

HCC 2024 Conference Participant Protocol Instructions

WEHENA (OPENING) INSTRUCTIONS

Similar to last year, we will have an interactive opening protocol involving all HCC participants. We encourage you to register early on the 3rd floor of the convention center on Monday, July 29th between 12-3:30 p.m. or on Tuesday, July 30th beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Opening Protocol Schedule – Tuesday, July 30

7 – 8:45a.m. **Registration, 3rd floor**

8:45a.m. **Gather at the 3rd floor of the Convention Center**

Please form groups based upon island or continent of origin (see below)
Look for signs for each island/region.

9:00a.m. **Start of protocol process**

Each group must offer an oli kāhea (chant for admission) before entering the presentation hall

Each group should identify one or more individuals to offer an oli on behalf of the group. We ask that these individual(s) stand near the front of the group. Each group will be welcomed by HCA representatives with an oli komo (pane), inviting your entry into the hall.

Participants with ho'okupu wai (see below) are asked to stand to the Ala Wai side of the group when entering and will be directed to the appropriate area once inside the plenary room.

9:45am **Ho'okupu wai process completed**

Advanced Preparations: Ka Ho'okupu Wai (optional, but strongly encouraged)

We ask that each participant bring an offering of clear, clean, and fresh wai (fresh water only please) from your place of residence. Examples of freshwater include rainwater, stream water, spring water, etc.

Each of our waters from across the pae'āina will be combined together as a representation of our collective effort and commitment to care for the waters and places that feed us. The wai will be combined during the conference opening protocol in a central pūnāwai.

Similar to how rain falls across the forested uplands, runs through our ecosystems into streams or as groundwater, gathers important nutrients, and spreads those nutrients across the land and into the sea, the pūnāwai will similarly collect the knowledge shared throughout our three days together.

At the conclusion of the conference, the wai - now laden with the 'ike shared across the conference and our collective commitment - will be distributed back to a designated 'āina on O'ahu.

Suggested protocols when gathering wai:

- Gather a small amount of freshwater (i.e., not salt, not brackish) in a clean glass or plastic bottle.
- Focus on the intent of the opening protocol while gathering.
- Wai should be as clean, pure, and fresh as possible.
- Treat the wai with care after gathering.

Groups and Entry Order:

1. Alliance & Foundation Leadership
2. Groups from outside Hawai'i* (e.g., Aotearoa, Samoa, U.S. continent, etc.)
3. Hawai'i Island
4. Maui Nui (Maui, Kaho'olawe, Lāna'i, Moloka'i)
5. O'ahu
6. Kaua'i & Ni'ihau
7. Papahānaumokuākea

*Groups from outside Hawai'i have the opportunity to self-identify themselves using whiteboards. These can be filled out at the information desk, next to the HCA Booth. Please plan on arriving early to form your group and prepare a whiteboard.

PANINA (CLOSING) INSTRUCTIONS

At the end of the conference, we will gather together around the pūnāwai, which is now infused with our collective knowledge and commitment.

Closing Protocol Schedule – Thursday, August 2:

3:00pm All conference participants gather in the Plenary Hall
 Close the pūnāwai
 Hawai'i Aloha