GULF CONFERENCE 2026

Gulf Conference -Tools Café
Wednesday, May 6
Call for Tool Demonstrations

The Gulf Conference (GulfCon) is requesting submissions for the 2026 Tools Café to take place at the Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama. Submissions are requested from any Gulf of America stakeholder interested in sharing more about their online or paper-based tool(s). Please see below for additional information on criteria and format guidelines for demonstrations. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Submissions are due by COB on February 27, 2026. You will be notified of acceptance by March 6, 2026. Presenters of accepted tools are required to register and pay the conference registration fee ($300 early bird, $350 regular). If you are registered as a GulfCon attendee, Tools Café registration fees are included. Presenters will also be responsible for providing their own monitors or will have the option of renting monitors from the venue. The Tools Café is scheduled to run from 5:30-8:00 p.m., and we ask presenters to be available for demonstrations throughout the duration of the event. Therefore, presenters may wish to have more than one person working at their table to share the responsibility during the café. One tool per table.

Tool demonstrations <u>may not include</u> marketing or advertising materials. The Tools Café is intended to be an interactive experience where participants learn how the tool works and have an opportunity to ask questions or walk through a demonstration of tool functionality.

Submissions should detail tools applicable to one or more of the following GulfCon Themes:

- Coastal-ocean processes/physical oceanography
- Communication & Engagement
- Data Collection, Application & Synthesis
- Emerging Issues
- Habitat Restoration & Stewardship
- Integrated Science, Practice, & Policy
- Living Resources
- Resilience of Natural & Human Communities
- Water Resource

Submission Format Guidelines:
1. Email: Point-of-contact email address (Lead presenter or PI for the tool).
2. Title: The title of the tool should be written in title case (not all caps).
3. Type names of presenter(s) in upper/lower case as you would like them to appear in the online program and conference mobile app.
4. Institution(s) and email: Type all presenters' institutional affiliations and the e-mail address of the lead presenter only.
5. Web address of the tool (if applicable).
6. Brief tool description (75 words)
7. Each submission must contain the following:
   INTENDED AUDIENCE (Who was the tool designed for?);
   MAIN USE (Briefly describe the tool's functionality, purpose, and the main reason this audience would use this tool);
   GEOGRAPHY & SCALE (What geographic location is covered by the tool and at what scale?);
   ACCESSIBILITY (Is this tool available online, in printed form, etc. and how would a user access it?).
8. Maximum Word Count: 500 words.

All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the GulfCon Program Committee, with particular attention paid to: (1) Applicability to conference themes, (2) Relevant geography (i.e., Gulf of America region), (3) Appropriate audience(s), and (4) Adherence to submission guidelines. For questions regarding your submission, please contact Katie Wallace at katie.wallace@gulfalliance.org.