

**Population Health and Environment (PHE) Regional Conference**  
**September 9 – 10, 2015**  
**Tom Mboya Labour College, Kisumu**  
**Call for Abstracts/Papers**

The Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) in collaboration with the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat, EAC Partner States, PHE Networks, PHE Ethiopia Consortium and PHE Madagascar Network and the Technical sub-committee of the Population Health and Environment (PHE) Regional Conference are pleased to invite abstracts (oral presentations and posters) that will address the overall **theme of the conference, " Integrated Population, Health and Environment (PHE): Lessons for Sustainable Development Agenda"** and the following **Sub-themes:**

- i) Advocacy, Communication and Institutionalization of PHE Policy and Programming
- ii) PHE in National, Regional and Global Strategies and Frameworks
- iii) Integrating Population and Health into Existing Environment and Natural Resource Management
- iv) PHE, Climate Change and Resilience
- v) PHE Integration, Youth and Gender
- vi) PHE and Inter-sectoral Coordination and Partnerships
- vii) Monitoring, Evaluating and Scaling- up PHE

**Abstract Submission Guidelines**

The **abstracts** should be informative and relevant, informed by experience, practice, and research, and encourage opportunities for learner engagement, and/or demonstrate application to the work of participants. Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

- Abstracts can only be submitted online via the conference website [www.lvbcom.org](http://www.lvbcom.org)
- Submissions by any other method will be rejected.
- All abstract authors are requested to choose a sub-theme(s) for their abstract during the submission process.
- The preferred language is English, but we also welcome abstracts/papers in French.
- The author(s) has full responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- A maximum of two abstract submissions per person is permitted.

**Project/Program Submission Guidelines:**

Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your project/program:

- Project/program name and sites/locations
- Partners (which partners are you working with)
- Target populations and justification for the same (problem statement)
- Project/program implementation frameworks
- Achievements (success stories – quantifiable results or You tube clips of testimonies)
- Challenges

- Lessons Learned
- Recommendations for PHE policy and programming

### **Abstract Structure**

Abstracts should be structured in one of the following formats:

- Standard Format: Introduction and objectives, Method(s), Results and Conclusion.
- Qualitative Research Studies: Introduction, Method(s), Findings and discussion, Recommendations and References\*.
- Experiential & Practice Samples: Introduction, Action, Outcome, Discussion, Recommendations and References\*.
- Historical Survey: Introduction, Approach, Findings and Discussions and References\*.

**Applies only to extended abstracts\***

### **Formatting & Word Limit**

- Times New Romans 12 pt., double-line spacing should be used when formatting the text. The abstract summary is limited to 250 words.
- An extended abstract of up to 1,000 words should also be submitted as an attachment. Titles are limited to 20 words.
- A maximum of three tables and three graphs/images may be included.
- Tables and graphs/images do not count toward the word limit.
- Alternatively, authors can submit completed papers or presentations for the organizers to review.

### **Instructions for Submitting Posters**

- Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts/papers for consideration as posters. All of the above instructions for abstract/paper submissions also apply for poster submissions.
- Authors submitting an abstract /paper to one or two regular session(s) can indicate whether it should be considered for poster presentation if not accepted for the regular session.
- If you want your abstract/paper to be considered for a poster session please check “yes” in the appropriate area of the online submission form.

### **Important Dates**

- May 22, 2015: Online submission of abstracts or papers begins
- June 30, 2015: Deadline for submitting abstracts or papers
- July 15, 2015: Authors are notified of abstract/ papers accepted for the regular sessions
- July 31 2015: Information to authors of posters and member/partner initiated meetings to be incorporated in the main programme
- August 1, 2015: Revision of final abstracts to be published in the Conference Programme
- August 15, 2015: Submission of papers to conference website and to discussants and session chairs

**Funding:** We encourage participants whose abstracts/papers will be accepted to seek funding for the conference where possible. However partial funding will be available for participants from the region.