



CALL FOR PAPERS

9th African Population Conference
Lilongwe - Malawi
May 20 – 24, 2024

Road to 2030: Leveraging Africa's Human Capital To Achieve Transformation In A World of Uncertainty

Hosted by the Government of Malawi and the Union for African Population Studies

BACKGROUND

Every four years, the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) organizes a general conference on African population issues. The aim of these conferences is to share and disseminate research evidence on population and development issues and explore ways of applying the research evidence to improve policies and programs aimed at uplifting the well-being of people in Africa. The conference provides an opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing among researchers, policymakers, program managers, international development partners, and other key stakeholders in the population field. The conference includes capacity-building activities targeted at young scholars.

The 9th African Population Conference will be jointly hosted by the Government of Malawi and UAPS between 20th and 24th May 2024 on the theme “**Road to 2030: Leveraging Africa's human capital to achieve transformation in a world of uncertainty**”. We invite submissions for research papers and posters, assessments of best practices, proposals for workshops and exhibitions.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

1. Submissions are made online starting **January 19, 2024**, at the 9th African Population Conference website, <https://uaps2024.popconf.org>
All authors are asked to submit both a) a short (150-word) abstract and b) an extended abstract (2-4 pages, including tables) or a completed paper to be uploaded to the website following instructions available online. Authors may modify their submission online up until **February 12, 2024**, when the online submission system will close.
2. Extended abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the session organizers to assess the merits of the paper, including a description of the topic to be studied, the theoretical focus, the data and research methods, and the expected findings.
3. If your submission is accepted in a regular session, you must upload the full paper by **April 8, 2024**.
4. The 9th APC submissions website will allow session organizers to view titles and authors of submitted papers as they are received online. The submitting author must provide their full name, e-mail, address, affiliation, and country of residence. The submitting author must also provide the names, email addresses and affiliations of all co-authors. Co-authors may visit the website to modify or add information such as addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
5. You may submit your extended abstract to one or two regular sessions, indicating your first and second choice on the submission form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING POSTERS

1. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration as posters. All the above instructions for paper/abstract submissions also apply for poster submissions.
2. Authors submitting a paper to one or two regular sessions may also have their paper considered for a poster session if it is not accepted in a regular session. If you want your paper to be considered for a poster session, please check “Yes” in the appropriate area of the online submission form.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 19:	Online submission of papers or extended abstracts opens
February 12:	Deadline for submitting papers or abstracts
February 28:	Authors are notified of papers accepted to regular sessions
March 15:	Authors of posters and additional sessions, including member/partner-initiated meetings to be incorporated into the main programme, are notified
March 25:	Submission of final abstracts to be published in the Conference Programme
April 8:	Submission of final papers to the conference website and to discussants and session chairs
May 20:	Conference begins
May 24:	Conference ends



CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES AND SESSIONS

1. Migration and Urbanization

No	Session
101	Migration, Sustainable Cities and Urban Livelihood
102	Migration data - generation, use and policy application
103	Urbanization in Africa
104	Gender and Migration
105	Urbanicity in Africa: shaping demographic change?
106	Challenges of survey data and administrative sources on migration

2. Data and Methods

No	Session
201	Computational approaches to population studies in Africa
202	Tropical disease modelling and capacity building in spatial demography in Sub-Saharan Africa countries
203	New methodological approaches in the social sciences: exploiting the potential of Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and technological innovations in data collection and analysis
204	Critical Approaches in African demography
205	Open science and African demography
206	Censuses and Surveys in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges
207	Hybrid census opportunities in Africa
208	Migration data: challenges and innovations
209	New perspectives in demographic surveys
210	Improving and exploiting CRVS data
211	Administrative data and record linkage in population and health data



3. Health and Mortality

No	Session
301	Environmental health in urban areas in Africa
302	Developing effective and efficient processes for Research Ethics Committees in Africa
303	Ageing and health in sub-Saharan Africa
304	Global health governance and Africa's response to public health emergencies
305	Perinatal depression in Africa
306	Innovations in Health Systems Research in Africa
307	Disability and Sexuality in Africa
308	Long term impacts of COVID 19
309	Older people and Mental health
310	Status of Africa's Health Transition and Implication for Health Policy
311	Health and care needs of older persons in Africa
312	The use of complementary and alternative medicine in Africa

4. Fertility / Sexual and Reproductive Health

No	Session
401	Emerging Low Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa
402	Fertility stalls in sub-Saharan Africa: drivers and consequences
403	Reproductive behaviour of women in North Africa: Stagnation and recovery of fertility
404	The demand for children in sub-Saharan Africa
405	Gender equality and women's empowerment in SRH
406	Conceptualization of Sexuality in Africa
407	Reaching sexual and gender minorities with Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights information and services
408	Equity in sexual and reproductive health and rights: Inclusion, Innovation and Impact



409	Reproductive Justice, Gender Equity and Fertility preferences
410	Unmet need for family planning among postpartum women and other vulnerable groups (Adolescents, refugees, and migrant urban slum dwellers).
411	Barriers and facilitators to access sexual and reproductive health services
412	30 years after Cairo
413	New measures/methods in SRH outcomes and evaluation
414	Men, masculinity and SRH
415	Sexual and reproductive health in humanitarian settings in Africa
416	Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
417	Contraceptive use transition in Africa: emerging trends, patterns, determinants, and consequences
418	Traditional contraceptive use in low- and medium-income countries
419	Trends, determinants, and consequences of abortion in Africa
420	Mental health and SRH
421	Ethical and technological advances in family planning
422	Marriage in sub-Saharan Africa: transformation and consequences
423	Family and household dynamics in sub-Saharan Africa
424	Early career researchers advancing the discourse on sexual and reproductive health and rights in contemporary Africa.
425	Adolescent Pregnancy and Social Exclusion
426	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, and Reproductive Health



5. Education & Human Development

No	Session
501	Educational Innovations: Nurturing Excellence from Early Childhood to Higher Education
502	Youth Empowerment: Fostering Leadership, Innovation, and Resilience in the 21st Century
503	Policy Dialogue: Bridging Research, Practice, and Policy for Empowering Africa's Future
504	Partnerships for Progress: Collaborative Initiatives and Stakeholder Engagement in Empowering Africa's Future
505	Health and Well-being of Older Persons in Africa
506	Social and Economic dimensions of ageing
507	Marginalized and At-Risk Youth: Resilience and Inclusion
508	Inclusion and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
509	Gender-responsive Policies and Socio-economic Inequalities
510	Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence
511	Health Governance, Innovation, and Resilience in Africa
512	Population Dynamics and Vulnerability
514	Humanitarian Settings and Protection Concerns
515	Improving Access to quality education: examples of successful interventions

6. Environment & Climate Change

No	Session
601	Integrated Approaches to Population, Health, Environment, and Development (PHED) in Africa
602	Climate Change and Disaster Risk
603	Climate Change and Health
604	Climate Change and women's health



7. Population & Economic Development

No	Session
701	Leveraging Africa's Demographic Potential: Strategies for Sustainable Development
702	Aging, Inequality, and Policy Implications in Sub-Saharan Africa
703	Rural Vulnerabilities: Livelihoods, and Sustainable Development
704	Gender, Resources, Opportunities, and Economic Disparities
705	Gender, Employment, Unpaid Care, and Domestic Work
706	Gendered Denials, Discrimination, and Socio-economic Exclusion
707	Women's economic empowerment: learning from successful interventions

For proposals for Panel discussions and Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops, please contact Valentina Oduro-Asante (9apc_science@uaps-uepa.org) at the UAPS Secretariat copying in the International Scientific Committee Chair (Francis Dodoo – duf2@psu.edu) and Vice-Chair (Jacques Emina – Jacques.emina@gmail.com).