



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

4TH ARIN ANNUAL

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
On Climate and Health

Submit your abstract to share your research with a global audience, publish with Taylor & Francis, and connect with field leaders.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN)'s annual international conference brings together an international community of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to reflect on the implications of the global challenges on the African continent and options for responding to these challenges inclusively and sustainably. This year, ARIN will hold its 4th International Conference whose theme will be Bridging Knowledge Gaps: Promoting Transdisciplinarity for Climate and Health Resilience. The conference will be held in virtual mode from 6th to 8th November 2024, organized by the Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN).

ARIN is a consortium of over 200 researchers and policymakers with national focal points across 36 African countries. ARIN also draws from a database of over 3000 stakeholders from universities, think tanks, the private sector, and governments.



ARIN's mission is to promote research excellence and dialogue on best research and impact practices, by providing platforms for science-policy interface in Africa, building on evidence. ARIN recognizes that Africa is endowed with diverse researchers, innovation, and best policy practices that are not in the public domain yet are invaluable in the research and development agenda of the continent. ARIN therefore provides a peer review platform where best research and impact practices from different African contexts, are shared, profiled, and leveraged to inform transformative policy action. Among the areas that ARIN has pioneered path-breaking research are climate change, knowledge management, science technology, health and innovation. The network currently convenes research and policy platforms on climate action, drawing from the perspective of researchers on, adaptation, science and technology, and innovation status in Africa. Through the same approach, ARIN assesses opportunities for science-policy interface, through contextual projects on research commercialization, innovation, knowledge translation, and practice.

The Climate and Health conference emphasizes the need for stakeholders from diverse sectors and across the different government levels to work together to address the climate crisis that is greatly impacting health outcomes. It will provide a platform where groundbreaking research, policy, innovative ideas, and collaborative efforts converge to foster an understanding of how the actions of the various sectors contribute to climate change, which affects health outcomes, and the measures that need to be taken to safeguard global health.

The conference is structured around different sub-themes and allows scholars to present their work and engage with other experts that could ignite novel ideas and collaborations. The conference is a call to action for researchers, policymakers, CBOs, practitioners, funders, and all relevant actors in the climate and health space to shift from the silo working approach and explore potential ways of working together. Transdisciplinary approaches to climate and health foster holistic and innovative solutions by integrating knowledge and methods from multiple disciplines. This collaboration is crucial for addressing the complex and interconnected challenges posed by climate change and its impacts on health. By promoting transdisciplinary approaches, we can develop more effective and sustainable solutions to the intertwined challenges of climate change and health, ultimately leading to healthier and more resilient communities globally.

The conference will encourage discussions, collaborations, and innovations across disciplines to advance understanding and action on the critical nexus of Climate Change and Health. It suggests a collaborative approach that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries to foster innovative solutions and enhance resilience in the face of climate-related health risks.

Conference Sub-themes

1. The Status of Climate Change & Health Research and Impact in Africa.
2. Opportunities for Enhancing Transdisciplinary C & H Research and Impact in Africa.
3. Strengthening Funding Opportunities for Transdisciplinary C & H Research and Impact in Africa.

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As addressed in the Conference background, renewed transdisciplinary research focus is needed including intersectional impacts of climate change, gendered differentiated studies, economic analysis of climate-related losses, and modelling future impacts to inform early warning systems among others. Participatory and localized data collection tools are needed to capture contextual evidence for practical solutions, ensuring research directly informs policy and action while nurturing stronger collaboration between climate and health researchers.

To this end, we are inviting abstracts for the upcoming virtual Climate and Health Conference scheduled for **6th - 8th November in Nairobi, Kenya**. The abstracts should be centred on one or more of the sub-themes of the conference.

Call Target

ARIN fellows, PhD students, Scholars / Academics, Impact researchers & Practitioners, Policymakers and institutions / organizations from the Global South and North. The abstracts should ideally target to address key climate and health issues within the African context. Additionally, the abstract should clearly showcase strong trans-disciplinarity i.e. targeting evidence and analysis across disciplines and methods.

Expected output

Accepted manuscripts- developed from the abstracts will be consolidated in a book volume to be published under Taylor and Francis. The ARIN and Taylor and Francis have signed a collaborative Memorandum of Understanding to support publications of knowledge products tackling topical issues affecting Africa.

Target Audience

- ▶ Students of Development studies
- ▶ Climate and Health Researchers
- ▶ Climate and Health policy makers and practitioners
- ▶ Funders
- ▶ Think Tanks working on Climate and Health
- ▶ Negotiators
- ▶ Community Alliances
- ▶ Global and Regional CSOs and other advocacy groups working on Climate and Health activities
- ▶ Global and Regional Intergovernmental Institutions

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

We recommend the following:

- ▶ Abstracts should use **British English language** and range between **250 (Minimum) and 300 (Maximum) words, font size 12, single spaced** and in **Times New Roman font**. Where any other language is used, an **equivalent English translation should be provided**. Titles are limited to 20 words.
- ▶ A summary of the research/issue(s)/best practice addressed by the abstract. Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analysed or evaluated, and the methods applied.
- ▶ A summary of key findings, lessons learnt in the form of what worked well, how, through what innovative approaches, and what can be improved.
- ▶ What Next? Possible next steps for implementation, or recommendations for policy or collective actions around Climate change and Health.

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Notification of Accepted Abstracts will be issued on a rolling basis.

Note:

Please provide authors' full contact and institutional affiliations. Priority will be given to abstracts with a heavy touch of trans-disciplinarity.

