

## **Submitting an Abstract**

We want to celebrate and promote the good work that Ugandan Midwives do every day.

The International Day of the Midwife (IDM), which we will celebrate on **May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**, is an ideal opportunity to showcase of the work of midwives in Uganda

This year the IDM celebrations will take place in **Jinja District, Uganda**.

As part of the celebrations, we are holding a symposium on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at which midwives will be invited to submit abstracts for presentation either orally or by poster. The abstracts may be results of a study undertaken, a systematic review of a particular subject, a midwifery practice innovation or a story

The theme of the symposium is :

**“Midwives, leading the way with Quality of Care”**

The sub- themes are as follows:

- **Empowering Midwives to use their knowledge**
- **Sharing good practice in innovative new ways of working**
- **Midwives Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals**
- **Helping mothers/families live their dream**

Please submit an abstract which fits into one of the themes, about a study you have undertaken, a systematic review of a topic you are interested in or innovations in your work using the following guidelines

1. Make your title clear and interesting to catch the reader's attention
2. Be as descriptive as possible and use specific rather than general terms
3. Use simple word order and common word combinations
4. Avoid using abbreviations; they could have different meanings in different fields.
5. Outline the most important aspects of your work
6. Highlight what is different or innovative about your work
7. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words.
8. Minimize the use of abbreviations.
9. Avoid citing references.
10. The following points will help you structure your abstract

11. **Background:** This should place the study or your practice innovation into the context of the current knowledge about midwifery. The background should contain the main issues around your study or practice innovation and why you wanted to address this issue and how you started the process. This will be very beneficial to other midwives who may want to address an issue in their practice.
12. **Methods:** How did you do your study or develop the idea you had around your practice? Describe the steps you took to develop your work or idea
13. **Results:** This section should describe the main findings of the study or systematic review or the outcome of your practice innovation.
14. **Conclusions:** A brief summary of the potential implications of your study or practice innovation and how it could change midwifery practice
15. The closing dates for submission of abstracts is **April 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**. Four abstracts will be selected for oral presentation and five abstracts for poster presentation. The successful applicants will be notified on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018.
16. Please submit your abstract by email to
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Scoring Template for Abstracts

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<b>Name of Author</b>				
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<b>The Abstract is clear and logical</b>				
<b>The content is relevant and fits in with the IDM theme</b>				
<b>The subject is of interest to other midwives</b>				
<b>The topic is relevant and topical</b>				
<b>The content is innovative and original</b>				
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	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>		
<b>Accept as presentation</b>				
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