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Eastern Africa Regional Early Childhood Conference

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This is an invitation to submit an abstract to make a 10-minute oral presentation during break-out parallel sessions organized by the following sub-themes.

- Empowering parents, caregivers, and communities.
- Systems strengthening with a spotlight on workforce development
- Monitoring progress focusing on data/evidence generation, dissemination and utilization
- Financing at both micro and macro-levels
- Leadership and Governance
- Scaling up and Innovating

Abstract Guidelines

All Abstracts should be a maximum of 150 words which should take the following format:

- **Title**
- **Key objectives.**
- **Methodology/implementation process.**
- **Key findings/results/outcomes/learnings**
- **Implications of findings for policy and action**

Please Note:

1. Successful applicants will be allocated 10 minutes to make an oral presentation at the conference. This will be an in-person meeting.
2. A compendium of accepted abstracts will be developed and disseminated widely.
3. Participants are expected to **register** for the conference and make their own arrangements to participate in the conference including visa and valid travel document, travel, accommodation, and other incidentals.
4. Helpful information to support your logistics is available on this **[admin note](#)**.

Please submit your abstract on this call for abstracts link

Submission Deadline:

Kindly submit your abstract to **[Call for Abstracts link](#)** on or before **10th December 2023**.



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Abstract Review

The abstracts will be reviewed by a committee consisting of regional experts using the following criteria:

- **Originality:** Are you making a submission based on your own work?
- **Creativity:** Does your submission represent innovative approaches/models or cutting-edge ideas; something interesting and different from the common?
- **Application:** Is your work relevant in advancing policy dialogue and action at regional and national levels?
- **Contextual relevance:** To what extent are your recommendations contextually relevant?
- **Evidence-based:** Is your submission grounded on research evidence?
- **Scope:** Priority will be given to submissions based on experiences from the Eastern African Countries (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo).

Important Dates

1.	Conference dates – 11th – 14th March 2024
2.	Submission deadline – 10th December 2023
3.	Notification of acceptance – 16th January 2024
4.	Deadline for submission of presentations – 10th February 2024
5.	Deadline for Registration of participants:
	• Early Bird Registration – 31st December 2023
	• Regular Registration – 31st January 2024
	• Late Registration – 25th February 2024

For registration rates, please follow this link: <https://afecn.org/2024ear-conference>

Please note: that any presentations not submitted by **10th of February 2024** will not be included on the agenda.