



ABSTRACT CRITERIA

Three technical criteria will be used in the evaluation of proposals:

- **Relevance** to GA2020 Scientific Symposium Theme;
- **Substance:** originality and quality of subject matter;
- **Discussion value:** capacity of proposal to inspire reflection, discussion and debate.

One sub- criterion will be used in selecting proposals:

- **Diversity:** ensuring regional, cultural and gender diversity.

A numerical assessment and ranking system will be used to determine selection of sessions, individual papers and posters. The selected proposals will be used to develop a cohesive and dynamic program of events for each of the 6 Scientific Symposium Themes. The relevant Theme co-chairs will develop each program; and the Scientific Symposium co-chairs will finalize the overall program.

Be aware that abstracts that are not successful in the first round of offers may still be accepted at a later date (until September 2020). This is because of the likelihood that some successful abstracts will be withdrawn because of the none-attendance of presenters.

Common reasons for rejection are:

1. Abstract is not in English, French or Spanish.
2. Abstract is over word limit.
3. Abstract is not based on original or relevant work.
4. Nature of a problem or issue is not explicit from either title or abstract.
5. Material too closely related to another abstract submitted by the same co-authors; should have been combined into a single.
6. Abstract poorly organized and/or not complete. Required information not given in abstract:
 - A) Objective or aim;
 - B) Methods;
 - C) Findings;
 - D) Conclusions.
7. The outcomes of the work are not clearly stated.
8. Conclusions not adequately qualified, i.e., conclusions have greater limitations than implied by the author.