



AFRICA CONFERENCE ON HEALTHCARE DELIVERY (AHD CONFERENCE) 2018

Dates: Pre-conference workshops: June 25, 2018; Main Conference: June 26 – 27, 2018

Venue: Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre, One Memorial Drive (Near Sheraton Hotel), Abuja, Nigeria

Theme: Social Innovation and Health Supply Chain: Engaging Communities and Health System Actors to Develop Local Solutions for Health Supply Chain Challenges

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Improving healthcare delivery is a global priority, especially in resource -limited settings with high morbidity, mortality and disability. Africa Conference on Healthcare Delivery (AHD Conference) was inaugurated with the objective of advancing value and innovation in healthcare delivery in the African region. The theme of this year's AHD conference is **“Social Innovation and Health Supply Chain: Engaging Communities and Health System Actors to Develop Local Solutions for Health Supply Chain Challenges.”**

Therefore, investigators in the field of healthcare delivery are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the AHD Conference 2018, to be held at Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, June 25 -27, 2018. Abstracts should be submitted through the conference website [“www.ahdconference.org”](http://www.ahdconference.org), by clicking on “submit abstract” button on the website and following the instructions. Each author is not expected to present more than two abstracts at the meeting. However, an author who presents one or two papers may be a co-author in other papers. All abstracts will undergo peer review process and only accepted abstracts will be presented at the conference. All submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee, based on the quality of the study (or concept) or quality of the presentation. All accepted abstracts will be published in the book of abstracts and presentations of the conference. There will be oral and poster presentations. Although authors may select their preferred type of presentation during the abstract submission process, the final decision on mode of presentation will depend on the recommendation of the scientific committee. The format for preparing poster presentations will be available at the conference website. Please, check website regularly for updates.

Papers from different areas of healthcare delivery are solicited for AHD Conference 2018, though those describing health supply chain management/healthcare delivery will be given priority. Abstracts based on research- in- progress may be submitted for the conference. Also, abstracts of papers of descriptive studies may be submitted; however, our intent is to focus on papers that have the following features:

- Clear description of the context of the application and impacted stakeholders
- Quantifiable data that will facilitate understanding of the context, and help in reaching data based solutions
- Clear description of the methodology used (i.e., datasets, surveys, case studies), and
- Takeaways from the project executed.

Overall, our goal is to foster a deeper understanding of application contexts and the associated learning. Whenever possible, we encourage authors to provide sources of their data so that others may also access and learn from those sources. It is our intension to ensure that this conference enables collaborative learning and interactive presentations whereby the audience and the authors can benefit and possibly collaborate. An ideal presentation will motivate the audience to pursue similar initiatives, and to seek collaboration with the author so as to learn more about the topic.

Abstracts should not exceed 350 words (excluding title, authors and authors' affiliations), and should be organized as follows:

- Title of the paper and authors
- Institutional/organizational affiliations of all authors
- Corresponding/presenting author and his/her contact details, including email and telephone number
- Brief description of the problem location and stakeholders
- Description of the system status before the project
- Description of the idea, the time taken and associated challengers
- Description of the data collected across the timeframe of the project and methods used
- Project impact and learning

The abstract may also be presented in a structured format: Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusion.

Important Dates

1	Abstract submission opens	February 9, 2018
2	Abstract submission closes	April 30, 2018
3	Abstract notification	On a rolling basis
4	Bursary application deadline	April 15, 2018
5	Notification on bursary application	May 11, 2018
6	Early registration deadline (workshops and conference)	May 25, 2018
7	Request for exhibition and advertisement deadline	May 31, 2018
8	AHD Pre-conference training workshops	June 25, 2018
9	AHD Conference 2018	June 26-27, 2018
<i>Do not wait till the last day. Submit your abstracts and register early for the conference and workshop, as spaces are limited!</i>		