AFRICA CHA PLATFORM

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DUE 27th May 2022

10th Africa Christian Health Association Platform Biennial Conference 2022

Theme: Christian Health Associations in Pandemics: The Case of Covid-19

BACKGROUND

The Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP) will host its 10th Biennial Conference, between the **11th and 16th July 2022** in Kigali, Rwanda. This will be a premier event bringing together representatives from member Christian Health Associations (CHAs), Drug Supply organizations (DSOs), development partners, ministries of health of various African countries, government agencies, UN agencies, pharmaceutical companies, and other Faith and Health Actors

ACHAP is delighted to announce the **Call for Abstracts** and selected presenters will be invited to share their experiences under the different conference tracks in form of oral presentations or poster displays at the conference. This is an opportunity to showcase your work to a wide audience of global health professionals across different sectors, including health service delivery, companies and not for profits, and make meaningful connections for stronger collaboration. The conference theme is **"*Christian Health Associations in pandemics: the case of COVID-19".*** Appropriate and inspiring examples and lessons from other pandemics be presented to enrich presentations**.**

CONFERENCE TRACKS

ACHAP invites presenters to submit abstracts from the following conference tracks.

Sub Theme One: Pandemic Preparedness

- *How were you effectively engaged in the development and implementation of national pandemic preparedness and response plans.?*
- *What organizational and programmatic capacity and strategies did you deploy? Were there any gaps (organizational and programmatic) and how were these addressed?*
- *What were the Lessons learnt so far on health emergency preparedness and response - Case studies of other emergencies (e.g., Ebola), and mitigation that support emergency preparedness and response?*

Sub Theme Two: Pandemic Response and Recovery

a) **Prevention of spread of disease:**

- *What innovative prevention mechanisms were deployed in local communities by the CHAs and other partners?*
- *In what ways have FBO actors interfaced with government and other service providers in vaccination of the eligible population*
- *What Challenges and opportunities in the prevention of disease spread, including vaccination have been identified? How have these been addressed?*

b) **Surveillance and monitoring:**
- *What roles have Faith based systems played in pandemic surveillance and monitoring?*
- *What partnerships and coordination opportunities can faith-based health systems leverage in surveillance and monitoring of pandemics? What existing structures supported this?*

c) **Case investigation and treatment:**
- *In what ways have FBO actors interfaced with government and other service providers in testing and treatment of cases?*
- *What Challenges and opportunities in pandemic case investigation and treatment have been identified? How have these been addressed?*

d) Recovering from an emergency
- *How did Covid-19 impact your health system at National and local health systems? How have you adapted to this so far?*
- *What were the Contingencies and innovations to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on essential health systems components- Human resources for health (shortages of staff, information and education, Psychosocial support), Essential drugs supply, governance and leadership, health information systems, health financing?*
- *What were the Contingencies and innovations to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the delivery of other essential health services like HIV/TB, routine immunizations, FP/RH, MNCH, Nutrition, and routine services delivery?*
- *How did you harness technology in ensuring continuity of services and operations during the pandemic?*
- *How did you effectively engage & support the communities to continuously adapt with the pandemic?*

Sub Theme Three: Communication and Advocacy:
- *What innovations did you apply in Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) during COVID-19 response?*
- *How have you been involved in countering misinformation and disinformation in the community including social and mainstream media?*
- *What innovations did you apply to generate demand creation for vaccination and adoption of preventive behaviors ?*
- *How can ACHAP optimize Health Management Information Systems and ICT to leverage CHAs available (but undocumented) assets, role, contributions, and service output data to promote their visibility and impact, through dialogue, negotiations, partnerships and advocacy at the country, continental and global stage?*
- *In what ways did you engage religious leaders and other community owned resource persons engaged in advocacy?*

- *How did CHAs promote their visibility in pandemic response through dialogue, partnerships and advocacy efforts at the country, continental and global stage.*
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Sub Theme Four: Collaboration and partnerships
- *What opportunities exist for North-South and South-South collaborations to strengthen pandemic responses (levering local and international partnerships and collaborations)?*
- *What strategic partnership mechanisms have you leveraged on among CHAs, government and partners and communities and how can these be effectively adopted and enhanced in future responses?*

By presenting your abstract, you will highlight best practices and share innovative ideas and knowledge in health management with leading experts in the field. Your presentations and discussions will be fundamental to identifying and discussing and addressing current and future needs of health management in times of pandemics in Africa and worldwide.

Submission guidelines
Submit your abstract by Friday**, 27th May 2022 at 17.00 EAT** through **conference@africachap.org**.
You may submit your abstract for an oral presentation or a poster presentation.
- The presentations can be submitted either as:
    i. An abstract (**max 550 words**),
    ii. A poster presentation
- The presenter must be clearly marked on the submission form. Please do provide up-to-date **email contact details**, as those will be used for any communications related to the Conference and your presentation.

    For any additional questions, please contact the conference chair, Dr James Mukabi at **jmukabi@africachap.org**. The final decision on the acceptance of your abstract, as well as the type of presentation, will be communicated after review by the Abstract Review Committee.

<u>Registration for the Conference</u>
All abstract and poster presenters are encouraged to register for the Conference by visiting our website on **www.africachap.org** . Abstract presenters are strongly encouraged to attend the Conference in person to make the most of this vibrant gathering and networking opportunities. ACHAP will constantly monitor the standing COVID-19 regulations to ensure the safety of all participants.