

PROPOSED TOR'S FOR THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR THE FIRST AFRICA CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S SHELTERS

Theme: ***Building Stronger Shelter Systems Across Africa: Partnerships, Policy and Sustainable Investment***

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Maximum 500 words excluding title and author details

Include: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion

Title should be concise (max 20 words)

Include 3-5 keywords

Font: Times New Roman, size 12, single spaced.

Language: English

Format: Microsoft Word Document (.doc or .docx).

- Abstract Call publication – **6th October 2026**
- Abstract Submission Deadline: **20th October 2026 (by 11.59pm EAT)**
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: **27th October 2026**
- Submission of Full Papers: **13th November 2026**
- Deadline for Conference Registration: **6th November 2026**

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- Sub Theme 1: Strengthening Women's Shelter Systems and Standards across Africa
- Sub Theme 2: Enhancing Survivor-Centered and Trauma-Informed Care in Women's Shelters
- Sub Theme 3: The Impact of Collaboration among actors: Government, Private Sector and Civil Society to Improve Shelter Service Delivery
- Sub Theme 4: Advancing Policy Recognition and Sustainable Investment in Women's Shelter Infrastructure
- Sub Theme 5: Strengthening Workforce Capacity and Institutional Resilience of Women's Shelters in Africa
- Sub Theme 6: Strengthening Inclusion and Diversity Rights in Access to Shelters in Africa
- Sub Theme 7: Centering Survivor's Voice, Agency and Lived Experience in Shaping Shelter Systems

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Original work (plagiarism and use of AI above 13% will not be accepted)
- ✓ Practitioners in Shelters service delivery
- ✓ All authors must be listed with affiliations
- ✓ Declare any conflicts of interest
- ✓ Indicate preferred presentation format (oral/poster)
- ✓ Published works must be not older than 5 yrs (Published between January 2021-November 2026)

REVIEW CRITERIA

- ✓ Scientific merit and originality
- ✓ Practitioner experiences
- ✓ Survivor experiences
- ✓ Relevance to conference themes
- ✓ Methodological rigor
- ✓ Potential impact on Shelters in Africa

AWARDS

- ✓ Best Oral Presentation
- ✓ Best Poster Presentation
- ✓ Innovation award

IMPORTANT NOTES

- ✓ Presenting author must register for the conference
- ✓ Late submissions will not be accepted
- ✓ Limit of one abstract per presenting author
- ✓ Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings

ORAL PRESENTATION

- ✓ Present your research to a live audience
- ✓ 12 minutes presentation
- ✓ 3 minutes Q&A

POSTER PRESENTATION

- ✓ Display your research in the poster hall
- ✓ A0 (841 x 1189 mm / 33.1 x 46.8 inches)
- ✓ Portrait orientation
- ✓ Dedicated poster sessions

E-POSTER

- ✓ Digital presentation on conference screens
- ✓ PowerPoint format
- ✓ Maximum 5 slides
- ✓ Available throughout conference

Submission email: Email your abstract to sheltersconference@cdtd.org; and linda@cdtd.org

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