

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The ISO/IEC standards for conformity assessment and accreditation bodies are reaching maturity—revisions are less frequent and more modest in scope when they occur. This allows conformity assessment to more easily adapt, change, and address new challenges.

To reflect this, **Changing Conformity Assessment Solutions** is the theme for ACAS 2027.

This year *community members* are invited to deliver the content at ACAS 2027. Presentations are sought on how standards, schemes, scheme owners, services and bodies in conformity assessment are responding to changes including those in markets, technologies, regulations, and trade.

ACAS 2027 will be a two day event with two presentation sessions each morning and afternoon, grouped by topic:

1/19/2027				1/20/2027			
MORNING		AFTERNOON		MORNING		AFTERNOON	
1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m	90m-120m

In addition to the general sessions, on day two, parallel breakout sessions will be held for topics related to specific areas of conformity assessment carried out by accredited bodies:

- Testing, inspection, and related activities
- Management system certification
- Validation/verification
- Product/process/service certification
- Conformity assessment related to people
- Forensic testing and inspection

Proposals can be for individual presentations or a group of presentations for an entire session, including a panel presenting various perspectives or having a panel discussion. ANAB will provide and operate real-time audience polling/feedback software (see [mentimeter.com](https://www.mentimeter.com))

Presentations for any topic can be submitted, but the following are of particular interest:

- AI as a tool for performing conformity assessment activities
- Conformity assessment as assurance for AI
- Demonstrating fulfillment of cybersecurity requirements
- View of conformity assessment in 2037
- Growth and diversity in conformity assessment bodies (services offered / mergers and acquisitions)
- Conformity assessment schemes—private, public, regulatory, and public/private partnerships
- Initiation of conformity assessment services by financial auditing and legal firms

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Proposals for individual presentations within a session must be in the form of an abstract addressing:

1 Name, title, organization, and contact information of submitter and, if different, the presenter

2 The area of conformity assessment that is new or changing (e.g., standard/requirements, conformity assessment scheme, individual conformity assessment activity/activities, conformity assessment and accreditation bodies, new problems conformity assessment is expected to address, a combination, or other)

3 Expected length of presentation, including time for questions

4 The role of each presenter's organizations in conformity assessment (e.g., provider of conformity assessment, customer of conformity assessment bodies, or entity relying on conformity assessment for confidence/trust that specified requirements are fulfilled, regulatory authority in any of these roles, etc.)

5 What is new or what is changing

6 What is driving change and what is the desired outcome

7 What is the impact internally and to external stakeholders

8 Status, observations, lessons learned, and future initiatives as appropriate

Proposals for an entire session must be in the form of an abstract addressing:

1 Name, title, organization, and contact information of submitter and, if different, moderator of the session

6 The speakers/organizations making presentation during the session and generally what their content will address

Proposals will be selected that best exemplify **Changing Conformity Assessment Solutions**, per the above parameters. Purely promotional or sales presentations will not be selected.

ANAB will review all submitted proposals. Those proposals selected will be scheduled into either the general sessions or the day two break-out sessions at ANAB's discretion.

If you have questions, please contact acas@anab.org.

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