



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference

*theme:*

TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE  
THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY  
COLLABORATION

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### Welcome Message from AfiHC 2021 Planning Committee Chair



I am honored and delighted to welcome you to the 4th annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference under the theme, Transforming Healthcare through interdisciplinary collaboration. This conference is organized by Push Aid Africa Inc. (PAAF) in collaboration with the University of Rwanda.

While we regret that the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from having the conference in Kigali, Rwanda, we are excited about the opportunity of hosting a virtual conference. Our conference program is rich with a variety of speakers and presenters who are health-related researchers, practitioners, academics and students at all

levels.

This 3-day virtual conference will feature concurrent oral and poster sessions under the following themes: Education and training from healthcare professionals in Africa; Response to emerging infectious diseases in Africa, Community engagement in healthcare delivery; Innovation and collaboration toward achieving sustainable development goals in Africa, Africa's strategies towards COVID-19 pandemic; and Challenges with chronic and non-communicable diseases in Africa.

We also plan to provide a virtual showcase of a remarkable Rwanda cultural performance.

As the Chair of AfiHC 2021 planning committee, I recognize that the success of the conference depends ultimately on the many people who have worked with us in planning the conference. In particular, we thank the PAAF team, UR planning committee, and Rwanda Convention Bureau for their wise advice and brilliant suggestions on organizing this conference with the uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic navigating from face to face to hybrid and ultimately to a virtual conference. Our appreciation goes to the scientific committee for their thorough and timely review of the abstracts. Recognition goes to the entire planning committee members who have worked extremely hard on organizing the conference. To our sponsors, Push Aid Africa Inc.; University of Rwanda, specifically the School of Nursing and Midwifery; School of Nursing, University of California San Francisco; and Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Union, we are very grateful for your generosity.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

Associate Professor Donatilla Mukamana  
University of Rwanda  
Planning Committee Chair





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### **Welcome remarks by Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Rwanda and Chair of Scientific Committee**



**A** warm welcome to all our esteemed participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC). It is an honor for the School of Nursing and Midwifery University of Rwanda to have collaborated with Push Aid African Inc (PAAF) in planning this conference. As Chair of the Scientific Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the abstracts submitted and reviewed for this event were of high quality and consistent with the theme.

The University of Rwanda, School of Nursing and Midwifery, continues to enjoy its collaboration with Push Aid Africa Inc. (PAAF), and through this collaboration, stems the organization of the AfIHC. At this 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AfIHC, we received a number of abstracts coming from various parts of the world including but not limited to America, Canada, Europe, and Africa in general, a reflection of its global importance.

Under the various sub themes, the conference received wide publicity. I would like to assure our participants that the dissemination process of research findings from various presenters of this conference highlights the quality of research conducted by Africans and their collaborators to improve the quality of health care delivery in our respective nation. In fact, the research findings demonstrate the problems and issues that affect the African Nations and its populations.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all members of the Scientific Committee and the central organizing committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference for their tireless efforts and working on the clock to enable the conduct of this noble conference. Lastly, I thank our collaborator-PAAF for working closely with the UR-SONM and trusting us to be central in the organization of this conference.

I thank you all and hope you enjoy the presentations.

Dr Madeleine Mukeshimana  
Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery  
University of Rwanda  
Chair, Scientific Committee





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### **Message from the Principal of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences**



**W**arm greetings from the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Rwanda. On behalf of the College, I'm privileged to welcome all our esteemed participants across the Globe to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference with the theme, "Transforming Healthcare through interdisciplinary collaboration".

The College at large congratulates the School of Nursing and Midwifery and their partners for having organized this conference in cognizance of the Covid -19 pandemic that has changed a lot of things including usual business.

This interdisciplinary international conference was to be held here in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. Due to the prevailing situation of the pandemic, the Organizing committee with its sub-committees had an alternative of conducting the conference virtually and capture a wider audience. I'm also confident from the look of the program that the knowledge sharing process among clinicians and academicians in their field of work is imperative as we tend to mitigate and find solutions for now a double burden of emerging, re-emerging and non-communicable diseases including the novel coronavirus.

The College therefore will continue to support such innovations that bring together the various health professionals to share, discuss and also find amicable solutions to the problems that affect the population they serve for greater impact on health outcomes.

I therefore, thank all the participants who have put aside their busy schedule to contribute to the knowledge sharing process and without your efforts to embrace this conference, it would not happen. Additionally, I take this opportunity to thank the School of Nursing and Midwifery, PAAF, organizing committee and other sub-committees that have worked tirelessly to ensure that the 4<sup>th</sup> annual African Interdisciplinary Health Conference takes place on the suggested dates.

I do hope that all of us are able to gain something from this conference that will be useful to improve our own practice areas, profession, shape policies but more importantly, providing holistic quality health care services to our populations.

I thank you all!

Assoc. Prof. Jeanne Kagwiza,  
Ag. Principal, College of Medicine and Health Sciences  
University of Rwanda







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### **Message from AfiHC Board of Governors**

**W**e are delighted to welcome you to our fourth annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfiHC 2021). This year's theme, *Transforming Healthcare through Interdisciplinary Collaboration* is very important globally especially in these unprecedented times we are experiencing. Not only do we continue to struggle with the issue of a workforce shortage which has long been at the forefront of the health care industry but the accentuated need during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic requires healthcare professionals to seek new and innovative measures to work together to transform healthcare for future generations.

Now is the time to deliberate and explore best practice evidence for transformation and delivery of interdisciplinary health care. During the AfiHC 2021 virtual conference you will have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with a global network of colleagues while engaging with the latest research and interdisciplinary projects of colleagues from Africa. We hope that our virtual conference will provide a tremendous opportunity for educators, clinicians, administrators, policymakers, researchers and specialist across a variety of disciplines to network and foster possible collaborations. Thank you for taking time to join your fellow conference participants virtually and share your experience and expertise. We trust you find your time is well spent, that old friendships could be renewed while also creating new connections. On behalf of everyone associated with AfiHC, we welcome you to our virtual conference. We look forward to engaging with you to promote interdisciplinary education and collaboration for better health care in Africa and beyond.

Sincerely,

AfiHC Board of Governors





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### **Welcome from AfiHC Secretary General**

I wish to welcome you, our participants from across the globe, to our 4th annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfiHC). The theme for AfiHC 2021 is *Transforming Healthcare through Interdisciplinary Collaboration*.

Interdisciplinary collaboration is becoming the dominant model for understanding complex health issues across the globe. However, not much has been done in Africa to promote this collaboration among healthcare professionals. AfiHC is the first of its kind in the Africa sub-region, focusing on connecting health-related researchers, academics, students and practitioners. This conference is the most remarkable event that will bring together healthcare professionals from all disciplines including governmental, private, and bilateral organizations in Africa to deliberate on the future of interdisciplinary health research and collaborations in Africa.

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented us with the unprecedented opportunity to use an interdisciplinary approach to promote healthcare delivery in Africa. AfiHC 2021 is the ideal platform for us to discuss innovative ways to prevent or handle pandemics such as COVID-19 using an interdisciplinary approach. We are, therefore, welcoming you as you are part of creating history with us by attending AfiHC 2021.

We are grateful to our co-host, University of Rwanda especially the School of Nursing and Midwifery, who diligently worked with us to make AfiHC 2021 a success.

We would like to say a special thank you to the central planning committee members and other members of the various sub-committees for their commitment and enormous contribution to the success of AfiHC 2021.

Best Wishes,

Jerry John Nutor, PhD  
Secretary General





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# Day 1 Wednesday, September 22, 2021

08H00 – 09H15

Opening Remarks

Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Rwanda

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### Keynote Address



#### **Prof Kenneth Nguire**

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### Moderator



#### **Dennis Penu, MSc, PhD(c)**

09H20 – 10H45





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### **PANEL DISCUSSION:** **Transforming Healthcare through Interdisciplinary Collaboration**



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**Moderator:** Dennis Penu, MSc, PhD(c)

**Break – 10H45 – 11H00**

11H00 – 13H00 – Concurrent sessions

### **Session A –The COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Moderator: Dr. Marie Chantal Uwimana**

1. Willingness to uptake COVID-19 vaccine in Ghana: evidence from a rapid nationwide survey  
**Robert Kaba Alhassan**
2. Factors predicting the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 among health care workers: a cross-sectional study. **Esinam Kayi**
3. COVID-19 preventive practices by staff and students of the Durban University of Technology, South Africa. **Kelechi Elizabeth Oladimeji**
4. Assessing the efficiency of Covid-19 public health and medical care services: Evidence from SSA countries. **Kwadwo Arhin**
5. Resilience of maternal and child health care in northern Togo during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Désiré Dabla**

### **Session B – Healthcare Systems**

**Moderator: Prof. Oluyinka Adejumo**

1. Leveraging traditional institutions to enhance universal health coverage: Case study of Egbaland, Ogun State, Nigeria. **Omotola Akinmolayan**
2. Transforming healthcare by advancing the rights and wellbeing of asylum seekers and refugees: A case of United Kingdom (UK) - based online platform. **Philomene Uwamaliya**
3. Public health spending and health outcomes in Nigeria: Does governance institutions matter? **Amaka Metu**
4. Perspectives of postnatal mothers regarding quality care at a local clinic in the Limpopo Province. **Kgadi Ruth Mosehla**
5. Stakeholders' opinion about the feasibility of preconception care services in the Nigerian health system. **Oludoyinmola Ojifinni**



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**Lunch break 13H00 – 13H30**

13H30 – 15H00 - Concurrent sessions

### **Session A – Maternal and Child Health**

**Moderator: Dr. Scovia Nalugo Mbalinda**

1. Prevalence and risk factors associated with preterm birth in Rwanda: Case study of Nyamata district hospital. **Immaculee Mukandepandasi**
2. Factors influencing stigma against women with obstetric fistula: A critical ethnographic research study. **Marie Grace Sandra Musabwasoni**
3. Community perceptions of person-centered maternity care in Migori County, Kenya. **Osamuedeme Odiase**
4. Perceptions of HIV positive mothers towards six months exclusive breastfeeding at Duncan Village Day Hospital, East London, Eastern Cape. **Nontando Mkhencele**

### **Session B – Improving Access to Diagnostic Assessment**

**Moderator: Mrs. Agnes Gatarayiha**

1. Community engagement initiative to improve access to essential diagnostic services in Senegal. **Hamidou Thiam**
2. Assessment of catheter associated UTI; implications for IPC measures at Benito Menni Hospital. **Isaac Nana Afer Bentum**
3. Determinants of nurses' early recognition and responses to clinically deteriorating children in Rwanda referral hospitals. **Aphrodis Gustave Tuyishime**
4. Ear foreign body diagnosis: Five years' study. **Mahomed Sidique Abdul Cadar Dadá**





## Day 2 Thursday, September 23, 2021

08H30 – 09H30

Plenary session

**Theme:** Transforming health policies for universal health coverage: The imperative of a needs-based interdisciplinary planning.

**Speaker:** James Avorka Asamani, MPhil, PhD(c)

**Moderator:** Precious Duodu, MPH, RN

**Break:** 09H30 - 09H45

09H45 – 11H00 - Concurrent sessions

### **Session A – Poster Presentations**

**Moderator:** Mrs. Marie Grace Sandra Musabwasoni

1. Laboratory tests demand: Electronic-gate-keeping (EGK) system cost-effectiveness at a rural academic hospital in South Africa. **Zoliswa Mayekiso**
2. Roots of incivility in South African professional nursing education. **Hildegard Jo- Anne Vink**
3. Biodiversity of phytobacteria in vegetable crops in Côte D'voire. **Emmanuella Adioumani**
4. Nurse educators' readiness to use blended learning in public nursing education institutions in Gauteng Province, South Africa. **Sarah Namulondo**
5. Implementation of eHealth Strategy for the Health Sector Delivery and Governance in Tanzania: Prospects and Challenges. **Andrew Mushi**

### **Session B – Poster Presentations**

**Moderator:** Dr. Pamela Meharry

1. Multidisciplinary communication of effective health education practices in the wake of the new normal to combat future pandemic in Ghana. **Maxwell Seyram Kumah**
2. Advanced prosthetic rehabilitation in sub-Saharan Africa: Case report. **Akouetevi Aduayom-Ahego**
3. Infection prevention practices in household contacts of TB defaulters at Bizana Area of Eastern Cape, South Africa. **Khaliphile Wiseman Ntsazana**
4. Rural inhabitants' Perception-induced immunization status - The case of yellow fever vaccination in Ghana. **Magdalene Abiana Quantson**
5. Demand for alcohol abuse among students at higher education institutions: An integrative literature review. **Miriam Moagi**



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**Break – 11H00 – 11H30**

11H30 – 13H00 - Concurrent sessions

### **Session A – Innovation in Education and Practice**

**Moderator: Dr. Umubyeyi Benoitte**

1. The experience of using blended learning among Rwandan nursing and midwifery students.  
**Jean Pierre Ndayisenga**
2. The effect of an mLearning application on nurses' and midwives' knowledge and skills for the management of postpartum hemorrhage and neonatal resuscitation: Pre-post intervention study. **Aurore Nishimwe**
3. Using mobile phone technology to bridge the patient-provider gap for pregnant women in Ghana. **Martina Anto-Ocrah**
4. Evaluation of a pilot interprofessional Arclight TM workshop for healthcare students in Rwanda: promoting collaborative practice in eye health. **Gatera Fiston Kitema**

### **Session B – Management of Chronic Diseases**

**Moderator: Dr. Claire Uwamahoro**

1. Exploring infection prevention practices among household contacts of TB defaulters  
**Khaliphile Wiseman Ntsazana**
2. Social network predictors of hypertension control among adults with type 2 diabetes in Ghana. **Marian Botchway**
3. Undetectable Equals untransmittable is a solution to decreasing community viral load and can be a tool end HIV/Aids by 2030. **Mandisa Dukashe**
4. Feasibility of establishing a network of community health workers to support care of people with sickle cell disease. **Julie Buser**

**Lunch Break – 13H00 – 13H30**

13H30 – 15H00

### **Panel Discussion**

**Panel Discussion Moderator:** Getahun, Monica, MPH

**Topic:** Perceived preparedness and impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on healthcare workers in Ghana and Kenya. **Patience Afulani, PhD, MBChB, MPH; John K. Awoonor-Williams, PhD, MD; Raymond Aborigo, PhD; Hawa Malachi, MBChB; Akua Gyemerah, DrPH, MPH; Benedicta Bonsu, MBChB, MPH, DrPH(c); Osamuedeme J. Odiase, MS; Moses Obimbo Madadi Ph.D**





## Day 3 Friday, September 24, 2021

08H30 – 10H00

### **Session A – Sexual and Reproductive Health**

**Moderator: Dr. Baptiste Sagahutu**

1. Lived experience of healthcare professionals providing safe abortion in Rwanda. **Marie Grace Sandra Musabwasoni**
2. “I want to live for them”; determinants of uptake of clinical breast examination: A qualitative inquiry. **Camillus Buunaaisie**
3. Expanding notions of social reproduction; Parents and young people's risky sexual reproductive health behavior. **Isaac Yeboah**
4. The indigenous perspectives of dysmenorrhea meaning among Batlokwa Traditional Health Practitioners and Indigenous Knowledge Holders. **Molatelo Melitah Rasweswe**

### **Session B – Education of Healthcare Professionals**

**Moderator: Dr. Godfrey Katende**

1. Enhancing and inhibiting factors in the use of e-learning by faculty of College of Medicine and Health Sciences, at University of Rwanda. **Gerard Nyiringango**
2. Teaching family planning in nursing and midwifery schools. **Pauline Uwajeneza**
3. Clinical instructors and preceptors' role during clinical education of nursing students in Ghana. **Evelyn Eyeson**
4. A qualitative study on the perceptions of community needs among 5th year medical students at Walter Sisulu University during the integrated community clerkship program. **Siyonela Mlonyeni**

**Break – 10H00 – 10H15**

10H15 – 11H45 - Concurrent sessions

### **Session A – Women Health**

**Moderator: Dr. Scovia Nalugo Mbalinda**

1. Does knowledge of women on abortion legality determine choice of abortion provider?: A decomposition analysis of nationally representative data. **Isaac Yeboah**
2. Exploring the coping strategies women who completed chemotherapy for breast cancer adapt in Accra metropolis. **Gbande Sulleh**
3. Demographic and socio-economic determinants of low health care access among pregnant women in Nigeria. **Henry Asogwa**



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4. A qualitative study on the perceptions of community needs among 5th year medical students at Walter Sisulu University during the integrated community clerkship program.

**Siyonela Mlonyeni**

### **Session B – Healthcare Professional Students attitude to Health**

**Moderator: Prof. Oluyinka Adejumo**

1. Perceived motivators and barriers to water intake and sleep among university students in Ghana. **Phidelia Doegah**
2. Collaborative Capacity and Structural Features that Enable Team Effectiveness: Perceptions of Health Care Workers, Malawi. **Tulipoka Soko**
3. Knowledge and factors affecting student nurses' compliance regarding standard precautions in Eswatini University. **Ncobile Gina**
4. KAP of students of the superior health schools of the Mozambican universities about COVID-19. **Abdul Habib**

**Break – 11H45 – 12H00**

12H00 – 14H15 - Concurrent sessions

### **Session A –Healthcare Providers and Caregivers**

**Moderator: Dr. Pamela Meharry**

1. Task-shifting in HIV/AIDS management: Perspectives on health care delivery at selected PHC facilities, South Africa. **Kelechi Elizabeth Oladimeji**
2. Knowledge and Home Caregiver's Experiences of Palliative Health Care Team Support in Pain Management of Cancer Patients in Rwanda. **Twahirwa Jean Claude**
3. Nurses' experiences of a pediatric nursing continuing professional development program in Rwanda. **Amy Olson**
4. Assessing involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS in the management of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. **Mandisa Dukashe**
5. Transforming lives with community health nursing: Community-engaged assessment and action through quality improvement. **Adrienne White**
6. Costs of community health workers' 'informal' phone use to support healthcare service delivery in Malawi. **Tawonga Mwase-Vuma**



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### Session B – Long Term Care Management and COVID-19 Pandemic

**Moderator: Ms Sharon Dei-Tumi**

1. Creating awareness about COVID-19 in Ghana through edutainment. **Rachel Thompson**
2. Prevalence and determinants of Buruli ulcer among residents in the Hohoe municipality of Ghana. **Atubiga A Baba**
3. Community engagement in nutrition health care delivery: A discourse analysis of the Ghanaian situation. **Elizabeth B. Micah**
4. Insights from at-risk populations during COVID-19: Surveys among chronic disease patients and healthcare workers in rural Rwanda. **Dale Barnhart**

**Break – 14H15 – 14H30**

14H30 – 15H00pm

Closing Remarks

Rwanda cultural performance





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