long and held concurrently during our annual conference.

For your proposal to be considered, it must include the following:

Title
Titles should briefly identify the content and audience and should be able to stand alone and give a clear idea of what will happen in the session. Titles should be no more than ten words.

Short Session Description
In less than 100 words, tell us what your proposed breakout session will cover. Please write the description in present tense and third person.

Three Key Learnings
What are three things participants will learn and be able to do as a result of your session?

Proposed Run of Show and Presentation Delivery Information
Please share how you plan to utilize the time provided. We do not need exact timings but expect to see an overview and methods for the main topics of your session. All sessions must include at least one interactive element, including but not limited to:

- Live polling app
- Wants/Needs exchange board
- Oxford-Style debate
- Game show format
- Ideathon
- PechaKucha session
- Empty chair format

List of Session Presenters / Panelists*
A list of your confirmed session presenters—including name, title, and biography—must be included.
Additionally:

- Sessions must have at least two speakers.
- Each session must have a Presenter from the Global South (online via Zoom/Teams or In-Person).
- Sessions may have a maximum of four presenters, including the moderator. Diversity is an important consideration, including gender.
- Presenters should be experienced in their field and able to deliver content effectively to a diverse audience.
- Only one presenter per session can be virtual.

**Special consideration will be made if:**

- Two or more Presenters/Panelists are InterAction Members.
- A Presenter/Panelist is from the private sector, and the session highlights a successful private-public partnership.

**InterAction encourages proposals that reflect a forward-looking approach, feature bold ideas and global perspectives, and connect to the following topics:**

- Power shift and localization
- Climate change
- Fragility and conflict
- Closing civic space

**Proposal Submission**

Proposals should be sent via [THIS FORM](#). Proposals received prior to June 29 will be given priority consideration by the review panel. Proposals received after June 29 will be reviewed if additional content is necessary. We will close the submission link on July 24 at 5 PM EDT. We look forward to hearing from you and creating an engaging and informative program for Forum 2023.

The review team will evaluate all proposals based on a rubric and select highly rated proposals that contribute to a balanced and comprehensive program. Notifications regarding your proposal status will be sent by August 8, 2023.

*If a presenter wants to attend the entire day of Forum, they must register and pay to attend the one-day conference.*