



Accelerating progress to end TB

8th SA
TB
Conference
04 - 07 June 2024
Durban ICC



8th SA TB CONFERENCE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The deadline for abstract submissions is 15 January 2024 - It is important to submit your abstract before the deadline, any abstracts received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. The Programme Committee is committed to finalizing the Programme by March 2024, so attendees will have ample time to plan their participation accordingly.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

You are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Programme Committee for participation at the 8th SA TB Conference Programme. The conference is scheduled to take place at the Durban International Convention Centre from **04 - 07 June 2024**.

On the abstract submission portal, you will be able to submit the following abstracts:

- **Research- based presentations (oral or poster)**
- **Best practice/implementation presentations (oral or poster)**
- **PhD Reports**
- **Debates**

NOTE: When you get to the content field, please use the structure below depending on the presentation type you have selected.

- **Research-based Presentations (oral or poster):** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral presentation (Oral presentations are typically between 15- 20 minutes)

Headings:

- Background & Objectives
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions

- **Best Practice/Implementation Presentations (oral or poster):** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral presentation (Oral presentations are typically between 15- 20 minutes)

Headings:

- Background
- Methodology/Approach
- Results
- Lessons Learned
- Recommendations

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- **Abstract for PhD Reports: oral or poster):** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral report (Oral PhD Reports are typically 10- minutes long). These short presentations are designed to showcase the work of emerging scientists in the Tuberculosis field.

Headings:

- Year PhD was awarded
- Academic Institution
- Main findings

- **Abstract for Debates:** Debates are 30 minutes structured debates around a controversial topic and involve a moderator and a proponent and an opponent. For this type of abstract please use the following headings

Headings:

- Name of moderator
- Name of person speaking in favor of the topic (proponent)
- Name of person speaking against the topic (opponent)
- Relevance of the topic to the theme if the conference

The theme of the conference is **Accelerating progress to end TB**. Abstracts will be reviewed according to the following tracks:

Track 1 – Basic/Clinical Sciences, and Diagnostics

This track focuses on improving and expanding the understanding of TB basic and clinical sciences. This includes the mechanisms of TB infection and disease in humans and animals, host-pathogen interaction, resistance mechanisms, immunology, genetics, and biomarkers. The track also focuses on advances and innovations in TB diagnostics for drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB and includes examples of cost-effective strategies and best practices for maximum benefit for different population groups (children, persons living with HIV, and other comorbidities).

Track 2 – Prevention, TB vaccines, and Treatment Strategies

This track focuses on the latest advances and innovations in TB prevention and treatment including discovery, development, and implementation of new therapeutic and vaccination strategies. It also focuses on advances in adopting treatment strategies with emerging novel short-course regimens for drug-sensitive TB, drug-resistant TB, and TB infection for children and adults. The track also includes innovations/best practices in implementing airborne TB infection control and prevention in high-risk settings, as well as active case finding.

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Track 3 – Epidemiology, Health Systems, and Implementation

This track focuses on TB epidemiology, and the delivery of TB services within the health system, the community, and in other settings. The track has an emphasis on providing integrated care for people with comorbidities including but not limited to HIV, mental health, and other non-communicable diseases. It also looks at cost-effective strategies and interventions including digital health solutions to improve the quality of TB services across the TB care cascade. The track also includes systems strengthening, health promotion, environmental health, and monitoring and evaluation for impact.

Track 4 - Human rights, Civil Society, Advocacy and TB Policies

This track focuses on highlighting human rights barriers, TB-related stigma, harassment, and discrimination, and the impact on TB service delivery and outcomes of interventions, particularly amongst key populations. The track also aims to enhance the voice and work of Civil Society and other stakeholders in advocating for TB policies, addressing the social determinants of TB, and implementing innovative strategies across the cascade of care. It includes evidence-informed advocacy for policy formulation and review of human rights and advocacy programs.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- Abstracts can only be submitted electronically through the 8th SA TB Conference website. Abstracts submitted to the conference secretariat directly through any other means will not be accepted for review.
- A confirmation email will be sent to you when your abstract has been received. Please refer to your abstract by number, title and presenting author in all correspondence regarding the abstract.
- Please contact the Secretariat if you have not received confirmation that your abstract has been received.
- All abstracts will be forwarded to the Abstract Review Committee for review. Notifications regarding status will be sent once the review process is complete.
- Notices of acceptance or rejection of the paper will be sent to the primary author, with reviewer comments where applicable.
- The presenting author is expected to attend and register for the 8th SA TB Conference by the communicated registration deadline and present the oral poster presentation or roundtable panel discussion.

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GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The on-line submission system is user friendly.

Please draft your abstract according to the headings listed below of not more than 300 words in total. You may draft your abstract in text format only using a word processing software i.e., MS Word and then copy and paste the text in the abstract submission box.

***Note that no graphic images, tables, graphs, or columns should be submitted with your abstract/presentation.**

You will be guided through the submission procedure. Please follow the instructions as shown on the webpage.

The submitted abstract should contain the following information:

1. Background and Objectives
2. Method
3. Results
4. Conclusion

Abstract Submission Information

TIP: Draft your abstract in text format in MS Word or a similar programme according to the fields described in Step 3 below. Please only use Arial plain font in 10 points. Save it as a document once you are sure the content is ready for submission as an abstract/presentation. Copy and paste the text from this document into the field provided under Step 2 of the submission process.

Step 1: Abstract Details

You will be required to complete the following fields:

Track

Submission type

Was the same or similar talk given in SA or abroad

Abstract title

Authors

Author's Mobile Number

Author's Work Number

Short bio of author

E-mail address for nominated author (for reader queries and correspondence)

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Abstract Text as per the guidelines below

Step 2: Submission of Abstract Content

Abstracts that report research findings should contain the following concise statements:

Background: The description of the problem or the hypothesis, the study objectives
Methods: Study methods used, or approaches taken
Results: Specific results in summarized form
Conclusions: Statement about the main outcomes.

Abstracts for reporting on strategies / projects should contain the following concise statements:

Background: Short statement summarizing the issue(s) addressed by the abstract
Methods: A brief description of the project, experience, program, or research
Results: A brief description of the results or lessons learned
Conclusions: A brief statement of next steps / recommendation

The following fields will need to be completed under their respective headings:

Abstract Information

Abstract Title

Has the material presented in this abstract been published previously?

Preferred presentation: (poster or oral presentation)

Preferred track

Project Scalability: To scale the described project/activity described to a district /regional/national level, what are the requirements? (New or amended policies, operations, human resources, and financial implications).

Combined text in these fields should not exceed 500 words.

Abstracts can only be submitted in text format – no images or graphs should be included.

Step 3: Verification of information provided in steps 1 – 2.

All the details that have been provided in the abstract submission process will be presented for verification.

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