



CALL FOR SPEAKER PROPOSALS

Deadline for Submissions: 12/4/26

Humans Lead The Way AI (HLTWai)[™] and IDC are proud to announce their first joint conference! The live event will be held in Philadelphia from **May 16-18, 2027**. This year's theme focuses on rebuilding trust in AI, advancing domain expertise, and shaping the next generation of industry leadership. The theme for the **AI Inclusion & Ethics conference** is:

FIATE 2027

“The Future of Insight, Accessibility, Thought-Leadership & Engagement”

As an exclusive, human-centered event, HLTWai[™] expects 1,500 attendees from around the globe, representing professionals from every institution. The target audience includes:

- **Organizational Executives & C-Suite Leaders:** Senior-level decision-makers aiming to position their companies as pioneers.
- **AI Policy Makers & Ethicists:** Global professionals focusing on long-term safety, governance, and compliance.
- **Industry Experts & Domain Specialists:** Subject-matter experts and consultants who want to ensure their specific fields (like healthcare, finance, or law) are accurately represented in AI development.

Breadth and Scope of Conference:

Attendees of this hybrid event expect to:

- Explore strategies that lead to trustworthy, responsible, accessible, and sustainable AI.
- Ensure diverse voices help shape the use of AI in the future workplace and marketplace.
- Build reliable AI systems and empower developers to lead domain-specific innovation.
- Target long-term market confidence in AI by scaling multi-generational insights across institutions and systems.

Workshop Tracks:

Conference sessions will fall into four (4) tracks/streams. The tracks are:

1. *Research: Urban Planning, Education & Policy*
2. *Leadership: Ethical AI & Governance*
3. *Workplace: Culture, Engagement & Strategy*
4. *Marketplace: Automation Bias, Accessibility & Innovation*

You have the opportunity to present information that is pertinent to a general audience or specific to an industry such as healthcare, education, legal, etc.



Proposal Selection Criteria:

A selection committee comprised of subject matter experts will make the final determination regarding session proposals. The strongest proposals provide enough detail for reviewers to fully understand what the session will entail. Each proposal will be evaluated based on the following:

- Alignment with the conference theme
- Relevance and broad appeal to the audience
- Timeliness/importance of the topic
- Practical application of the material

Proposals should illustrate that the speaker(s) will make every effort to present a balanced point of view in each program. In addition, each workshop proposal should:

- Engage the Audience in Problem Framing, Perspective Shifting, and/or Collaboration to Inspire Curiosity and Experimentation
- Deliver Positive, Solution-Oriented Outcomes to Cultural Transformation
- Demonstrate Sensitivity to Global Cultures, Accessibility, Bias, and Inclusion
- Utilize Methods, Tools, and Research Findings to Educate and Empower Conference Attendees
- Stimulate Innovative Thinking and Raise Important Questions
- Encourage Active Learning and Application (e.g., Include Case Study Exercises, Role Playing, Small Group Discussions, Mind-Mapping, Facilitated Ideation, Think-Pair-Share Scenarios, etc.)
- Employ the Business Use Case to Debate Concepts, Present Best Practices, and Prove Enterprise Value
- Design Strategies to Remove Barriers, Mitigate Risks from Bias, and Foster Psychological Safety

Timeline:

Proposals must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on 4 December 2026. Please click on the link to submit your proposal: <https://diversitycertification.regfox.com/fiate-2027-conference-speaker-proposals>

The proposed timeline for the event is as follows:

Speaker Proposal Due Date	Friday, 4 December 2026
Notification of Approval	Rolling Basis
Acceptance & Confirmation Deadline	Thursday, 31 December 2026
Final Conference Schedule Released	Monday, January 11, 2027
Promotional Webinar – Speaker Sampler I	January 2027
Promotional Webinar – Speaker Sampler II	February 2027
Promotional Webinar – Speaker Sampler III	March 2027
Conference Speakers Virtual Meeting	April 14, 2027



Proposals will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis. Therefore, please do not wait until the deadline to submit your proposal. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Terms and Conditions

HLTWai™ will compensate speakers as follows:

Workshop speaker: \$2,500.00

Panel speaker: \$1,250.00

Excluding panelists, all other speakers will present their session twice. You must facilitate your workshop in person; virtual speakers are not permitted. Speakers are responsible for their own travel, lodging, ground transportation, etc. HLTWai™ will provide an honorarium within 48 hours of the presentation. Also, complimentary conference admission will be provided.

By way of submission, you affirm that the presentation materials will be yours alone and you will not engage in any copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property violations.

Next Steps If You Are Accepted...

You will receive more information about the engagement once you are accepted. Additionally, there is a myriad of ways for us to partner to market your workshop session. For one, we encourage you to promote your session on social media. Upon receiving notification that your session has been accepted, we encourage you to contribute monthly posts on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and X, using #FIATE2027.

Secondly, HLTWai™ will empower affiliates and attendees with shareable assets. You can also provide an email, blog post, blurb for the newsletter and other resources to market your workshop.

Questions?

Questions can be directed to: humansleadtheway@gmail.com.

All speaker proposals must be submitted online at:

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