

## **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NETWORK KENYA**

### **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (ASRHR)**

**Pride Inn, Nyali, 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in Mombasa County, Kenya**

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference on Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR). The conference will bring together the adolescents and youth, donors, development partners, ministry of health and state and non-state actors in the SRHR space. The insights from this conference will provide directions for ASRHR agenda in Kenya and globally.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the greatest public health challenges of our time, and has forced public health systems, services and messages to nearly focus on the pandemic, thus curtailing many preventive health services. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services in particular have been restricted. COVID 19 has heightened the vulnerability of adolescent and youth including young LGBTQ+ and young people with disabilities on issues SRH information and services.

According to the 2019 census report, out of 47.6 million Kenyans, 35.7 million are under the age of 35. Youth constitute 29% of the total population. This population is at high risk of unintended pregnancies, new HIV infections, unsafe abortion and sexual and gender based violence including FGC. The pandemic has caused a 40% increase in teenage pregnancy, with 152,000 Kenyan girls becoming pregnant during a three-month window since the pandemic began. Sexual and gender-based violence, including physical and psychological abuse and other forms of abuse increased and placed girls, women and young people at high risk of physical and mental trauma, disease and unintended pregnancies. Other challenges include limited access to healthcare services where more women (58%) than men (51%) who sought child healthcare services could not get the service according to UN Women (2020). This years' conference theme is therefore; advancing access to Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in a pandemic. The conference will help define specific concerns in ASRHR and the roadmap to solving them, and facilitate strategic engagement for advancement of Adolescent SRH in Kenya.

#### **THEME:**

Advancing access to Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in a pandemic #COVID19

### **Sub-themes:**

#### 1. AYSRHR Policy and Advocacy:

- Emerging trends in advocacy (Litigation, arts and creatives, community engagement)
- Adolescents and youth legal and policy frameworks
- Budget Advocacy
- UHC and SRHR
- Social Accountability
- Movement Building

#### 2. Adolescent and Youth SRHR Programming

#### 3. Service Delivery:

- Innovations in service delivery
- Integration of HIV and other SRHR services
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Key population- SOGIE
- Adolescents and Youths with Disabilities

#### 4. Self-Care

#### 5. Unsafe abortion among adolescents and youth

#### 6. Unmet need for Family Planning among adolescents and youth

#### 7. Emerging issues in AYSRHR

- Harmful practices and GBV
- Menstrual Hygiene Management
- Boys and Male engagement in AYSRHR

#### 8. Mental health

#### 9. Climate change and AYSRHR

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The conference organizing committee invites abstracts of original research and program intervention for presentation at the conference. Poster presentations are also welcome. Abstracts should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Abstract should address any of the conference sub-themes
- The abstract should be submitted via the on-line submission platform
- Indicate the names of all authors
- Institutional affiliations
- Abstracts must be written in English, and should be of no more than 550 words
- Original Research abstract must include; Title, Background, Objectives, Methodology, Results and Knowledge Contribution
- Program Interventions abstract must include; Title, Background, Methodology, Results and Replication

**NB:** Abstract Template can be downloaded from the conference website.

## **EXTENDED ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Upon review of submitted abstracts by the conference abstracts review committee, accepted abstracts will be invited to submit an extended abstract that will be published as conference proceedings. The extended abstract is a more elaborate version of the abstract that describes the research work/program interventions being carried out and the research/intervention outcomes. Extended abstracts should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Should be typed in this same document, starting from the second page, following the accepted abstract
- The body should be organized into sections; Background Information, Methodology, Results and Discussion, and Conclusion
- Supporting figures, tables and images may be included as necessary. All the tables, images and figures should be centred. Figures and images should be numbered and figure legends should be placed under the figure or image; as for the tables, they should also be numbered and the table header should be placed at the top
- References should be listed in alphabetical order in a separate page in APA format
- The page limit is four (excluding the page with the abstract above and references) in Calibri font, 12pt and single spaced. Top, bottom and right margins of the page should be set to 2.5cm, and the left margin should be 3cm

**NB:** Extended Abstract Template can be downloaded from the conference website.

## **ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES**

The presentation should be saved in Microsoft Office PowerPoint format and must adopt the conference PowerPoint presentation template, which will be provided to all authors whose abstracts will be accepted. The first slide must contain presentation title, authors and affiliations. The conference presentation length is 15 minutes, which includes 5 minutes for question and answer session. The presentation must be easy to read. Use a font size of 20pt or larger text everywhere, including graphs and images.

## **POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES**

### **Poster material:**

The maximum poster size is A0 (841 mm by 1189 mm), and should ideally be A1 size (594 mm by 841 mm, portrait view). The poster must be prepared as a single poster lay-out and will be mounted on a corkboard.

### **Font size:**

**Title:** The abstract title, authors and affiliations should be prominently displayed. Use 50-80pt Calibri Bold for the title of the poster and 24-72pt Calibri Bold for the authors. Underline the name of the author presenting the poster.

**Text:** Use 30-40pt Calibri Bold for section headings. Section headings should be capitalized. Use 24 to 30pt Calibri for regular text. Preview your poster at a distance of approximately 2m to estimate the viewing distance for legibility. Avoid red and green colours since they cannot be properly viewed by colour blind people.

**Sections:** The poster should contain section headings as stipulated in the extended abstract guidelines.

**Tables and figures:** Make sure that your illustrations are easy to understand. Tables and figures must be large enough to be viewed readily at a distance of about 2m. Colour can be used in figures. Include a legend for all figures.

**Mounting of posters:**

Posters should be mounted on the day preceding the opening session of the conference and will be on display for the whole duration of the conference. Authors must be present next to their poster during the Poster Session.

**SUBMISSIONS AND TIMELINES:**

The conference targets adolescents and youth, donors, development partners, researchers, ministry of health and state and non-state actors in the SRHR space.

**Submissions:**

Abstracts submission portal:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJDxzQDtDiPi9EY37KRSIzFHoWMfzXBgITq6rtpCQQ64HqHg/viewform>

Visit our conference website: [www.rhnkconference.org](http://www.rhnkconference.org) for more information.

In case of any questions, contact the conference secretariat on cell no +020 2 220 160 (0800hrs-1700hrs EAT) or email: [abstract@rhnk.org](mailto:abstract@rhnk.org)/[conference@rhnk.org](mailto:conference@rhnk.org).

**NB:** Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

**KEY DATES:**

Abstract submission deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Submission of extended abstracts deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Acceptance of extended abstract notification: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Submission of corrected extended abstract deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

## **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

### **Local Rates:**

- KES 16,000 – EARLY BIRD (10<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2021 - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022)
- KES 19,000 – LATE BIRD (1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022 – 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022)
- KES 22,000 – AT THE DESK (16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 - 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022)

### **International Rates:**

- USD 161 – EARLY BIRD (10<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2021 - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022)
- USD 188 – LATE BIRD (1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022 - 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022)
- USD 224 – AT THE DESK (16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 - 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022)

## **PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

### COOPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA

BANK NAME : COOPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA  
BRANCH NAME : COOPERATIVE HOUSE  
ACCOUNT NAME : REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NETWORK  
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 01136190821406 (KES)  
SWIFT CODE : KCOOKENA  
BANK CODE : 11000  
BRANCH CODE : 11002

### ABSA BANK KENYA PLC

BANK NAME : ABSA BANK KENYA PLC  
BRANCH NAME : JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
ACCOUNT NAME : REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NETWORK KENYA  
ACCOUNT NUMBER : 2044727695 (USD)  
SWIFT CODE : BARCKENX  
BRANCH CODE : 103  
BANK CODE : 03

### MPESA PAYMENT

PAYBILL: 400200  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01136190821406

## **PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING WEBINARS**

The conference abstracts review committee will conduct a series of webinars to build capacity of adolescents and youth in particular, who may be interested in submitting an

abstract and presenting during the conference on how to present and report research/program intervention findings.

**Webinar dates:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 21<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Webinar registration link and time will be shared in due course.