



NHARCON 2018

NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS RESEARCH CONFERENCE



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract Opening Date: **1st November, 2017**

Abstract Closing Date **EXTENDED** to: **15th March, 2018**

Conference date: **8th -11th May, 2018**

Venue: **Accra International Conference Centre**

About the Conference:

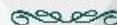
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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THEME: "ENDING AIDS - Rethinking Practices for Maximum Impact"

Track A: Social and Behavioural Science

- A1. Stigma and discrimination and impact on HIV and TB
- A2. Sex, sexuality, gender relationships, HIV and TB responses
- A3. Policies, programmes and HIV and TB response.
- A4. Communication, mass media and popular education.
- A5. Socio-cultural determinants of HIV.
- A6. Structural determinants of HIV.
- A7. Human rights, law and ethics.
- A8. Sex Work: Behavioural, Social and Cultural Issues and Contexts
- A9. Living with HIV and AIDS
- A10. Ethics and Human Rights
- A11. Adolescents, young people and relationships
- A12. Fertility, family planning, reproductive health services and HIV
- A13. Policy development, implementation and evaluation
- A14. Violence, conflict and Humanitarian disasters and HIV
- A15. Prisons, closed settings HIV and TB
- A16. Family centered approach to HIV care and support poverty, wealth, income inequalities and HIV

Track B: Epidemiology Basic and Clinical Science

- B1. HIV evolution, viral diversity and bioinformatics
- B2. HIV co-infections (TB, Hepatitis A,B,C) and emerging pathogens
- B3. Interaction of micronutrients, nutrition and HIV infection
- B4. Clinical course of HIV infection and disease
- B5. HIV and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)
- B6. Immunology of HIV & Vaccine Development
- B7. Antiretroviral therapy
- B8. HIV & AIDS Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation
- B9. HIV & AIDS Prevention programmes

Track C: Interventions and Best Practices

- C1. Antiretroviral therapy
- C2. Palliative care and nutrition
- C3. Policies, Programs, guidelines and HIV response
- C4. Innovation and best practices
 - Integration of HIV Services with Other Programmes – best practices
 - Diagnostics–best practices
 - Monitoring and Evaluation –best practices
- C5. Implementation science

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be submitted online via the conference website. **For assistance, send email to: abstract@ghanaisds.gov.gh**

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Presenting authors of abstracts selected for oral presentation will receive a waiver for registration.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME:

Mentorship Programme has been designed to help young researchers and implementing partners/NGOs to develop quality abstract(s). See **NHARCON 2018 website for details: www.nharcon2018.com, E-mail: mentorship@nharcon2018.com, nharcon_mentorship@ghanaisds.gov.gh, Tel: 0302919259**

WHAT IS NHARCON?

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NHARCON is held every four years.

NHARCON 2018 is the fourth in the series and has the following objectives:

- Provide a means for sharing knowledge and best practices in HIV research and programming in Ghana and from other countries.
- Develop strategies for advancing all areas of collective efforts to treat and prevent HIV.
- Discuss future programme strategies using evidence and best practices.
- Discuss and set priorities for future research.
- Build the Skills of people working in the field of HIV to deliver better services.



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CONFERENCE THEME

The Theme for **NHARCON 2018** is *'Ending AIDS - Rethinking Practices for Maximum Impact'*.

This has been carefully chosen by GAC and partners to show that in order to achieve the 90-90-90 targets, we have to examine our current HIV response as a country, identify good practices and strengthen them and adopt innovative approaches to ending AIDS.

Rethinking practices for maximum impact will require a collective and a country-led effort to scale-up HIV prevention and treatment services as part of fast-tracking a comprehensive response to meet national targets and commitments to end AIDS as public health threat by 2030.

Where will it Take Place?

Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) located opposite Parliament House, Accra.

Digital Address: GA-111-0240

Conference Speakers

Speakers of the conference are global leaders of the HIV scientific community selected from the World Health Organisation (WHO), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Family Health International 360 (FHI360) and the University of Ghana School of Public Health.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

NHARCON 2018 programme comprises scientific and non-scientific sessions. These will be presented in various forms such as:

- Plenary Sessions
- Satellite Meetings
- Symposia
- Skill Building Workshops
- Commercial and Non-Commercial Exhibitions
- Community Village Activities.

The sessions shall also involve oral and poster presentations of current research results in the field of HIV, based on three tracks.

The Tracks are:

Track A: Social and Behavioural Science;

Track B: Epidemiology, Basic and Clinical Science

Track C: Interventions and Best Practices

These tracks also form the basis upon which an abstract can be submitted and presented.

How to Submit your Abstract

You may submit your abstract online at: www.nharcon2018.com. Go to the 'Abstract Tab' then click on 'Submission Guidelines' and follow the instructions.

Mentorship Programme

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REGISTRATION FEES

Participants are required to pay the appropriate fee to cover administrative cost and conference souvenirs.

TYPE OF PARTICIPANT	EARLY REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
LOCAL	USD 75	USD 100
FOREIGN	USD200	USD 300

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENT

Payment can be made through the following accounts

1. Cedi Account

Account Name: Ghana AIDS
Commission – Recovery Account
Account Number: 140001135084
Bank Name: Cal Bank Gh. Ltd
Branch: Head Office Branch

2. Dollar Account

Account Name: Ghana AIDS
Commission – Pooled Account
Account Number: 140000777283
Bank Name: Cal Bank Gh. Ltd
Branch: Head Office Branch

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The conference brings together stakeholders working in HIV and its related issues including PLHIV, researchers, health professionals, women's groups, programme managers, policy makers, HIV programme implementers and beneficiaries, health professionals, youth groups, HIV activist, NGOs, FBOs etc.

You can register online to attend the conference by visiting the NHARCON website www.nharcon2018.com or at the registration desk during the conference.

Visit: www.nharcon2018.com



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The Ghana AIDS Commission

Organizers of NHARCON 2018

The Ghana AIDS Commissions (GAC) is the organizer of NHARCON and works in partnership with key stakeholders for the success of the conference, notably: University of Ghana School of Public Health (SPH), the Noguchi Memorial Institute of Medical Research (NMIMR), National AIDS Control Program (NACP), Civil Society Organizations (CSO), UNAIDS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States Government and other partners.

The core mandate of GAC is to formulate policies, direct and coordinate activities in response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic. It provides high level advocacy, leadership in the planning and support of HIV programmes and promotes research and generates Strategic Information (SI) on the epidemic.



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28TH FEBRUARY TO 15TH MARCH, 2018.

DATES TO NOTE

ACTIVITY	OPEN	CLOSE
Conference Date	8th May, 2018	11th May, 2018
Early Registration	1st Nov. 2017	20th Feb. 2018
Late Registration	1st Mar. 2018	11th May, 2018
Booking for Exhibition	1st Nov. 2017	28th Feb. 2018
Booking for Satellite Meeting	1st Nov. 2017	28th Feb. 2018
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