Call for Speakers and Poster Presentations

Conference Theme:
Setting the Standard for Biochar
Trust. Scale. Adoption.

Submissions Open: April 7
Submission Deadline: May 13

About the Conference

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the 2026 North American Biochar Conference (NABC 2026).

Conference Schedule

Monday, November 16
Afternoon Deep Dives
Held Monday afternoon only.
These sessions allow for deeper exploration of topics and may include multiple speakers, interactive discussion, and collaborative engagement.

Tuesday, November 17 – Wednesday, November 18
Full conference days featuring keynote presentations, breakout sessions, panel discussions, poster sessions, networking receptions, and the exhibitor hall.

Session Types

Breakout / Technical Presentation (25 minutes)
Each concurrent session includes:
• 20-minute presentation
• 5-minute Q&A
Sessions will be grouped into thematic tracks based on topic area.

Panel Discussions / Fireside Chats

Panels may include multiple speakers and may be scheduled as breakout sessions or moderated discussions on the main stage.
Panel proposals may be adapted in format depending on the overall program design.

Poster Presentations
Poster presentations highlight projects, research technologies, and emerging applications within the biochar industry.
Poster presenters will:
• Display a physical poster during the conference
• Participate in designated poster viewing sessions
• Have the option to deliver a brief 5-minute poster pitch

Selecting a Topic Category

Submissions are invited across the following topic areas aligned with the conference theme.

1. *Markets & Demand – Buyers, Procurement & Adoption*
   Exploring market development, buyer engagement, procurement strategies, and the expanding adoption of biochar across sectors.
2. *Policy – From State to Federal Frameworks*
   Examining policy development at the state and federal levels, including regulatory frameworks, incentives, and pathways supporting industry growth.
3. *Finance & Business – Readiness for Long-Term Scale*
   Addressing project finance, investment strategies, and business models that enable the biochar industry to scale sustainably and for businesses to succeed.
4. *Standards & Trust – Quality, Transparency & Confidence*
   Advancing standards development to build trust and transparency across the biochar ecosystem.
5. *Forestry*
   Exploring forest management, biomass utilization, wildfire mitigation strategies, and forestry-based biochar applications.
6. *Production & Deployment – Technology, Feedstocks & Scale*
   Highlighting production technologies, feedstock strategies, and deployment approaches to support efficient and scalable biochar systems

When submitting your abstract, please select the category that most closely aligns with your topic.
These categories are intended to guide the structure of the conference program. If your abstract addresses an important aspect of the biochar industry that does not fit neatly into one category, we still welcome your submission.

Submission Guidelines

- *Title*
  The title should be clear, concise, and informative, ideally under 15 words. It should accurately reflect the core topic and attract interest from conference attendees. Please use sentence case for the title.

- *Abstract Summary*
  Maximum: 1,500 characters
  Your summary should clearly address the following elements:

- *Background*
  Briefly introduce the topic, context, and objectives of the research, project, or work being presented. Explain why this topic is important and how it contributes to the advancement of the biochar industry.

- *Approach or Methods*
  Describe the methodology, framework, or approach used. This may include project design, technology development, research methods, analysis techniques, or implementation strategies.

- *Results or Key Insights*
  Summarize the main findings, outcomes, or lessons learned. Highlight practical insights or innovations that may be relevant to industry adoption or implementation.

- *Conclusion and Implications*
  Explain the broader significance of the work, including its real-world applications and potential impact on the biochar industry. Where applicable, describe the current status of the project and next steps.

Key Considerations for Abstract Submissions

- *Industry Relevance*
  Submissions should emphasize practical relevance to the biochar industry. The conference aims to foster knowledge exchange, meaningful dialogue, and tangible progress across the sector.

- *Commercial Content*
  Submissions may reference tools, technologies, products, or services where relevant. However, presentations must focus on knowledge sharing and industry advancement, NOT direct sales or marketing pitches.

- *Accuracy of Content*
  Authors are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all submitted content. Abstracts and presentation materials will be reproduced exactly as submitted.

- *Language Requirements*
  All abstracts must be submitted in English, and all presentations must be delivered in English.

Speaker / Author Information

Primary Author / Speaker
The individual submitting the abstract will be designated as the primary speaker unless otherwise indicated.

Additional Authors
Authors may include additional contributors and co-authors. By submitting an abstract, the primary author confirms that all listed authors have reviewed and approved the submission.

Workshops and Panels
Panel and workshop submissions must include all confirmed participants at the time of submission.

Correspondence

All communication related to the submission—including confirmation of receipt, acceptance notifications, and presentation instructions—will be sent to the submitting author ONLY. The submitting author is responsible for sharing information with co-authors.

Copyright and Permissions

Authors retain copyright of their presentation materials, except for the limited rights granted to conference organizers for educational and promotional use.

All submitted materials must be original or used with appropriate authorization. By submitting an abstract, authors confirm they have obtained all necessary permissions.

Submission Limits

Each primary author may submit up to two abstracts.

Modification Policy

Abstracts may be revised at any time before the submission deadline. No revisions will be accepted after the deadline.

Speaker Registration and Financial Responsibility

Speakers are responsible for all costs related to conference registration, travel, and presentation preparation.

Speaker Registration Rate:
Up to two discounted registration will be available for each accepted 20 minute technical presentation.
Up to four discounted registrations will be available for accepted panels and deep-dives.

Submission Method

Online Submission Portal
All abstracts must be submitted through the official conference submission portal (Whova). Email submissions will not be accepted.

Submission Confirmation

Upon successful submission, the submitting author will receive a confirmation email.
If confirmation is not received, please check your spam folder or contact:
tina@biochar-us.org

Evaluation Process

Anonymous Review
Technical abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by a panel of reviewers.
Authors should NOT include identifying information within the abstract text.

Deep Dives and Panels
Deep Dives and panel submissions will not be reviewed anonymously.

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- *Relevance to the Conference*
  Alignment with conference themes and topic areas.

- *Clarity of Content and Structure*
  The abstract clearly communicates the purpose, approach, results, and conclusions.

- *Scientific, Technical, or Business Merit*
  Submissions demonstrate credible methodology, evidence-based insights, or validated experience.

- *Industry Impact*
  The work has clear potential to contribute to innovation, industry growth, market development, or solutions to key challenges.
  These criteria ensure that selected presentations contribute to a high-quality, informative, and engaging conference program.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 13, 2026

Acknowledgment of Submission Criteria

By submitting an abstract, authors confirm that they have read and agreed to the submission guidelines and evaluation criteria outlined above.

Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines may be declined without review.

Conference Submission Platform

All submissions must be completed through the Whova conference platform, which will also serve as the official event app for the conference.

Authors will be required to create a Whova account in order to submit an abstract.

Additional Submission Information

*Keywords**
Please provide 3–5 keywords that best describe the primary topics of your submission. Keywords help reviewers categorize submissions and assist the program committee in organizing sessions with related presentations.
Please enter each keyword or key phrase separately.

Target Audience
Who will benefit most from attending your presentation?
(500 characters recommended)

This information helps the program committee ensure the conference includes content that is relevant to a diverse audience across the biochar industry.