

ACTIONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUTHORS

Centered on the theme *"Beyond the Laboratory Box: The Science Behind Science Spaces,"* the **2026 Sustainable Laboratory Conference** offers a platform to share cutting-edge ideas, influence industry direction, and connect with Canada's most influential lab stakeholders. This is your opportunity to position your organization at the forefront of innovation, sustainability, and collaboration in the rapidly evolving laboratory ecosystem.

Position Your Submission Strategically

- Align tightly with one of the four priority pillars: Policy and Regulations; Natural Resource and Specialized Labs; Energy and Retrofits; and, Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing
- Clearly connect your topic to **real-world impact**

Bring Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives

- Prioritize cross-functional storytelling.
- Submissions featuring diverse voices are explicitly prioritized. **This is your competitive advantage.**

Focus on "New + Insightful"

- Ask yourself: Is this new knowledge or a fresh application? Will the audience experience an **"aha" moment**?
- Avoid generic case studies. Highlight lessons learned, failures, and breakthroughs.

Go Beyond Design Narratives

- Move past architectural/engineering angles.
- Integrate: Policy implications; Operational strategies; Financial models; Technology adoption

Emphasize Future-Readiness

- Showcase solutions that address: Decarbonization and energy efficiency; Climate resilience; Flexibility and adaptive reuse
- Tie your story to **long-term sustainability outcomes**, not just immediate wins.

Leverage Canadian Context (and Global Relevance)

- Highlight how your work supports: Canadian talent development; National life sciences growth; Policy evolution
- Connect **local insights to global best practices.**

Consider Bilingual Advantage

- French-language (or bilingual) presentations are prioritized.

Respect the Deadline & Format

- Submission deadline: April 23, 2026
- Prepare for: 45-min sessions (standard) or 90-min workshops (limited opportunities)

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