Seven Steps to Identifying a Conference Proposal Topic

Worksheet

Trending
What developments, issues, or current research do you see as important to the work you do?

Previous Presentations
How could you get access to previous conference topics, abstracts, visual presentations?

Topic
What are you passionate about?
What inspires you?
What have you accomplished recently?
What makes your program special?

Theme
When is the next conference you could submit a proposal for? What is the theme? How might you identify a topic relevant to the theme?

Expertise
What subject matter expertise do you have, or could you develop or assemble? Who could you partner with on presentation?

Format
What presentation format might you try? (Pre-conference, Poster Session, Individual, Group Workshop, Panel Discussion, Roundtable Discussion)

Outcomes
What do you want participants to “know”, do or value as a result of your presentation?

Proposal
What steps, connections, resources will you need to develop a proposal in the future?

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