



Selection Criteria

This document outlines the selection criteria for sessions proposed to the 2026 Data for Peace Conference through the open call for proposals.

1. Alignment with Conference Themes and Priorities (disqualifying question)

- ☐ Panel is centered around data-informed violence prevention, early warning/action, and/or crisis prevention
- ☐ Panel fits into one or more conference sub-themes:
 - ☐ Infrastructure for Conflict and Violence-related Data Collection, Foresight, And Forecasting
 - ☐ Practical Applications in Crisis Settings (case studies)
 - ☐ From Insight to Uptake (practical barriers and/or data-driven tools)
 - ☐ Local Ownership and Meaningful Inclusion (highlighting the voices of local actors, global south and actors in conflict settings)
 - ☐ Collaboration over Competition (partnerships, coordination, skills development)

Scoring guide: *if the panel does not check either of these boxes, it will not be considered.*

2. Previous and Ongoing Contribution to Data and Data-Informed Innovations for Peace (0–10 points)

- Contribution to the field through research, publications, tool/service development, operational implementation, or other relevant applied work and/or a credible pathway and commitment to continued contribution beyond a one-time study.
- Intention and concrete plans (e.g., ongoing projects, partnerships, upcoming deployments, follow-up research, institutional mandate, or sustained program funding) to continue contributing to the field beyond the conference.

Scoring guide:

- **0–3:** No prior contribution and no clear indication of continued engagement beyond the conference or a one-time study.
 - **4–7:** Early-stage/limited contribution to date, and/or new to the field with promising intent, but plans for continued contribution are unclear, unsubstantiated, or not yet credible.
 - **8–10:** Strong contribution and/or clear evidence of sustained engagement (track record or well-supported forward plan), with demonstrated ongoing commitment and a realistic pathway to continued contribution beyond the conference.
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3. Operational and Policy Relevance (0–10 points)

- Engages with policy, practitioner, or operational challenges
- Has a focus on practical application of theory and tools presented
- Addresses how insights can inform action, uptake, or implementation

Scoring guide:

- 0-3: Mostly theoretical or descriptive
 - 4-7: Some operational relevance, limited depth
 - 8-10: Strong focus on practical application and decision-making support
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4. Innovation and Potential for Learning and Collaboration (0–10 points)

- Session topic offers original insights, new tools, and/or is based in recently published studies or recently launched initiatives
- Encourages dialogue across sectors and highlights opportunities for collaboration
- Generates transferable lessons or actionable insights

Scoring guide:

- 0–3: Topic is not innovative; session offers minimal opportunities for learning and collaboration
 - 4–7: Topic is original, but offers minimal opportunities for learning and collaboration; or session offers opportunities for learning and collaboration, but topic is unoriginal
 - 8–10: Topic is original, and session offers opportunities for learning and collaboration
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5. Local Ownership and Diversity of Perspectives (0–10 points)

Not applicable to Lightning Talks, Workshops, Working Clinic, or Peer Review Clinics.

- Participation of local actors (e.g. local governments, civil society, field staff) and sharing of locally grounded insights
- Representation/inclusion of voices across sectors (e.g., policy, research, civil society, humanitarian, tech), geographic locations, gender, age and contexts

Scoring guide:

- 0–3: No local representation and homogeneous perspectives
 - 4–7: Local representation but homogenous perspectives, or diversity of perspectives but no local representation
 - 8–10: Representation of local actors, and diversity of perspectives
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