

## Call for Statement of Interest / Abstract

### Canadian-Caribbean Tourism Resilience Symposium: Co-Designing the Next Decade

July 29–30, 2026 | Limberlost Place, Waterfront Campus | Toronto, Ontario, Canada

#### About the Symposium

Tourism in Canada and the Caribbean faces a defining moment. Climate disruption, supply chain fragility, workforce pressures, and shifting financial landscapes demand not just better responses, but smarter systems.

The **Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC)** at George Brown Polytechnic, in partnership with the **Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)**, invites you to be part of the solution.

Join tourism ministries, destination management organizations, private sector leaders, academics, and global partners for two days of practical dialogue, cross-sector collaboration, and co-designed action at the **Canadian-Caribbean Tourism Resilience Symposium: Co-Designing the Next Decade**.

#### What We're Looking For

We invite proposals that are research-backed, practice-grounded, or innovation-driven and speak directly to the challenges and opportunities shaping tourism resilience today.

Submissions are welcome across four core themes:

- **Financing Tourism Resilience** - Public policy supports, regulatory frameworks, and financial instruments that strengthen local operators and build long-term sector stability.
- **From Climate Risk to Climate Action** - Emergency preparedness, crisis communication, climate adaptation strategies, and the protection of marine, coastal, and aquatic ecosystems.
- **Supply Chains, Transport, and Food Security** - Reducing disruption, building local procurement capacity, and strengthening resilience across hospitality and destination supply chains.
- **Workforce Resilience** - Skills development, TVET, environmental sustainability training, incident response, and workforce retention across tourism and hospitality.

Cross-cutting submissions addressing **technology, digital innovation, and risk management** are strongly encouraged.

## Session Formats

- **Panel Discussion (Climate Risk to Climate Action theme):** 3–4 speakers per panel, moderated by a chair selected from among the panellists.
- **Interactive Workshop or Plenary (Financing Tourism Resilience and Workforce Resilience themes):** Facilitated sessions designed for active engagement and knowledge exchange.

## Who Should Apply

We welcome submissions from academics and students, tourism and hospitality professionals, government and policymakers, financial sector representatives, and technology and innovation experts.

## How to Submit

Please submit the following in **.docx** or **.pdf** format to [Donna.Fanfair@georgebrown.ca](mailto:Donna.Fanfair@georgebrown.ca):

- Presentation title
- Abstract (250–300 words)
- Preferred session format (panel, workshop, or plenary)
- Names, affiliations, and brief biographies of all speakers
- Contact email address

Submissions should clearly indicate whether the work reflects **research, case studies, practical insights, or innovative approaches**.

## Key Dates

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Submission Deadline	June 22, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	June 30, 2026
Symposium	July 29–30, 2026

Only successful applicants will be contacted. We warmly encourage all applicants to attend regardless of selection.

## Submission Process

Please submit your proposal via email to **Donna Fanfair** at [Donna.Fanfair@georgebrown.ca](mailto:Donna.Fanfair@georgebrown.ca)

*Together, we look forward to co-designing a more resilient future for tourism across Canada, the Caribbean, and beyond.*