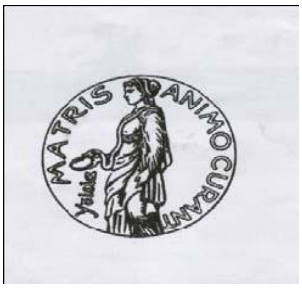

THE FIFTH REGIONAL CONGRESS OF
THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NEAR EAST AND AFRICA REGION

UNDER THE THEME:
"DEVELOPING WORLD TOWARDS ACHIEVING HEALTH RELATED MDGs IN *2015*"

HOSTED BY THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA (MEWATA)

FROM WED 15th - FRI 17th JULY 2009

AT THE MAGNIFICENT KUNDUCHI BEACH HOTEL,

DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTAND CALL FOR PAPERS

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA! The Medical Women's Association of Tanzania (MEWATA) is greatly privileged to host the next regional congress of the Near East and Africa region under the theme: **"DEVELOPING WORLD TOWARDS ACHIEVING HEALTH RELATED MDGs IN *2015"*.** This congress will take place from Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th July 2009, at the magnificent Kunduchi Beach Hotel, in Dar Es Salaam.

The Association has the pleasure to invite you on behalf of the Near East and African Region and MWIA to this Fifth Regional Congress and also invites you to make paper presentations at this congress. Kindly find below details of the Congress for your information.

The objectives of the Fifth Regional Congress are as follows:

1. To review global progress towards attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.
2. To discuss the various stages reached by different countries in the achievement of MDGs including the lessons learnt and best practices.
3. To discuss the contribution of Women Medical Professionals and related associations in enhancing the attainment of the MDGs;
4. To provide a forum for networking between Near East and African Region member associations and individual members from the region with other MWIA chapters, as well as with CSOs, the Government and other stakeholders in Tanzania.

The topics to be discussed will include the following:

The overview of MDGs and the current global status: where we are and where we are going in the following areas:

1. Sexual, Reproductive and Child Health
2. Communicable and Non communicable diseases and conditions;
3. Health systems including Human Resource for Health.
4. Global partnerships to enhance the attainment of the MDGs.
5. Cross cutting matters such as gender, legal and non-health related aspects

Further elaborations on these topics are reflected in the below scientific information.

Program Format: The program will consist of plenary state of the art presentations, round tables**,** abstract driven oral and poster presentations. There will also be a young women's' forum, targeting members and associate members of MWIA under the age of 30 to present their experiences, and the challenges they face in their career.

MEWATA is looking forward to your active participation and attendance at this historic congress in Dar es Salaam – the Haven of Peace and Tourism.

You are cordially welcome!

Yours Sincerely,

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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

"DEVELOPING WORLD TOWARDS ACHIEVING HEALTH RELATED MDGs IN *2015*"

Congress Period: 15th - 17th JULY 2009

Venue: Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Official Congress Organizers: The Medical Women's Association of Tanzania (MEWATA) affiliated member of Medical Women International Association (MWIA)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

MEWATA organizing committee welcomes abstracts from regional, national, and individual members of MWIA, as well as from individuals, Government, International and Non Governmental organizations. Abstracts must be typed on the enclosed abstract form and the guidelines must be strictly followed. Those not conforming to the guidelines below will not be accepted. All abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee before making a final decision.

Interested individuals can send abstract application that fall under the following sub-theme with various category areas:

1. **Sexual, Reproductive and Child Health**
   - 1.1 Maternal health
   - 1.2 Newborn health
   - 1.3 Child Health
   - 1.4 Reproductive systems cancers

2. **Health Systems**
   - 2.1. Human Resource for Health
   - 2.2. Health Management Information System
   - 2.3. Health Financing

3. Communicable diseases

3.1. Malaria

3.2. HIV/AIDS

3.3. Tuberculosis

4. Non- Communicable diseases

4.1. Hypertension

4.2. Diabetes

4.3. Oral Health

NB. There shall be cross-cutting issues such as legal aspects, gender and other non-health sector matters in all the sub-themes that will be addressed by the presenters.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ABSTARCTS

1. All abstracts should be in English. Use appropriate words and correct grammar.

2. Size: Should have a maximum of 300 words typed in the box space provided.

3. Format of the abstract.

The abstract should contain the following information in the given order

Title box: In the title box provide the following information

i. Title: The title should be concise and clear not exceeding fifteen words
ii. Authors' names: Provide authors full names
iii. Institutions: Provide authors' institutions and addresses. In case of multiple institutions identify them by numbers

Text box: In the text box type the following information

i. Background: Type the background of the topic under investigation
ii. Aim: give the aim of the study
iii. Methods: Describe briefly the methods used
iv. Results: provide a summary of important findings
v. Conclusion: Give a conclusion in relation to the findings.

Sub-theme and category area: state the sub-theme and category area related to your abstract

4. **Deadline for submission of abstract is 17th April 2009.**

Submit your abstract electronically to **mwia@mewata.org** and copy it to the Chairperson of Scientific Committee: pngiloi@muhas.ac.tz

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