

2026 PMWest Annual Conference Call for Speakers and Session Proposals

The Project Management Institute Canadian West Coast Chapter (PMI CWCC) is accepting session proposals for the 2026 PM West Conference that will be held on Thursday, November 5 and Friday, November 6, 2026. The conference is an in-person event and will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC, V6C 0C3, Canada.

PMWest (formerly, the CWCC Annual Conference and Career Fair) is the premier event for the project management community in Western Canada.

2026 Theme: Engage. Connect. Thrive.

Our 2026 conference theme is **“Engage. Connect. Thrive.”**

This year’s theme highlights the power of collaboration and community in project management, encouraging professionals to engage with new ideas, connect with industry peers, and thrive in an evolving and innovative project landscape. As project management continues to evolve with the rise of AI and automation, this theme also emphasizes the importance of human connection, leadership, and collaboration, ensuring that people remain at the center of successful project delivery.

Projects succeed when people are engaged, relationships are strong, and teams have the support they need to grow. Engage. Connect. Thrive. reflects the belief that professional success and personal fulfillment go hand in hand. By fostering engagement, encouraging meaningful connections, and supporting continuous development, project managers can thrive in an increasingly complex environment. This year’s conference emphasizes community, collaboration, and resilience, creating an experience that energizes participants, celebrates the joy of connections, and equips them to succeed in their work and careers.

Who attends PMWest?

PMWest Conference attracts a diverse audience of project management professionals across industries and career stages. Attendees range from early-career practitioners and emerging professionals to senior project managers, PMO leaders, and department executives responsible for strategic delivery and organizational transformation. Participants represent sectors including technology, construction, healthcare, finance, public sector, and creative industries.

We encourage speakers to identify the target audience level for their session (foundational, intermediate, or advanced) and tailor content to deliver relevant, practical value aligned with the audience’s experience, challenges, and context.

PM West's conference attendees want to hear about projects from business, community-based, and governmental organizations, both large and small, and from practitioners with a story, lesson, or innovation to share.

Review and Selection Process

Speakers and session proposals are selected through a competitive, double-blind review process. Our volunteer review committee will be looking for sessions that inspire, educate, and deliver practical value to our attendees.

The most successful session proposals are:

- **Clearly articulate value** to attendees and how it will equip them to deliver more impact.
- **Understand the audience** and are tailored to the target segment's career stage, industry, challenges, etc.
- **Align with PMI's focus areas** which provide a framework to address the evolving needs of Project Professionals worldwide.

Session Ideas and Suggested Topics

Session ideas may include, but are certainly not limited to:

- Lessons learned case studies
- New ideas, methodologies, tools and techniques
- Critical reviews and proposed remedies to major challenges in project delivery

We especially welcome proposals grounded in real-world experience, practical application, measurable outcomes, and emerging trends shaping the future of project management.

Our priority topics are:

Leadership and Human Skills: • Career development • Change management • Cross-Functional Team Leadership • Decision making • Leadership & Influence • Stakeholder engagement	AI and Digital Transformation: • AI, Automation and Human-Centered Project Leadership • Digital Tools & PM Software • Innovation in R&D Projects • Hands-On Tools (Excel, Power BI)
Strategy, PMO and Governance: • PMO • Portfolio management • Business analysis • Ethics and Governance • Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) • Legal & Procurement Excellence	Delivery, Risk and Operations: • Agile & Hybrid Working • Project Lessons Learned • Risk management • Supply Chain Management

Session Formats We are Looking For

PMWest 2026 will seek several session formats to support a range of learning styles. When submitting your proposal, please select the format that best fits your content and delivery preference. PMI CWCC team retains the right to suggest modifications to session titles and delivery formats.

1. 	Presentation (60 minutes) Standard conference presentation focused on practical insights, latest tools, and/or case studies relevant to the conference audience. - 60 minutes in total, structured as follows: ~5 min intro; ~45-50 mins speaker presentation; ~5-10 mins Q&A. - Presentations may be delivered by one (1) or two (2) speakers.
2. 	Panel Discussion (60 minutes) A moderated discussion featuring multiple perspectives on a topic relevant to the conference audience. - 60 minutes in total, structured as follows: ~5 min intro; ~45-50 mins panel discussion; ~5-10 mins Q&A. - The panel should include one (1) moderator, and up to four (4) panelists.
3. 	Masterclasses/ Workshops Interactive learning sessions designed to provide deeper exploration of a topic and/or practical skill development. These workshops are typically more hands-on and participatory than standard presentations. - Available durations: Two (2) hours; four (4) hours (half-day); eight (8) hours (full-day)
4. 	Rapid Fire Session (30 minutes) A short, high-energy presentation designed to share a focused idea, insight, or practical takeaway. - 30 minutes in total, structured as follows: ~25 mins presentation; ~5 mins Q&A. - Rapid Fire sessions are ideal for speakers who want to deliver concise, actionable insights or ideas.

Please Note:

- Speakers may submit proposals for all options but must submit separate applications.
- Speakers may identify which date(s) they prefer the presentation to take place in their application.
- Speakers may not directly sell products or services during their presentation.
- Speakers will not be paid by PMI CWCC (PM West) for preparation or delivery of their presentation.

- Speakers are to arrange their own transportation and accommodation (if applicable) to be on site on the day. Reimbursement of these expenses will not be provided, unless it is negotiated and agreed to in advance. PMI CWCC (PM West) is a nonprofit organization and has a very limited budget for such expenses.
- Workshop facilitators requiring additional materials (e.g., flip charts) must specify this in their application.

Submission Requirements

Application Submission Requirements include:

1. Speaker Bio (*up to 300 words*)
2. Presentation details, including:
 - i. Title,
 - ii. Synopsis, and
 - iii. Three key learning outcomes.
3. 1-2 minute video summary on why this topic should be in the conference (**please prepare the video before filling in the application form** and share it as a YouTube link).

Please submit your application via [LINK](#) on or before **11:55 pm PST Monday, May 25, 2026**, for consideration by the review panel. Application review will begin on May 30, 2026.

If selected to present, items 1-3 above will be posted on the PM West website and used for marketing purposes on PM West's social media channels.

How to Contact Us:

If you have any questions, please contact us at conference@pmi.bc.ca.

Best Regards,

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