



2021 CAN Regional Peer-to-Peer Convening Request for Session Proposals

The 3rd Annual CAN Regional Peer-to-Peer Convening will be held virtually January 18, 19 & 21, 2021. Session selections will be done by the 2021 Convening Planning Team and will be based on the number of proposals submitted and how well the session fits into the Convening theme of: *Bending not Breaking: Appalachian Resilience in Uncertain Times*. Read more about the Convening's goals and purpose on the [webpage](#).

We are looking for sessions that highlight ongoing work & projects that are collaborative and have opportunities to gain momentum at a regional level. We are looking for sessions that highlight innovations that have major promise to advance the region. Specifically, we are seeking session proposals in the following topics:

◆ **2-3 Clean Energy sessions**, specifically focusing on the following topics: Investment Pipeline, Messaging & Communications, & Advocacy & Policy. Clean Energy sessions will be held on January 18th between 2:00-5:00 pm.

◆ **2-3 Food & Ag Systems sessions**, specifically focusing on the following topics: Healthy Food Access, Processing, Aggregation & Distribution, & Agricultural Production & Value Chains. Food & Ag systems sessions will be held on January 19th between 2:00-5:00 pm.

◆ **2-3 Creative Placemaking sessions**, specifically in one of these 3 focus areas: Downtown Revitalization, Arts Entrepreneurship, and Tourism & Recreation. Creative Placemaking sessions will be held on January 19th between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

◆ **4 Open Space sessions** that cover topics such as: Equity & Inclusion, ReUse, Sustainable Forestry & NTFPs, Climate Change & Resilience, and successful community economic development adaptations to COVID. Open space sessions will be held on January 18th from 12:30-1:30 pm and January 19th from 12:00-1:00 pm.

The submission deadline for all proposal submissions is December 15th, 2020. Please email all session proposals using this template to Max Murray at max@ruralsupportpartners.com

Session Proposal Template (50 min session):

1. Session Title:
2. Presenter Names & Affiliations:
3. Session Overview (8-10 sentences):
4. Select which style best describes your session (select one): Presentation, Workshop, Peer-to-Peer Discussion, Hybrid
5. Describe how your session highlights sector innovation or advances a regional strategy (3-4 sentences):
6. What other members of CAN have you collaborated with in the past? Would you be willing to work with other CAN members on a joint session?



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7. CAN would like themes of equity and inclusion to be a throughline for all Convening sessions. Will your session include any themes of equity and inclusion?