3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA

BREAKING BARRIERS: REPOSITIONING AFRICA IN THE GLOBAL HEALTH ARCHITECTURE

CPHIA 2023 Abstract Submission Overview

About CPHIA

The annual Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) provides a unique African-led platform for leaders across the continent to reflect on lessons learned in health and science, and align on a way forward to create more resilient health systems.

In December 2022, 2,800 scientists, policymakers, and advocates from around the world gathered in person in Kigali, Rwanda, for CPHIA 2022 to spotlight African science and innovation, and strengthen local, regional and global collaboration, with an additional 11,625 participants joining online. This built on the success of the inaugural CPHIA 2021 convening, which focused on how to achieve sustainable progress against longstanding and emerging health threats.

Expanding the horizons of the conference once again, CPHIA 2023 will convene in Lusaka, Zambia from November 27 - 30 to showcase how the continent is breaking down barriers, reaffirming Africa as a powerhouse in science and innovation, a generator of new knowledge and health products, and an exemplar of progress. As African countries accelerate the realization of a New Public Health Order, this year's conference will help to build a healthier, more prosperous Africa – for the continent, and the world.

Open Call for Abstracts

The CPHIA 2023 organizers are pleased to invite abstracts for all conference tracks from any and all interested parties.

Abstract Submission Dates: Authors should upload their abstracts via the web-based **Oxford Abstracts submission platform.** Should you have difficulties navigating the platform, please contact **CPHIAabstracts@africa-union.org**.

- **Opening of call:** Abstract submissions will open on **21 July 2023**.
- **Submission deadline:** The abstract submission deadline is **30 August 2023 at 23:59hrs CAT [21:59hrs UTC].** ***No abstracts will be accepted past the official due date.***

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- **Evaluation**: All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers.
- **Acceptance**: Applicants will be notified of acceptances by **30 September 2023.**
- **CPHIA Conference:** Accepted abstracts will be presented at the CPHIA 2023 conference on **27 - 30 November.**

Topics: Abstracts will be accepted for the following conference tracks:

- *Track 1:* Pandemic Preparedness and Resilient Financing Mechanisms for Africa
- *Track 2:* Fostering African-led Innovation: Advancing Local Production in Vaccines, Diagnostics and Therapeutics
- *Track 3:* Delivering Universal Health Coverage in Africa: Strengthened and Equitable Health Systems
- *Track 4:* For Women by Women: Access to Adequate Healthcare for Young Girls and Women in Africa
- *Track 5:* Safeguarding Africa's Health Security: Health Emergencies, Biosecurity, Climate change, and Multi-Sectoral Response Mechanisms
- *Track 6:* Transforming Health in Africa through Digital Innovation
- *Track 7:* Whole-of-Society: The Power of Engaging Civil Society, the Private Sector and Local Philanthropy
- *Track 8:* Combating Infectious Diseases, NTDs and Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa
- *Track 9:* Unmasking the Silent Epidemics: Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), Mental Health and Injuries

Eligibility of Abstracts and Authors: Only abstracts with original work within the above tracks will be accepted for the conference. The primary author must have participated in the activities showcased in the abstract and obtained the necessary government approvals where sensitive data is used in the paper, as well as any necessary ethical clearance documents.

While a person may submit more than one abstract, only one abstract per person (primary author) will be accepted. Research should have been conducted within the 2020-2023 period to ensure relevance to the current African landscape. Abstracts that have been previously presented elsewhere will be considered at the Abstract Committee's discretion, but priority will be given to abstracts that have not yet been presented at any other scientific conference. Authors should emphasize how the work undertaken was used to create a positive impact on the healthcare landscape and/or how the research will change the course of public health practice in the future.

Conflict of Interest: Authors of accepted abstracts will have to submit a disclosure of conflict-of-interest

form that will be shared with the acceptance letter.

Abstract Scholarships: There may be a limited number of scholarships available to cover travel and accommodation expenses for early career abstract presenters. Should you wish to apply for a scholarship, you will be prompted during the submission process to check a box if you would like to be considered for this support.

Requesting this support will require the submission of a statement of need along with your abstract. However, please note that indicating your interest in such support *does not mean* automatic selection for a scholarship. No scholarships will be awarded to abstract applicants whose abstracts are not selected for oral or poster presentations. Applicants will be notified if any scholarships are awarded along with the notification of the acceptance or rejection of their abstracts.

Abstract Structure

Word count: The abstract should not exceed **300 words** (which includes sub-headings but does not include the title, key words, list of authors and their addresses).

Authors: Authors should be listed as follows:
- **First author**: Provide first name, initials of the middle name (if any), and the last name (e.g., Henry M. Kuku).
- **Co-authors:** List each co-author in order of contribution by typing their first and middle names as initials, followed by their last name in full (e.g., J.N. Toto, C.H. Kwakweri).
- Provide the organizational affiliations of the first author and all co-authors.
- Indicate the corresponding author with an Asterix* and provide their email address and telephone number plus their alternate contacts.

Key words: Please include 4 – 6 key words

Title: The title should be informative but concise with no subtitles or abbreviations/acronyms and should highlight **what** the study/subject is, **where** it was done and **when** it was undertaken (e.g., Cluster of COVID-19 cases in Keke district, August 2020). Write the title in sentence case and only capitalize proper nouns and scientific names where appropriate (e.g., Plasmodium *falciparum)*.

Introduction/Background: Address the scientific background, rationale for the study, as well as the public health significance of the subject. Because of the anticipated diversity of the reviewers and those attending the conference, do not assume that everyone will be familiar with your topic. Explain

why your study is important and what question(s) it will answer. A clearly stated background sets the stage and should include:

- A brief description of the topic and its public health significance
- Study objectives
- Research questions or study hypothesis if applicable

Methods: Describe the methods used for the study. Essential points to be included are:

- Study design
- Study setting
- Study population
- Eligibility criteria and case definitions, if any
- Sample size and sampling methods
- Data management and analysis

Results: Present the significant findings (both positive and negative) of the study that are directly related to the study objectives. This section should **not** include discussion of the results. Provide both absolute numbers and their percentages/proportions, rates and ratios where applicable. Please note that since an abstract is a stand-alone and citable document, the results section should contain data.

It should not include such statements as "Data will be discussed." If considerable work is still pending before the conference submission, please indicate that the results are preliminary.

Conclusion: Be as concise as possible. Do not re-state data included in the results. This section may include:

- An interpretation of key findings and their implications for public health practice
- Public health actions that are recommended and/or have been implemented as a consequence of the study

Note: Changes cannot be made to the final abstract after it has been submitted. However, in the event that your abstract is selected for presentation and has undergone significant changes after acceptance, those changes should be highlighted in the abstract presentation or poster.

Evaluation Criteria

Each abstract will be evaluated by three independent reviewers using the following criteria:

- Background and rationale of the study
- Appropriateness of methods

- Presentation of results
- Conclusion and interpretation of results
- Public health significance
- Overall clarity of the abstract
- Novelty of the study
- Relevance to conference track/theme

Decisions and Next Steps

Publication in Journal on Public Health in Africa: All accepted abstracts will be published in the Africa CDC's Journal on Public Health in Africa in the official CPHIA 2023 Abstracts Book.

Live Presentations and Poster Hall: CPHIA 2023 is an in-person meeting. All abstract applicants, whether selected for oral or poster presentations, are expected to be able to attend the conference in Lusaka, Zambia, if selected.

For more information about CPHIA 2023, visit www.cphia2023.com or email the CPHIA Secretariat at CPHIAsecretariat@africa-union.org.

For questions about the abstracts program, please email CPHIAabstracts@africa-union.org.

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