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THE CONFERENCE

The horticulture trade remains one of the largest pathways for invasive plant introduction into Canada. In the context of climate change, biodiversity loss, and growing consumer demand for sustainable options, the call for native and non-invasive plant alternatives has never been stronger. There is an urgent need for collaboration, innovative solutions, and practical tools to help the horticulture industry shift away from invasive species and toward practices that protect ecosystems and communities.

Following the success of the 2023 Pathways to Change horticulture event, Invasives Canada and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC) are excited to announce the **Growing Solutions Conference**.

This two-day virtual event will bring together industry professionals, researchers, Indigenous nations, policymakers, and community organizations to address the role horticulture plays in the spread of invasive species.

The first day of the conference will explore national gaps and priorities for preventing invasive species introductions through the horticulture trade. The second day will showcase success stories and case studies highlighting on-the-ground progress and leadership.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission Deadline: Oct. 20

Acceptance: Oct. 31

Finalized Agenda: Nov. 7

Conference Date: Dec. 11-12

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Invasives Canada invites submissions for presentations from partners and experts that will contribute to a deeper understanding of the following topics:

- **Policy and Regulation:** Updates and initiatives
- **Innovation and Alternatives:** Highlighting initiatives that are supporting retail engagement and industry-led change to reduce invasive ornamentals in trade
- **Indigenous Leadership:** Recognizing Indigenous stewardship, knowledge, and priorities in horticulture and invasive species management.
- **Training and tools:** to support professionals reduce/prevent invasive species in horticulture
- **Research, tools, and initiatives** supporting the detection of emerging invasive species
- **Collaboration across sectors:** Case studies and success stories showcasing collaboration across sectors and/or diverse partners

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and should include title, presenter name(s), organizational affiliation(s), and contact info.
- Abstracts must be submitted by Oct. 20, 5:00pm EST via:
MICROSOFT FORMS.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent by Oct. 31.

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