



Call for Abstracts

A detailed guide & Walkthrough

13th Occupational Therapy Africa Regional Group Congress (OTARG)

Pre-congress workshops: 23rd June 2025

Congress Dates: 24th – 27th June 2025

Arusha, Tanzania

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Please note the following dates for presenters

30 November 2024:

Deadline for Abstract submissions

15 February 2025:

Feedback in terms of whether your submission has been accepted for inclusion in the 2025 Congress

30 April 2025:

Registration and payment of registration fees to have been received by the Congress Secretariat

From 01st May 2025:

Late registration

09 June 2025:

Late registration closes

24 - 27 June 2025:

OTARG Congress



Congress Theme

**Tafakari ya kina: Mafanikio ya
Tulikotoka, Tulipo na
Tunakoelekea katika kutoa
huduma za Tiba kwa Vitendo
barani Afrika.**

Taking Stock: A celebration of
the past, present and future
practice of occupational therapy
in Africa

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Sub-themes:

1 Policy, advocacy and leadership

- Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems
- Occupational science: harnessing the potential for practice in Africa
 - Reducing inequalities
- Knowledge translation

2 Practice

- Promoting health, well-being and justice through occupation
- Sustainability in occupational therapy practice
 - Sustainable communities
- Artificial intelligence and technology in occupational therapy
 - Emerging technologies
- Occupational therapy in humanitarian crisis and disaster management
 - Climate action
 - War and violence
 - Poverty and food insecurity



Sub-themes:

3 Education

- Positioning innovative occupational therapy education in Africa
- Occupational therapy curriculum development for the African context
- Research led teaching and learning



The following guidelines intend to facilitate presenters in abstract submission process and attend congress for presentation. All abstracts must fall under one of the above sub-themes.

1. Delegates wishing to give an oral presentation (15 minutes plus 5 minutes questions), host a workshop (specify 2 hours) or panel discussion (1 hour including questions) or a poster are invited to submit an abstract or short summary for consideration and inclusion in the academic programme. No late abstracts will be accepted.
2. Abstracts must be submitted online through OTARG congress website.
3. The OTARG Congress Scientific Committee reserves the right to select papers and posters for presentation.
4. Abstracts received will be acknowledged and notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by email by 15 March 2025.
5. The meeting rooms are equipped with data projectors with internet access. Various presentation applications such as MS PowerPoint, Keynote, Google slide and Canva will be allowed.
6. Conflict of Interest: If the research is funded (partially or fully) by a proprietary organisation, a statement to that effect must be included at the bottom of the abstract.
7. Please note that no more than three submissions will be allowed per presenter due to possible programme limitations. Please read the submission requirements carefully as abstracts submitted will not be changed later.
8. All presenting authors are requested to fully register for the congress by 30 April 2025. If no registration and payment for the 2025 OTARG Congress has been received by this deadline, the presentation will not be listed on the programme. This measure has been taken to overcome any “no-shows” disrupting the programme.



Guidelines for Abstract Submission in OTARG CONGRESS 2025

Please note: The presenting author should complete the online abstract submission form and not a co-author/s, as we use these details to contact and liaise with presenters.

Oral Presentations

- ***Each presentation will be allocated 20 minutes only. This will allow for 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. Time limits will be strictly adhered to. Standard audio-visual equipment will be available in venues where oral presentations will be held. The presenter who will present on the day must be identified as the main speaker on the abstract with your co-contributors listed thereafter.***
- ***Ensure you practice and time your presentation;***
- ***Let your slides 'talk for you';***
- ***Presentation must be emailed to Congress Organisers before the Congress or at Registration;***
- ***Presenters are not permitted to use their own laptops as there is insufficient time to do this***



Workshops

The Workshops have been allocated a time of 120 minutes (2 Hours). The abstract must be clearly titled and identified as a Workshop. The main presenter must be identified as the main speaker on the abstract with your co-facilitators listed thereafter.

- ***The outcomes should be specified in the abstract and the Workshop should ideally lead to an outcome e.g. proposal for policy making; position statement; clinical standards or guidelines or skills development of participants.***
- ***Ensure that you provide a “workshop’ format i.e. participants should have the opportunity for experiential learning, small group work and discussions.***
- ***Encourage discussion, debate and ‘conversations’ about new ideas and critical issues within the topic;***
- ***Elicit contributions from all participants where appropriate;***
- ***Ensure that you use a style conducive to a ‘workshop’ and not a seminar or lecture;***
- ***Ensure you specify on your abstract the maximum participants for your Workshop so that a suitable venue can be allocated;***
- ***Ensure you specify on your abstract the audio-visual equipment that you require and additional resources like paper, flip-chart and pens.***



Panel Discussion

A panel discussion will be allocated 1 hour (60 minutes). Submit an abstract (300 words) highlighting the topic of discussion, names of panelists and structure of the panel discussion. The topic should be linked to the congress theme or subthemes. The panel discussion should have a maximum of four panelists. Provide credentials and contact details of panelists, and a bio of each panelist.

The proposed format for the discussion is as follows:

- ***Moderator gives brief introduction of panelists and discussion guidelines – 5 minutes***
- ***Panelist position presentations (5 minutes each)***
- ***Questions & answers (30 minutes)***
- ***Summary and closing (5 minutes)***



Posters and Poster Oral Presentations

Posters will be displayed in the Main Exhibition area during tea and lunch breaks. You need to ensure that you (and/or your co-presenters) are available to discuss the poster at specified times. Presenters will be expected to present a 7-minute summary of their poster (with 2 or 3 other poster presenters, with a question time in a designated time of the Programme). There will be a prize awarded for the Best Poster during the 2025 Congress. The Congress Scientific Committee will decide on the winner and they will be notified during the Congress proceedings.

- ***The poster should adhere to the following specifications:***
 - ***The poster panels will be no larger than 120cm high and 75cm wide (Portrait Style);***
 - ***Prestik/pins/Velcro will be available to fix you poster to the boards;***
 - ***Please be aware that there is no space for excessive poster sizes.***



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Follow the form prompts for further detailed instructions

Information Required

Author(s):

Insert full names and surnames

Co-author(s):

Insert full names and surnames

Title:

Insert the full title of the proposed presentation. Title should not exceed 25 words

Text:

Insert the text of the abstract. The abstract must be presented in English. Check that the full abstract has been successfully uploaded.

***You'll receive a copy of your submission via email.**

***No late submissions will be considered.**