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KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE



# SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA

PREPAREDNESS FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS AND POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY: AFRICA AT A CROSSROADS

## CPHIA 2022 Abstract Submission Overview

### General Information

#### About CPHIA

The 2nd Annual Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2022), scheduled for 13-15 December, will provide a unique platform for African researchers, policymakers and stakeholders to come together and share perspectives and research findings in public health, while ushering in a new era of strengthened scientific collaboration and innovation across the continent. Building on CPHIA 2021, this year's conference will also serve as a catalyst to build more resilient health systems that allow African countries to better prepare for and manage emerging health threats, while also addressing long-standing infectious diseases.

**Open Call for Abstracts:** The CPHIA 2022 organisers are pleased to invite abstracts for all conference tracks from any and all interested parties.

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

- **Track 1:** Epidemiology, Diagnostics and Clinical Management of Emerging and Re-emerging High Consequence Infectious Diseases (HCID), in Africa
- **Track 2:** Increasing local production in Africa: Advocacy, Research and Development Capacity in Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Vaccine Manufacturing
- **Track 3:** Strengthening Health Systems for Equitable and Universal Health Coverage in Africa
- **Track 4:** Women IN Health - from recipients to providers to leaders
- **Track 5:** The COVID-19 pandemic – Lessons Learned for Future Health Threats, Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- **Track 6:** Digitalization, Modelling and Analytics to Support an Effective Public Health Response, from Outbreaks to Pandemics and Beyond
- **Track 7:** Whole-of-society – the power of engaging civil society, community actors, and the private sector
- **Track 8:** A renewed focus on Africa's major infectious diseases including HIV, TB and Malaria
- **Track 9:** Non-communicable diseases – a growing public health threat in Africa

**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 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 2020-2022 period to ensure relevance to the current African landscape. Abstracts that have been previously presented elsewhere will be considered at the jury'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 positive impact on the healthcare landscape and/or how the research will change the course of public health practice in the future.

**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.

**Live Presentations and Poster Hall:** CPHIA 2022 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 Kigali if selected.

**Abstract Scholarships:** There may be a small number of scholarships available to cover travel expenses for young investigators, and 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* that CPHIA will be able to provide 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.

**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 Submission Dates

Authors should upload their abstracts via the web-based [Oxford Abstracts submission platform](#). Should you have difficulties navigating the platform, please contact [CPHIA2022Abstracts@globalhealthstrategies.com](mailto:CPHIA2022Abstracts@globalhealthstrategies.com).

- **Opening of call:** Abstract submissions will open on **Wednesday, 17 August 2022**
- **Submission deadline:** The abstract submission deadline is **Friday, 30 September 2022** at 23:59hrs EAT. \*\*No abstracts will be accepted past the official due date.\*\*
- **Evaluation:** All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers
- **Acceptance:** Applicants will be notified of acceptances by **Monday, 31 October 2022**

### 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 of significant changes after submission of the abstract, the changes should be highlighted during abstract presentation.

## 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

For more information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Public Health in Africa, visit [www.cphia2022.com](http://www.cphia2022.com) or email Shingai Machingaidze at [MachingaidzeS@africa-union.org](mailto:MachingaidzeS@africa-union.org).

For questions about the abstracts program, please email [CPHIA2022Abstracts@globalhealthstrategies.com](mailto:CPHIA2022Abstracts@globalhealthstrategies.com).