Call for Abstracts

Education Evidence 4 Action

Evidence-based curriculum reforms for transformative education.

When: 5TH – 6TH December
Where: Nyeri, Kenya (*the venue will be announced soon*).
Submission Deadline: 7th July

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract for the 2017 Education Evidence 4 Action Conference. The conference is organized by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) in partnership with the EE4A committee: Innovations for Poverty Action-Kenya (IPA), African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Twaweza East Africa, Research Triangle International (RTI), Women Education Researchers of Kenya (WERK), Kenya Institute of Curriculum development (KICD), and Kenyatta University.

EE4A Conference Theory of Change

Researchers involve policymakers and practitioners in identification and prioritization of knowledge gaps. The body of education evidence grows in both rigor and trust, and the coalition of research partners gives birth to a solid community of evidence, a data revolution for education. Policymakers participate in shaping the research agenda, and demand and consume evidence that informs policy and practice decisions. Teachers participate in shaping the research agenda, and demand and consume evidence that improves classroom practice. Rolling each other, the three wheels of evidence, policy, and practice deliver inclusive, equitable, and quality education and lifelong learning for Kenya's development by year 2030.

Invitation

We therefore encourage you as an education sector stakeholder, practitioner, policymaker, researcher and/or scholar to submit an abstract for consideration for presentation during this conference.

The conference will address the following four sub-themes:
1. Education for what
2. Quality of learning
3. Equity in education
4. Inclusion in education

Important: *This is not a normal education research conference. The reviewers will be most interested in papers that present policy-relevant information around the sub themes above, and are situated in ways to provide research evidence to the MoEST, county and community leaders in education to improve the use of evidence. Your papers should be targeted as such.*

Guide for presenters

The deadline to submit abstract(s) is **7th July, 11.59pm EAT.** To submit your abstract please email it as a word document to ee4a@poverty-action.org. The subject line **MUST** be one of the sub-themes below under which your abstract falls.

1. Education for what
2. Quality of learning
3. Equity in education
4. Inclusion in education

Your abstract, in word format, **MUST** not exceed 250 words, and should describe: (i) objectives or main questions addressed by your presentation; (ii) methodology and/or approaches; (iii) key results or findings; (iv) educational or scientific importance; (v) contribution to the theme or sub-theme of the conference; (vi) policy implications and/or message(s); and vii) three key words or descriptors (key words not part of the 250 word count).

Participants will not be limited to giving oral presentations on studies with results, but may also be invited to present posters on ongoing studies or exhibitions of innovative ideas in the education sector. If you have a preference for an oral presentation or a poster presentation, you may indicate this after your abstract. Samples of posters can be sent at the first call for abstracts, if available.

Those whose abstracts are selected in the first round will be asked to submit extended and detailed abstracts. The extended abstracts will be further reviewed by the organizing committee. In providing presentation support to the presenters, the organizing committee may ask you to share your presentation with them for review prior to the conference in order to provide guidance as necessary.

NOTES:

(1). *In the process of preparing the presentation, presenters are strongly encouraged to read the relevant NESP documents available at the Ministry of Education Science and Technology.*

(2) Any abstract that does not follow these guidelines will NOT be considered. Due to the large number of abstracts, the organizing committee shall not notify the presenters whose abstracts are rejected due to failure to follow guidelines.

Presenters' information

The following information should be provided before the abstract for each of the abstract co-authors: (i) Full name and title; (ii) Email address; (iii) Institution of affiliation, town/city and country. The lead author should also provide a short bio of up to 100 words that describes their expertise, experience, and current work.

Important dates

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: **7th July, 11.59pm EAT**
- Notification of acceptance and call for submission of extended abstracts: **Early August**
- Deadline for submission of extended abstracts: **4th week of August**
- Notification of acceptance and final presentation of extended abstracts: **Mid-September**
- Final conference program distributed: **End of September**

Exact dates to be communicated in due course.

For any enquiries regarding this call and or any general enquiries, please contact: ee4a@poverty-action.org or visit the conference website.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Education Conference.