DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD FOUNDATION



CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DRBF 2027 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – SYDNEY

Reflecting Success: Illuminating Global Dispute Board Practice

KEY DATES

CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPENS
2 November 2026

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
31 January 2027

NOTIFICATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE
15 February 2027

FINAL PRESENTER REGISTRATION
15 March 2027

PAPER/SLIDE PRESENTATIONS DUE
1 May 2027

CONFERENCE DATES
27-28 May 2027

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Join the Global Dispute Board Community in Sydney

The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) invites Dispute Board (DB) practitioners, project owners, contractors, engineers, legal counsel, arbitrators, and infrastructure stakeholders to submit abstracts for the DRBF 2027 International Conference.

We welcome proposals for presentations, case studies, and interactive panel discussions addressing key developments in Dispute Board practice. Submissions should align with one of the topic tracks and formats below.

TOPIC TRACKS

- Track 1: Dispute Avoidance & Early Intervention
- Track 2: Standard Contracts & Regional Frameworks
- Track 3: Mega-Projects, Clean Energy & Infrastructure Delivery
- Track 4: DB Operations, Ethics & Dispute Board Management
- Track 5: The Future of Dispute Boards

SESSION FORMATS

- Individual Oral Presentation (15–20 Mins): Presentation of a focused topic, white paper, or novel methodology.
- Project Case Study (20–30 Mins): In-depth analysis of a specific project, detailing the implementation, challenges, and outcomes of the DB process.
- Interactive Panel / Discussion (60 - 90 Mins): Moderated multi-speaker panel discussion focused on active debate, audience engagement, or scenario analysis.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Abstract Length:** 250–400 words outlining the objectives, key takeaways, and practical relevance to DRBF members and project stakeholders.
- **Practical Focus:** Proposals emphasizing real-world applicability, practical lessons learned, and actionable advice are strongly preferred over purely academic theories.
- **Speaker Bio**: Include a brief biography (max 100 words) and current CV/DRBF profile link for each proposed speaker.
- **Language**: Submissions and presentations must be in English.

For questions regarding abstract guidelines or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the DRBF Conference Committee at events@drbf.org.