

## Call for Session Proposals Criteria

All Session Proposals will be reviewed by the I4C26 Organizing Team and Advisory Committee.

**Submissions will be assessed according to the following weighted criteria:**

- Contribution to Conference Aim and Outcomes – 25%
- Scientific and Technical Excellence – 45%
- Relevance, Suitability, and Impact – 20%
- Contribution to Diversity and Inclusion – 10%

Criteria	Description
<b>Contribution to Conference Aim and Outcomes – 25%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Demonstrates clear alignment with I4C26 themes, the Global Research and Action Agenda (GRAA), and the objectives of the Innovate4Cities process.</li> <li>○ Advances the goals of accelerating urban climate innovation, resilience, and multilevel climate action.</li> </ul>
<b>Scientific and Technical Excellence – 45%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shows strong scientific rigor, methodological soundness, or technical robustness.</li> <li>○ For non-academic contributions (e.g. practice-based, creative, collaborative submissions): demonstrates systematic reflection, clear documentation, and transferable lessons.</li> <li>○ Contributes original insights, advances in knowledge, or evidence-based approaches that strengthen the credibility and impact of city climate action.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevance, Suitability, and Impact – 20%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Addresses pressing urban climate challenges with practical relevance to cities and local governments.</li> <li>○ Offers potential for real-world application, scale, or replication.</li> <li>○ Shows potential to influence policy, practice, or innovation pathways.</li> </ul>
<b>Contribution to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – 10%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brings diverse perspectives across regions, disciplines, and social groups.</li> <li>○ Demonstrates inclusion of underrepresented voices (e.g. from the Global South, youth, Indigenous knowledge holders, women, and marginalized communities).</li> <li>○ Strengthens equity in knowledge (co)production and practice.</li> </ul>

*We are committed to ensuring equity, inclusivity, and representation in the evaluation and selection process. This includes, but is not limited to ensuring gender balance, geographic diversity, and interdisciplinary collaboration across science, policy, business, and practice.*