

THEME: TOWARDS A HEALTHIER AFRICA: PEOPLE, SYSTEMS & INNOVATIONS

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Background

The Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC) brings together researchers, policy makers, practitioners, the private sector, advocates for health and civil society to reflect on evidence-based solutions to achieving a healthier African continent. Participants will share scientific research findings and best practices addressing health and health systems in Africa. The conference will also serve as a forum for identifying and discussing gaps and challenges in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa.

Date: 7-9 March, 2017

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Theme: Towards a Healthier Africa: People, Systems and Innovations

Theme, Sub Themes and Tracks

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Sub Themes:

1. Community Health Systems Responsiveness and Resilience
2. Health care financing for sustainable development
3. Innovation and technology for health systems
4. Global Health Security Initiatives

Tracks

Sub Theme 1: Community Health Systems Responsiveness and Resilience

- Track 1.1** Best practices & innovations for increasing access to RMNCAH services in communities
- Track 1.2** Addressing gaps in adolescent sexual and reproductive health services and rights
- Track 1.3** Approaches to improving nutritional status in communities
- Track 1.4** Best practices and models for training health workers
- Track 1.5** Refocusing healthcare systems to prevent and manage NCDs

Sub Theme 2: Health care financing for Sustainable Development

- Track 2.1** Community based healthcare financing solutions for vulnerable populations
- Track 2.2** National social health insurance schemes and their impact on accessing quality healthcare
- Track 2.3** Models of Public/Private sector collaboration in healthcare financing
- Track 2.4** Ethics and regulations in health care delivery and research

Sub Theme 3: Innovation and Technology for Health Systems Strengthening

- Track 3.1** Appropriate technologies for improving healthcare at community level
- Track 3.2** Innovations for increasing numbers and skills of health workers
- Track 3.3** Innovations for improving quality of health care
- Track 3.4** Approaches to making surgery safe

Sub Theme 4: Global Health Security Initiatives

- Track 4.1** Approaches for strengthening community disease surveillance
- Track 4.2** Addressing challenges in the prevention and treatment of communicable diseases
- Track 4.3** Addressing emerging diseases such as Ebola, MERS and outbreaks

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should focus on scientific evidence generated from either research or project/ programme evaluations conducted by the authors. Abstracts are welcome from across the globe.

The maximum word count for abstract submissions is 300 words. Please do not send supplementary materials (photos, articles or reports) with your abstract.

The submitting author will receive an email message confirming receipt of the abstract.

All abstracts must be submitted in English.

Abstracts to be submitted at www.ahaic.org

The Conference will accept abstracts in two formats: Scientific and Best Practices (programme/ project).

1. Scientific format

This structured abstract includes the following sections: background, objectives, methods, results, conclusions and recommendations.

Background: Indicate the conference track to which the abstract is aligned, the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analysed or evaluated

Methods: Describe the setting/location for the study, study design, study population, sampling, data collection and methods of analysis used.

Results: Present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarised form. Inclusion of gender breakdown of data is strongly encouraged.

Conclusions and Recommendations: Briefly discuss the main outcome of the study. Emphasize the significance of the track selected.

2. Best Practices (Project/Programme) format

This structured abstract includes the following sections: issue(s), description, lessons learnt, and recommendations.

Issues: A summary of the issue(s) addressed by the abstract, and indication of conference track to which the abstract is aligned

Description: A description of the intervention, project, experience, service

Lessons learnt: Conclusions and implications of the intervention or project. Data that supports the lessons learned and evidence must be included.

Next steps: Possible next steps for implementation or recommendations

Please note the following additional information regarding abstract submissions:

- The number of authors per abstract is unlimited. However, only one author can be listed as the presenting author.
- Use Times New Roman font, size 12 when formatting your text.
- Tables, figures, literature references, and acknowledgments should not form any part of the abstract's content.
- Define all abbreviations and concepts in your abstract at first use.
- Include 3-5 key words
- Save the file as a Word 97-2003 or later version document

Accepted abstracts will be presented using 2 formats:

1. Oral presentations
2. Poster presentations

Abstract Review and Deadlines

All abstracts must be received by the Africa Health Agenda International Conference Scientific planning committee by September 30, 2016

Abstracts acceptance/ decline notices will be sent by November 15, 2016. Notifications will be emailed only to the corresponding author who submitted the abstract submission.

Amref Health Africa Young Researcher Scholarships

The Africa Health Agenda International Conference is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships to students undertaking PhD or masters degrees that demonstrate potential to contribute to the field of public health systems research, or are professionals aged below 30 years old. The scholarships will be towards the cost of travel, accommodation and registration to attend the Conference in March 2017.

Those wishing to be considered should apply for the scholarship during submission of abstracts by filling the application form obtained through the link here.

Contact Information

Please direct all inquiries regarding the Call for Abstracts to the AHAIC Scientific Committee via the following email address: abstracts2017ahaic@amref.org