

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The banner features a stylized map of Africa on the left, composed of a network of blue and green lines, with a large blue '24' overlaid. Below the map, it reads 'ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA Health Workforce of the Future and its Regulation Proudly Hosted By: Health Professions Council of South Africa'. On the right, the dates '2 – 6 OCTOBER 2022' are prominently displayed. Below the dates are three icons: a location pin for 'Sun City Resort', an email icon for 'amcoa2022@hpcsas.co.za', and a globe icon for 'www.amcoa2022.co.za'. The hashtag '#AMCOA2022' is at the bottom. The background is a light blue gradient with a network of icons on the right side, including a plus sign, a heart, a person, and a wheelchair.

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is hosting the 24th Association of Medical Councils of Africa (AMCOA) International Conference under the theme “The Health Workforce of the Future and its Regulation”. The conference is scheduled to take place from 3 – 6 October 2022 at the Sun City Resort, North West, South Africa.

Regulatory Authorities around the world and in Africa strive to fulfil their mandate—to protect, promote, and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine. AMCOA is a membership organisation with over thirty country members from all regions of Africa and primarily exists to support Africa’s medical and health regulatory authorities in this endeavour. Through scientific, educational, and collaborative activities, AMCOA strives to encourage best practices among Africa’s regulatory authorities and to respond to both their current and future needs. The HPCSA, in its efforts towards building multilateral and bilateral relations as aligned to the international relations policy and agenda of South Africa, as well as in its effort to act as an advocate, advisor and enhance engagements with all key stakeholders committed to host the AMCOA 24th Annual Conference in 2022.

The aim of the conference is to facilitate an exchange of information and meaningful collaboration among health practitioners regulatory authorities, which will provide for the development of concepts and new approaches in the regulation of healthcare practitioners. health practitioner regulation.

The conference will provide an opportunity for delegates across all health sectors, health regulators, policy makers, academics, and service providers amongst others; to engage on regulatory matters pertaining to the healthcare environment. This includes the shift in global and local healthcare trends. The conference will also engage on the promotion of effective health regulation by supporting best practice, innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing in the interest of public safety and in support of the health professions.

The 24th AMCOA International Conference will address the full range of issues and challenges now facing the regulatory authorities globally.

We would like to invite you to submit your abstracts, based on the topics outlined below –

Reforming Training, Education and Practice for the future

- Curriculum and Training reform
- New challenges in the region and globally for incorporation into the curricular
- Examinations
- Eligibility requirements
- Strengthened and Standardization of training and training costs
- Licensure
- Seamless coordination between countries and strengthening of the engagement framework

Strengthening Sustainable Health Regulation

- Team-based regulation
- Working with regulators of other professions
- Multi-profession regulatory authorities
- Community engagement
- Regulatory autonomy, law and governance
- Risk-based regulation and managing data
- Universal health coverage
- Balancing Human rights, ethics and law

Use of Innovation and Digital Technology in Healthcare

- use of research, innovation, evidence, and technology to inform policy and practice for increased access to health services
- Artificial Intelligence
- New technologies and regulation
- New therapies and regulation

Health Workforce Wellness: Building a Resilient Workforce

- Managing impaired practitioners
- Building resilience
- Safe work environments
- Career options for older practitioners

Distribution of the health workforce to deliver universal healthcare

- Development and deployment of the health workforce in line with changing health needs (UHC, NCDs, pandemics, climate change)
- Enhanced governance in cadre recognition
- Improved health workforce management and retention

Other

- The Program Planning Committee welcomes abstracts on other topics of interest to the membership.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your experience, concerns, ideas & hopes for the future of professional regulation. Be involved! Submit an abstract for AMCOA's hybrid conference!

#AMCOA2022



The closing date for submissions is 30th July 2022

1. SUBMISSION STEP ONE: REGISTER AN ACCOUNT ONLINE

Online Submissions @

Click link on abstract page it will open the abstract portal

Step 01 Register an account for abstract submission

- Create an account by -
 - Complete the registration form by completing all the required fields
 - Create username
 - Create password
 - Confirm password
 - Confirm registration by clicking register

Step 02 Submitting an abstract

- Log in on the abstract submission system
 - Click on the 'Add abstract' button
 - Enter all required fields and submit
 - Click on the 'Add author' link above the author table in order to add more authors
 - Once you are happy with your abstract, click the 'add' button in order to make it available to reviewers.

Important to Note:

- *Please click on the button confirming that the abstract has not been published before*
- *Please ensure that you accept the terms and conditions*

2. GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Please read through the submission instructions below before preparing your abstract

- All submissions must be completed electronically via the online submission facility.
- The Programme Planning Committee will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the website or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events.
- If you are unable to submit in this manner, please contact the Conference Organising Office for further information at –
 - ✉ abstract.amcoa@hpcsa.co.za
 - ☎ +27 12 338 9476
 - 📱 +27 82 052 1772 (WHATSAPP ONLY)
- All abstracts must be prepared according to the guidelines provided, namely –

Category theme and sub theme for the submission

Methods: briefly describe project/study design and results

Abstracts must be original work

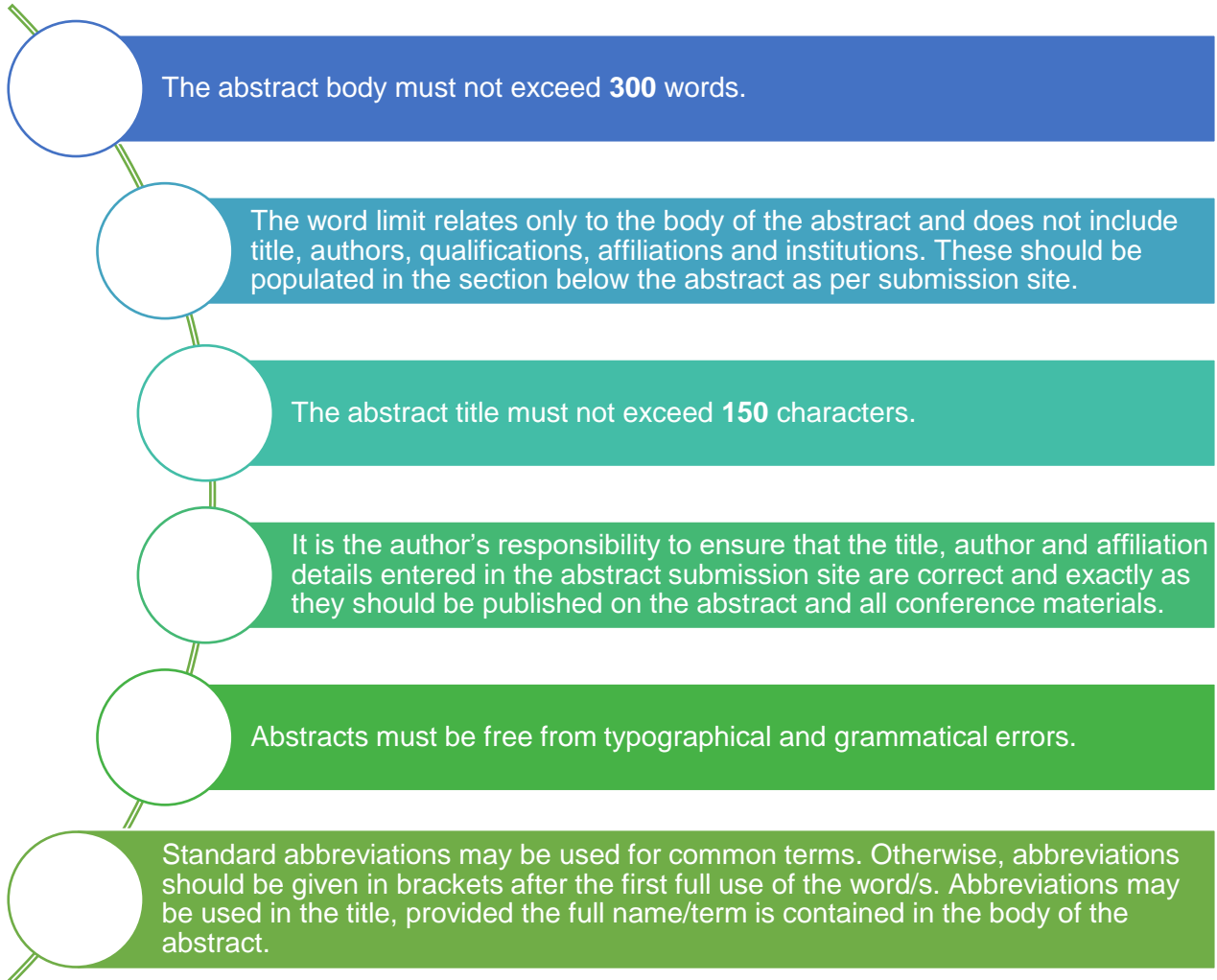
Abstracts must be submitted by the presenting author.

Authors must provide the affiliation(s) such as department, organization.

Confirmation on whether the presentation content has already been published and/or presented.

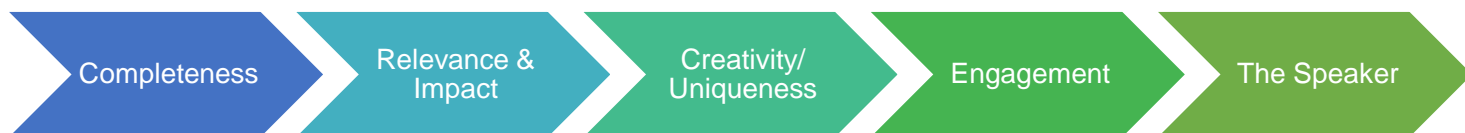
- The abstract must contain sufficient information to provide an overview of the whole presentation.
- The abstract should not contain statements alluding to results or conclusions that are not presented within the text.
- The author will be requested to provide a short biography (Up to 100 words) **see “my biography” section on website.**
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual. However, splitting a body of work into multiple abstracts is discouraged and consolidation into one abstract is preferred.
- Any presenter may submit more than one paper for either –
 1. Oral Presentation
 2. Poster Presentation
- The presenting author must have registered for the Conference in order to ensure their abstract is included in the final programme.
- Submission of an abstract acknowledges the author’s consent to publication of the abstract in the Conference programme.
- Invited papers are given 15 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion. Discussion is often vital to work presented, and these times will be strictly adhered to.
- You will be notified of your acceptance **31 August 2022** before the conference for the scheduled date and time of your presentation.
- You will have access to speaker room to edit your presentation before you present.
- We will provide a projector w/sound for video and a microphone in each session room. Speakers will be required to pay for additional equipment if it is required.
- Laptops will be provided in the session rooms. It is important to arrive to the session room approximately 10 minutes in advance.
- All abstracts will be accepted; however, your abstract will be withdrawn if it violates HPCSA & AMCOA code of conduct.
- Authors are requested to be sensitive to, and show respect for, ethnic, cultural, religious, and gender diversity.
- Often, conference presenters have websites that accompany their papers. If you would like attendees to refer to a website prior to the conference, please include the website's URL as a footnote to your abstract.

3. ABSTRACT FORMAT

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- The abstract body must not exceed **300** words.
 - The word limit relates only to the body of the abstract and does not include title, authors, qualifications, affiliations and institutions. These should be populated in the section below the abstract as per submission site.
 - The abstract title must not exceed **150** characters.
 - It is the author's responsibility to ensure that the title, author and affiliation details entered in the abstract submission site are correct and exactly as they should be published on the abstract and all conference materials.
 - Abstracts must be free from typographical and grammatical errors.
 - Standard abbreviations may be used for common terms. Otherwise, abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word/s. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the full name/term is contained in the body of the abstract.

4. ABSTRACT ASSESSMENT

The Programme Planning Committee in its review, will consider a number of factors, including but not limited to the following –



The Programme Planning Committee requests that authors keep the audience in mind and ensure presentations are pitched at a level which is accessible to an audience which is not very technical yet at the same time be based on strong scientific evidence.

5. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance notifications will be sent to the submitting author via e-mail by

31 August 2022.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Programme.

6. PRESENTATION

AMCOA will have their annual conference from **03 October to 06 October 2022.**

Authors will be required to do presentations of their papers at the conference or virtually.

The author will be required to submit the presentation by **10 September 2022.**