



## ICDE Call for contributions

Kia ora (“Life to you!”) from Aotearoa New Zealand.

We invite leaders, practitioners, and beneficiaries of inclusive, scalable, and sustainable education to contribute their thinking and experiences to the ICDE World Conference, in November 2025.

Our central theme is *Ako: Exchanging ideas for inclusive, scalable, and sustainable education*, with four sub-themes:

- *Accessibility and Resilience*
- *Context and Quality*
- *Indigeneity*
- *Innovation and Openness.*

Contributors are asked to align their submission with one or more of these areas.

There are four categories for submissions:

Category	Submission	Allocated time
Full paper	Abstract (200-250 words)	tbc
Concise talk	Abstract (150-200 words)	tbc
Workshop or Panel	Proposal (450-500 words)	50 minutes
Poster	Abstract (100-150 words)	20 minutes

- All submissions should be **in English**. If you would like to submit or present in a language other than English, please let us know beforehand by emailing [amika@conference.nz](mailto:amika@conference.nz).
- All initial submissions (abstracts and proposals) are due **16 February 2025** regional time (local time to the contributor).
- Decisions will be communicated by the **week of 7 April**.
- Final submissions are due (for all formats) by **12 September 2025**, regional time (local to the contributor).

Please note that in person (non-virtual) attendance at the conference in Aotearoa New Zealand **is a requirement** of contribution acceptance. No virtual presentations are possible.



Acceptance criteria for each contribution is as follows:

1. Clear alignment with theme or sub-themes. Contributions aligned with additional topics including Lifelong Learning and other contemporary matters will also be considered.
2. Quality of scholarship.
3. Contribution to knowledge.

Contribution	Initial requirement	Key information
Full papers (with brief presentation)	Abstract (200 to 250 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstracts will be double-blind peer reviewed.</li> <li>• Accepted papers <i>may</i> be eligible for publication in <i>Open Praxis</i> subsequent to the conference.</li> <li>• Must align with <i>Open Praxis</i> submission requirements.</li> </ul>
Concise talks (with brief presentation)	Abstract (150 to 200 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideal for presenting preliminary research results, sparking discussion, sharing perspectives, and seeking feedback from peers.</li> <li>• Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by representatives of conference hosts.</li> </ul>
Workshops and panel proposals (with 50m allocation)	Proposal (450 to 500 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal must specify:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the title, theme, activities, and anticipated outcomes of the workshop; or</li> <li>○ title, theme, panel members, and format of the panel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We encourage app-based and small group engagement with workshop participants, or generous opportunities for participant Q&amp;A for panel attendees.</li> <li>• Proposals will be peer-reviewed by representatives of conference hosts.</li> </ul>
Posters (with 20m time slot)	Abstract (100 to 150 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstracts must include the title and general content of the poster.</li> <li>• Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by representatives of the conference hosts.</li> <li>• Submission requirements will be sent to those whose poster contribution is accepted.</li> </ul>



Please note the following additional notes for each contribution.

**1. Full papers:**

A brief presentation time (to be confirmed, with additional Q&A time) will be allocated for accepted full papers. Brief presentations are preferred to provide more opportunity for conversation (mutual teaching and learning, aligned with the conference theme of ako).

Accepted papers *may* be eligible for publication in *Open Praxis* in a Special Issue subsequent to the conference (this will be by invitation only).

- Papers recommended for *Open Praxis* will require some additional formatting work from authors. Details will be provided to those authors whose work is invited for the Special Issue.
- Invited authors should submit full (academic) papers which align with the [Open Praxis \(ICDE journal\) submission requirements](#) for **research articles**.
- There is no requirement to use the *Open Praxis* template; refer to the **Structure, Language & Text**, and **References** sections of the submission guidelines page.

**2. Concise talks:**

A brief presentation time (to be confirmed, with additional Q&A time) will be allocated for accepted concise talk papers. Brief presentations are preferred to provide more opportunity for conversation (mutual teaching and learning, aligned with the conference theme of ako).

Contributions for concise talks (for the conference proceedings) have a word limit of between 2,000 and 2,500 words, excluding references and abstract.

**3. Workshops and panel proposals.**

Workshops and panels will be allocated a time slot of 50 minutes. In some instances, workshops *may* be invited as plenary activities.

**4. Posters.**

Posters will be available through a series of digital displays at the conference venue. Posters will be displayed on a 60-inch (1522mm) plasma screen (aspect ratio 16:9 wide screen) set up **portrait style**. They will not be interactive (no active links).

Posters must be supplied in accordance with the advice given once a proposal is accepted.

All full papers not included in the *Open Praxis* Special Issue, all concise talk papers, all workshop and panel proposals, and all poster abstracts will be published in conference proceedings in 2026.