Here's a look at the process from start to finish.

The FMPC starts meeting in January 2021 to discuss how to incorporate lessons learned, feedback from attendees and stakeholders, and emerging scientific themes into a new event. Novel formats are discussed and new experience ideas are generated.

1 March
Call for proposals opens!

March – April
AGU staff talk with affiliated societies to co-create sessions and design opportunities both during and alongside the meeting.

14 April
Deadline for call for proposals

April – May
AGU staff does initial review of proposals and discusses field trip ideas.

6 – 7 May
FMPC meets to discuss proposals and identify the best ideas.

Late July
Town hall and workshop proposal notification letters are sent.

16 June
Session proposal acceptance notification letters are sent. Abstract submission site opens.

20 May – 8 June
AGU conducts final programming and testing of abstract submission site.

19 May
Deadline for FMPC to review/merge proposals.

Mid – April to mid – May
FMPC reviews submitted proposals and looks for opportunities to merge proposals (when appropriate). FMPC contacts conveners for clarification on proposals or requests to merge them. At least one convener must be available to respond to inquiries during this time. Keynote speakers are selected and invited by AGU, and Union and special sessions are reviewed and selected by the FMPC. The FMPC identifies any additional topics or areas of science that would be beneficial to include in the meeting program.

5 – 18 August
FMPC and conveners review submitted abstracts to determine if any should be transferred to different sessions than the one for which they have been submitted. FMPC allocates session formats (oral, eLightning or poster) for accepted session proposals. At least one convener for each session must be available to discuss any final mergers of sessions. Late breaking session proposals can open at any time based upon needs or events in the community.

23 August – 7 September
Session conveners can access the online scheduling system to review and schedule abstracts in their session(s). Conveners can recommend abstracts for transfer to a more appropriate session, if needed. Registration and housing for New Orleans opens!

8 – 10 September
FMPC meets to create the #AGU21 scientific schedule.

4 August
Deadline for abstract submissions (and AGU staff pull an all-nighter to help those folks who have last minute questions or need assistance.)

5 October
Abstract acceptance notifications sent; online scientific program and itinerary planner opens

11 Sept – 4 October
AGU staff conducts final clean-up of scientific program schedule and final testing of online program and itinerary planner.

13 – 17 December
AGU welcomes attendees from around the world to New Orleans and online everywhere!