



## 7th TICH Annual Scientific Conference

29<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

Kisumu, Kenya



We wish to invite you to the 7<sup>th</sup> TICH Annual Scientific Conference whose theme is “**Innovations towards Achieving the Millennium Development Goals**”. The aim of the conference is to share innovations, success stories to inform approaches to address challenges in accelerating progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The conference will also seek to share strategies to contextualize imported innovations in the achievement of MDGs and define effective packages for action to accelerate progress, in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.

### **Sub-Theme 1: Innovation by academic and research institutions in driving initiatives towards the MDGs**

- Innovation in health systems performance
- Innovation in informing policy
- Innovation in community partnerships

### **Sub-Theme 2: Innovation in Health Systems Strengthening towards the achievement of the MDGs**

- Interface between the systems and households
- Community involvement in health system strengthening
- Peoples movement for health

### **Sub-Theme 3: Innovations in human capital development towards MDGs**

- Formal and Non-formal
- Human Resource for Health & Development

### **Why the conference?**

This conference will address the gap in translating knowledge into practice by providing a forum for:

- Sharing innovations, success stories to inform future approaches and challenges in MDGs
- Create effective awareness of obstacles to achieving MDGs
- Sharing on how to contextualize imported innovations in the achievement of MDGs.
- Define effective packages for action in achieving MDGs
- Suggesting relevant policies to provide enabling environment for scaling up innovation and programs.

### **What will be different?**

This conference will differ from the conventional paradigm of conferencing by:

- Creating multi-voice sessions in order to capture experiences from different communities e.g marginalized groups etc
- Addressing deficiencies in research to policy
- Focusing on the quest for practical, proven and effective solutions
- Focusing on failure of access to core groups to find practical solutions

### **Thematic roundtables**

Roundtables will focus on key strategic or controversial issues

### **Skills building workshops**

These sessions provide opportunity for participants interested in strengthening their skills and knowledge in selected topical areas.

### **Conference audience**

Conference participants will include researchers, Policy makers, Academicians, NGOs, Government Ministries, FBO, UN agencies and Donors.

### **Registration Fees:**

1. Individual registration USD 100.00
2. Group registration USD 300.00  
(4 up to 5 participants)
3. Founder Members of TICH and students USD 50.00 per person

## Conference Presentations

### 1. Scientific Papers

The scientific committee welcomes submissions of original work for both oral and poster presentations. Abstracts must be submitted as an electronic file in MS Word and must adhere to the abstract guidelines. Abstracts should not be more than 250 words. Scientific papers submitted for presentation will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Results
- Innovations
- Conclusion
- Recommendations

### 2. Poster presentations

Posters for presentation should be 90 (length) x 80 (width) centimeters, typed (including Tables, Figures) with font size of at least 28 pts (Times New Roman)

### 3. Exhibition space

#### Types of exhibitions:

#### a). Community /Self help groups

Space will be available at USD 150 per stand for the entire conference period.

#### b). Exhibition for marketing and promotion

Space will be available at a cost of USD 300 per stand for the entire conference period.

The exhibition cost covers registration for two people, a tent (2 x 2 m), one table, a chair and boards for exhibition.

#### Important Date:

- The deadline for abstract submission is February 10<sup>th</sup> 2010
- Registration opens on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- The deadline for registration is April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

#### Other Activities:

- Field visits
- Exhibitions by participating communities
- Excursions to Lake Victoria, Kisumu Museum, Impala Park, Kakamega forest Mbita Islands and Nakuru National Parks.

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## Conference Announcement

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