

## CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS

# 4<sup>TH</sup> ARIN ANNUAL

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE On Climate and Health

Submit your proposal to get an opportunity to hold a side event during the 4th ARIN Annual International Conference



## 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.

## THE CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS

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 proposals for hosting side-events for the **upcoming virtual Climate and Health Conference scheduled for 6th – 8th November in Nairobi, Kenya**. The side-events should be centred on one or more of the sub-themes of the conference.

**Call Target:** We are inviting proposals from interested organizations to host side events during the conference. The side-events will be run by organizations/partners working on climate change and health projects within Africa.

### Benefits

- ▶ **Visibility:** Promote your organization's expertise and initiatives to a broad audience.
- ▶ **Networking:** Connect with industry leaders, policymakers, and potential partners.
- ▶ **Influence:** Contribute to the dialogue on key issues and influence the conference agenda.

# GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

We recommend the following:

- ▶ The side events should be organized with the objective of sharing experiences, best practices and innovative perspectives on the themes and sub-themes of the conference.
- ▶ The organizers will be responsible for inviting speakers and panelists for their side-events.
- ▶ Proposals for side-events should be written in English.
- ▶ The side-events will be allocated a maximum of 90 minutes.
- ▶ The outcome of the side event should inform the overall outcome of the conference.
- ▶ The organizers will be expected to prepare a summary report of the event and share it with the conference secretariat.

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## DEADLINE



Notification of Accepted Side-events: **4th October 2024**

### Note:

Please provide the full details of the contact person and institutional affiliations. Priority will be given to side-events with a heavy touch of trans-disciplinarity.

