



AfriNEAD 2020

THE 6th AFRICAN NETWORK FOR EVIDENCE-TO-ACTION IN DISABILITY (AfriNEAD) CONFERENCE

November 30th – December 3rd 2020 – CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (VENUE TBC)

The Scientific Committee of the 6th Afrinead Conference invites contributions from persons with disabilities, researchers, business personnel, policy makers, activists and practitioners to share evidence, experiences and ideas on what really matters to persons with disabilities in Africa. The theme for the conference: **“Disability unplugged – Beyond Conventions and Charters: what really matters to persons with disabilities in Africa”** reflects the need to move our research and practice from rhetoric to impacting on the lives of persons with disabilities. 2020 will be all about *impact*. We aim for evidence-based solutions to actions in disability work - or a map, a plan for the future, a blue print for going forward.

Through a wide range of perspectives, knowledge and methodologies, presenters at this conference are invited to participate in a common exploration of questions such as, but not limited to, the following:

- What is the impact of the work/research that I am doing now?
- How has my work/research impacted on policy and practice?
- How can my work/research inspire persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in the disability sector?
- How does my work/research go beyond rhetoric and bring meaningful change to the lives of persons with disabilities?
- How is this work/research going to continue to have an impact on the lives of person with disabilities in the future?

Abstracts will be organised around seven thematic areas drawn from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (UNCRPD):

- Children & Youth with Disabilities
- Education: Early Childhood to Tertiary
- Economic Empowerment
- Development Process in Africa: Poverty, Politics, and Indigenous Knowledge systems
- Health and HIV & AIDS
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Holistic Wellness: Sport, Recreation, Sexuality and Spirituality

Please indicate whether you want your submission to be considered for oral presentation or poster presentation.

Exhibitions and pre and post conference events

If you would like to exhibit or showcase your work at the conference please submit an abstract in form of a concept (at most one page) describing your work or product and the nature of presentation that you prefer out of the four options below. Where applicable you can provide a link to refer the reviewers to your website or other relevant web resources. Your presentation will be considered for one or more of the following four options:

- Pre-conference events: Sunday 29 November 2020
- Exhibits parallel to the conference proceedings: Monday 30 November to Wednesday 2 December 2020
- Workshop after hours from 17h00: Tuesday 1 December 2020
- Post conference workshop: Thursday 3 December 2020

Abstract Structure

The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words, in Times New Roman font size 12 and written in British English. All abstract submissions should follow the below structure:

- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Abstract Key Dates

- **Abstract Submission Open: Thursday, 31 October 2019**
- **Abstract Submission Deadline: Thursday, 30 April 2020, midnight GMT**
- **Notification to Authors: Friday, 29 May 2020**
- **Revised Abstract Deadline: Friday, 26 June 2020**

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*The costs for exhibiting at the conference will be announced through the AfrNEAD Newsletter. Please keep an eye on it.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and meeting you in Cape Town in 2020!