

Concept paper for Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC) 2021

Introduction:

Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC) is an international conference that will be hosted by the University of Rwanda specifically the School of Nursing and Midwifery in collaboration with Push Aid Africa Inc.(PAAF) which is a non-profit organization in USA and non-governmental organization in Ghana that inspires hope and contributes to the education and healthcare of underserved population of African descent, at home and abroad. The conference is designed as a peer-reviewed forum for health-related researchers, practitioners, academics and students at all levels. It serves as a unique platform for professionals and students to showcase and discuss their innovative health-related researches. AfIHC is unique because it emphasizes the importance of interdisciplinary exchange and therefore welcomes participants from a wide range of health-related disciplines.

Aim of the conference

AfIHC aims to advance interdisciplinary research collaboration and networking among young researchers and scholars on the continent align with that of the University's and the community needs.

Conference Theme

The theme of that international conference is: "Transforming healthcare through interdisciplinary collaboration: Post COVID-19. Proposed dates for the conference will be 22nd to the 24th of September 2021.

Participants

The conference is targeting about 400 participants from the health sector, and other related fields in Africa and other parts of the world

Expected outcomes

The expected outcomes for this conference are:

- a. Researchers in the continent will have the opportunity/platform to share their research findings
- b. Opportunities for north-south and south-south for continuous research collaboration, networking, and partnerships.
- c. Proceedings of the conference will be published in a peer reviewed international journal

Inputs

Academics and staff of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Rwanda, have teamed up as organizing committee members of this conference, in collaboration with colleagues from the University of California, San Francisco, who are members of the Push Aid Africa Inc, to ensure that the resources needed for the conference can be accessed and that the conference sustains itself through participants registrations and support.