IFAKARA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Homeland - Ifakara Town, Morogoro Region, Tanzania | August 23 – 25, 2023

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Ifakara Health Institute Annual Scientific Conference 2023 (IASC2023) is scheduled to take place in Ifakara Town, Morogoro Region, Tanzania from August 23 to 25, 2023. The conference theme is "Knowledge Translation for Health Impact."

IASC2023 unites researchers from diverse backgrounds to share expertise. With keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops, participants learn about research advances and strategies for enhancing health outcomes. Topics include innovative healthcare approaches, strengthening health systems, advancements in medical technology, and research influencing policies and guidelines.

The conference offers networking and collaboration opportunities with leading Ifakara experts. By bringing together experts from diverse disciplines, the event promotes collaboration and idea-sharing. This will drive healthcare breakthroughs, addressing pressing health challenges globally and in Tanzania's communities.

The IASC2023 conference offers Ifakara scientists a valuable opportunity to learn, network, and collaborate with others. Together, they aim to improve health outcomes for all through knowledge translation for health impact.

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KEY GUIDELINES

To facilitate a seamless abstract submission process leading up to the conference, we have prepared the following guidelines to assist applicants. These guidelines will provide clarity on the process from now until the conference date.

Abstracts for the conference should align with the main theme of "Knowledge Translation for Health Impact" and focus on the following sub-themes:

1. Advancing research in environmental health and ecological sciences to have a greater impact on health.
2. Exploring the role of evidence in guiding actions, decisions, and policy-making in health systems, impact evaluation, and policy development.
3. Addressing contemporary issues in intervention and clinical trials.

The abstract submission window for the conference is now open. Please submit your abstracts to the email address **_abstractsubmission@ihi.or.tz_**. The deadline for submission is **_July 22nd, 2023_**.

The abstract should contain the following sections; introduction, method, results and conclusion with a maximum of 400 words counts. This will not apply to non-research submissions. Indicate whether your abstract need to be considered for oral or poster.

ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

After the submission of abstracts, they will undergo a thorough review by the Abstracts Technical Lead team.
The Abstracts Technical Lead will provide feedback and suggestions to the applicants regarding their abstract papers, including technical and formatting comments. The applicants will have the opportunity to incorporate these comments into their papers

Once the changes are made, you should resubmit the updated paper, clearly titled; "IASC2023 Paper Re-submittal: [Title]".

Once the paper is accepted, you will be notified to process your final reviewed and approved paper. At this stage, you should have confirmed your conference logistics and registered for the conference. From that point on, the conference proceedings will be finalised.

Please find below some key points that reviewers will consider during the review process. Kindly note that reviewers will not be responsible for correcting grammar or spelling errors. If needed, please seek assistance in ensuring your paper's language quality before submitting.

ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

- The abstract serves as a summary of the paper and should cover the same points as the conclusions section

- The paper is relevant to the conference topic

- The paper is original and plagiarism-free

- The paper stands out from others presented at IASC2023

- The paper is factual and/or theoretically valid, i.e. experimental results are realistic, the analysis is correct and the theory is mathematically and scientifically sound

- The paper should refrain from overt commercialism and exclude logos, except for those of Ifakara and its partners

- The paper is written in clear and coherent English, with a logical flow that ensures readability

- The paper includes up-to-date and relevant references, appropriately cited in the text, providing sufficient support to the content

- The abstract should be formatted in 1.5 spacing with Tahoma font type

NOTES

We encourage you to submit your abstract paper as early as possible to allow time for corrections before the deadline. Early submission ensures a smoother review process. Please keep in mind that our reviewers are volunteers with full-time careers, so we kindly request your cooperation and understanding throughout the process.

We will keep you informed via email about updates, key dates, and any changes, including paper submissions. If you notice that a key date has passed and you haven't been contacted, please reach out to Mgeni Mohamed, *mmohamed@ihi.or.tz,* the organising chair, or Rukiyah Mohammed, *rmohammad@ihi.or.tz,* the secretary.

Once the papers have undergone a thorough review process and registrations have been confirmed, a list of accepted papers will be shared with you. We encourage both senior and junior scientists to participate in the conference.

Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation costs for the duration of the conference. Please ensure that your presentation adheres to a non-commercial nature and utilizes an Ifakara standard template. Please keep the number of pages limited to a maximum of 10 for presentations and 1 for abstracts.

All presenters are required to register for the Ifakara Health Institute Annual Scientific Conference 2023 and attend to present their papers on August 23-25, 2023 in Ifakara, Morogoro.

In general, authors may be invited to present one paper orally, unless there are two different authors who both register and the papers are clearly marked with the presenter's name.

QUESTIONS & KEY DATES

Please direct all inquiries or queries to the following email address: **abstractsubmission@ihi.or.tz**

Key Dates

June 22 - July 22: Abstract submissions

July 23 - August 19: Abstract revisions, corrections, and resubmissions

July 7 - 31: Conference registrations

August 23-25: Conference proceedings

Regards,
IASC2023 Organizing Team