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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are pleased to invite researchers, environmental health practitioners, academics, industry professionals, and students to submit abstracts for presentation at **World Environmental Health Day Conference**, which will be held on **29-30 September 2026, in iLembe District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal Province**.

The conference aims to bring together experts from diverse disciplines to share cutting-edge research, innovative methodologies, and emerging perspectives in **Environmental Health and Science for protection of public health**. We welcome original contributions that advance knowledge and stimulate discussion within the scientific community.

Conference Themes

Abstract submissions are encouraged in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Theme 1: Governance in environmental health
- Theme 2: Climate change and health
- Theme 3: Environmental determinants of health
- Theme 4: Surveillance and early warning systems
- Theme 5: Prevention and health promotion as part of Primary health care

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts must present original work published/not yet published.
- Abstract length: Maximum **250–500 words** (excluding title, authors, and affiliations).
- Language: **English only**
- Structure should include:
 - Background/Introduction
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- Include all author names, affiliations, and contact information for the presenting author.

Presentation Formats

Accepted abstracts may be selected for:

- Oral presentations, or
- Poster presentations

Review Process

All submissions will undergo peer review by members of the Scientific Committee and will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific quality
- Originality

- Relevance to conference themes
- Methodological rigor
- Clarity of presentation

Interested participants are requested to submit their abstracts to WEHDabstracts@health.gov.za

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Opens **25 June 2026**
Abstract submission deadline **01 August 2026**
Notification of acceptance **31 August 2026**
Presenter Registration Deadline **04 September 2026**

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DATE: 23 JUNE 2026