

Kia ora,

CIGRE NZ is holding an inaugural Power Systems Conference on the 5th and 6th August 2020 themed as: CIGRE Centennial 2021 – Shaping the power sector beyond 2020.

On behalf of the CIGRE NZ 2020 Conference, we formally invite you to participate in the 'call for presentations' by submitting an abstract by 24th July 2020. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more details of the conference and this presentation opportunity for you. The conference is a confluence of the following collocated events:

- CIGRE NZ annual forum
- CIGRE NZ B1 symposium
- CIGRE NZ A2 symposium

This is the first CIGRE NZ conference presenting both online and venue based. We are looking to have more than 100 delegates attending via this new dual platform. The two-day event will be held in several locations.

The CIGRE NZ 2020 Conference formally opens 1 pm, 5th August [conference Day 1] at the Hilton on the Auckland CBD waterfront. Aligned to our conference theme, CIGRE International speakers will present on general and specific CIGRE International study committees. A panel

session is also programmed, comprising NZ leaders in the power sector who drive strategy, policy, innovation and technology.

We are indebted to the Hilton for their generosity in providing their venue gratis in recognition of our power sector essential industry service during COVID-19.

The morning of Day 1 [preceding the opening] has the A2 power transformers and reactors, and B1 insulated cables panel sessions hosted at ETEL and TransNet respectively. These are closed sessions for panel members and joining members.

Day 2 is hosted by the University of Auckland at their Newmarket engineering campus, Khyber Pass Road. We have A2 and B1 open attendee symposiums, followed by conference technical presentations sessions, and then next generation network (U35 age) and women in engineering sessions. All genders and ages are invited to the NGN and WiE sessions.

As a CIGRE NZ member we have allocated priority for you to present on topics related to the 16 CIGRE study committees. We are eager to hear from you and thank you in advance for your interest in sharing your expertise and solutions within CIGRE's specialist areas within the power systems sector. We believe this networked sharing of knowledge will see us continue to explore and enhance NZ's performance within the power system industry beyond 2020 despite current local and global uncertainties.

Yours sincerely,

Leonie Bule, CIGRE NZ 2020, conference chair, cigrenz2020@gmail.com

Duncan Maina, CIGRE NZ 2020 conference technical chair

On behalf of Doug Ray, CIGRE NZ chair,

and Dr Nirmal Nair, CIGRE NZ event manager



This CIGRE NZ 2020 inaugural conference brings together experts and key players from the power system industry across NZ to share and explore the challenges and opportunities facing NZ and internationally. Our theme celebrates CIGRE's centennial in 2021 and explores the challenges of shaping the power sector beyond 2020.

Industry presentations

Industry presentation sessions are scheduled on the afternoon of 6th August 2020 with each presenter allocated a maximum of 15 minutes [10 mins presentation and 5 mins Q&A].

The CIGRE NZ conference organizing committee invites CIGRE NZ members with an intent to present to submit a one page abstract to Duncan Maina by 24th July 2020. This will be peer-reviewed by the technical committee and notification of acceptance issued for your final presentation to be prepared. Venue [in-person] presentation is preferable over online for live and constructive audience interaction.

Topics of special interest

Topics of presentation are to align with the theme of the conference "CIGRE centennial 2021 – Shaping the power sector beyond 2020" covering any of the CIGRE study committee areas of:

- Active distribution systems and distributed energy resources
- Substations
- Protection and automation
- System operation and performance
- Information systems and telecommunication
- Transformers, overhead lines and cables
- Electricity markets and regulation

Since the conference follows the CIGRE international conference, topics can be presented on preferential subjects from the

[CIGRE preferential subjects list](#)

Awards

Best Presentation Award
Day 2

Technical chair:

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Key dates

Abstract submission
24th July

Notification of acceptance by
27th July

Submission of final
presentation 3rd August

Organizing committee

Leonie Bule, conference chair
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Venues

Day 1:

morning –
NZ.B1 TransNet
NZ.A2 ETEL transformers
afternoon and dinner –
Hilton Hotel

Day 2:

University of Auckland,
Newmarket campus

More Information

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