Call for Proposals

The Annual Interagency Accessibility Forum (IAAF)

November 7 - 9, 2023

https://www.section508.gov/iaaf/

Submission deadline:
Friday, June 16, 2023

The 2023 IAAF is returning as an in-person event held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) L. William Seidman Center, with some portions available virtually for individuals unable to attend in person.

The 2023 Interagency Accessibility Forum (IAAF) is sponsored by the Federal Chief Information Officer Council's (Federal CIO Council) Accessibility Community of Practice (ACOP) and hosted by the Government-wide IT Accessibility Program from the Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP) of the General Services Administration (GSA), the U.S. Access Board (USAB), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and Department of Veterans (VA) Affairs in partnership with other federal agencies.

The IAAF Planning Committee invites government employees, and contractors in partnership with government employees to submit proposals for consideration to host a workshop, presentation, or panel discussion.

Submission instructions

For all submissions, please prepare a 250 - 750 word description, and indicate your preferred format and thematic area(s). The submission deadline is **Friday, June 16th**. Please email your proposal to IAAF@gsa.gov and include:

- Employer
- Job Title
- A short biography
- Your general presentation experience and whether you've given this presentation before
- Session description
- Learning objectives
- Target audience
- Desired session length (45, 60, or 90 minutes)
- Co-presenter information, if applicable

A submission does not guarantee a speaking opportunity at the event. You will be contacted if your topic and expertise are a good match for the agenda.

Please note that speaking opportunities are voluntary. You will not be paid or reimbursed for travel, lodging, or other expenses.

Potential Session Themes

Note: Possible themes are listed below but please feel free to submit proposals for other topics as well. Submissions can cover more than one theme.

Sessions from previous years are available in the [IAAF Archives](#) on www.Section508.gov.

- Remote ICT Accessibility
  - Hybrid testing environments
  - Training testing professionals or a remote/hybrid workforce
  - Assistive Technology (AT) compatibility with remote systems
  - Managing remote testing operations, teams
  - Methods for testing virtual collaboration software
  - Methods for testing virtual instruction and coaching, and Learning Management Systems (LMS)
  - Virtual, collaborative development and accessibility testing
  - Methods for testing telemedicine (general, access, security)
  - Mobile website and App accessibility
  - Other
- Testing Method Themes
  - WCAG 2.x
  - Trusted Tester and ICT Baseline
  - Manual testing tools
  - Automated testing and CI/CD testing
  - Hybrid testing procedures and tools
  - Standards, standards evolution
  - Other
- Program Area Themes
  - ICT vendors and customers
  - Procurement of accessible ICT
  - Designing for accessibility
  - Government (federal, state, local)
  - Education sector
  - Legal sector
  - Healthcare & health informatics
  - Testing as a profession
  - Other
- Testing Management Themes
  - Governance and oversight of accessibility in system/content lifecycle
  - Testing management and integration in development processes
  - Testing and procurement
  - Organization policies and testing
  - Program management

- ○ Other
- Testing Domains
  - ○ Website and web applications
  - ○ Enterprise & Desktop Software
  - ○ Electronic Documents
  - ○ Video-only, audio-only, and Multimedia (synchronized media)
  - ○ Social media
  - ○ Closed products (kiosks, ATMs etc.)
  - ○ Mobile Applications
  - ○ Wearables
  - ○ Gaming
  - ○ Virtual and Augmented Reality
  - ○ GIS and interactive maps
  - ○ Other
- Building a culture of Accessibility
  - ○ Creating an accessible customer experience
  - ○ Building an inclusive culture of accessibility
  - ○ Prioritizing accessibility to unlock the "Virtual Front Door"
  - ○ Building a culture of inclusivity

Submission Details

Authors of successful submissions will be notified by **July 14, 2023**, with final presentations due by **September 8, 2023**. Authors will be provided with a template for generating a consistent, accessible format for presentations.

The proceedings for this event will be published online and (potentially) in hard copy form. The accessible electronic copy will be included in the symposium registration.

Most sessions are 45 minutes, but there are a few 60-minute and 90-minute slots available, if needed. The following presentation formats are available:

- Presentations (hybrid)
- Panels (hybrid)
- Workshops (in-person only)

The event organizers will schedule an instructional webinar (date TBD) to help authors with developing and delivering accessible presentations.

Acceptance notifications will go to authors on July 14th. All those who have an accepted session or workshop will be required to submit their final presentation by September 8th.

Proposal Submission Dates for 2023

Call for Proposals announced:	Thursday, May 25, 2023
Proposals (250-750 words) due:	**Friday, June 16, 2023**
Acceptance notifications to submitters:	Friday, July 14, 2023
Presentations due:	Friday, September 8, 2023
Presentations returned with feedback:	Friday, September 29, 2023
Final presentations due:	Friday, October 13, 2023

For general inquiries, please email IAAF@gsa.gov.