



2025 Intermountain Sustainability Summit | *Regeneration* March 20-21, 2025 | Weber State University

Call for Speaker Proposals and Workshop Sessions
Deadline for Proposals: October 25, 2024

About the [Intermountain Sustainability Summit \(ISS\)](#)

For the past 16 years, the ISS has gathered sustainability professionals and emerging leaders from the business, nonprofit, government and academic sectors to share big ideas and practical solutions, as we work to address the challenges of our times with curiosity, courage and tenacity.

This year's theme, [Regeneration](#) inspired by former ISS keynote speaker, Paul Hawken's book and project by the same name, encourages solutions that move from doing less harm, to those that do more good for nature and humanity. Regeneration weaves justice, climate, biodiversity and human dignity into a tapestry of solutions. These solutions invite us to imagine what is possible. It encourages interconnected human-nature solutions, such as the fifteen minute city, localization, wilding, urban mobility, and electrifying everything.

ISS Session Descriptions

50-Minute Sessions – These sessions accommodate one to three presenters to share actionable solutions, introduce the availability of resources, incentives and tools, or teach innovative concepts, and will provide 10 to 15 minutes for audience questions, and/or audience interactions.

50-Minute Moderated Panel Discussions – Moderated panel discussions will feature presentations that encourage productive conversations among panelists who are specialists in their respective fields. These sessions will offer participants a window into the nuances of the topic. Presenters may share case studies and highlight differing perspectives. Sessions provide time for 10 to 15 minutes for audience question and answer, and/or audience interactions.

Half Day/Full Day Workshops – Workshops are designed for in-depth exploration of topics. They invite participants to test out new ways of thinking and apply strategies to address challenges and implement solutions. These highly interactive sessions focus on delivering practical, hands-on, actionable knowledge.

Visual and Performance Art – Art exhibits, experiences and performances are meant to engage the emotions as well as the minds of participants. These can be woven into session formats or incorporated into the ISS's events/spaces.

Submission Details

For speaker, session, panel, workshop and artist proposals, [submit](#) the following information:

- **Presenter/Moderator Information:** For all presenters, include names, emails, bios, speaker qualifications, and links to speaker videos or other online materials.
- **Session Type:** Choose 50-minute session, panel discussion, workshop, visual art, or performance art.
- **Session Title and Description:** Titles should be concise and descriptive; session descriptions should be 200 words or less.
- **Main takeaways and/or learning objectives:** Please explain 3-4 points on how your presentation is actionable, educational, and pertinent to the theme.
- **Audience Engagement:** Convey how your presentation will engage the audience, and let planners know if you are open to facilitate networking opportunities at the event.

Review Criteria

The ISS Advisory Committee will review proposals based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance and Timeliness:** Is the presentation relevant and timely?
- **Engaging Presentation:** Is the subject matter engaging and does the proposal suggest how presenters will interact with their audience to create a captivating presentation?
- **Relates to the Theme, *Regeneration*:** Does the proposal relate to the theme?
- **Actionable Outcomes:** Does the presentation provide actionable measures, which participants can implement through their work?

Review + Selection Timeline

- **August 22, 2024** – Call for proposals opens
- **October 25, 2024** – Call for proposals concludes
- **January 2, 2025** – Selected speakers notified
- **January 31, 2025** – Schedule announced publically on a rolling basis

The 16th Annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit, hosted at Weber State University, in Ogden, Utah, will be on **March 20 – 21, 2025**.