

SUBMISSION

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How are the GHF “values” reflected in the abstract submission process?

To ensure that ‘content is king’ at the GHF we try to facilitate the generation and sharing of content. The first step towards achieving this is to create an inclusive process of abstract submission. Those submitting can choose what format best suits their submission and best conveys their findings. The submission process harvests multimedia capabilities and allows submitters to enhance their submissions by attaching relevant video clips, photos and presentations.

To ensure that voices from the frontlines inform policy discussions we have created a submission track that is tailor made for practitioners.

Why did the GHF create two separate paths for abstract submission?

Two separate submission tracks were created with the intent to allow for academia as well as practitioners to feel comfortable making their submissions to the GHF. Having one submission format only would have stifled one or the other constituency of the GHF. One path follows the standard scientific fields in abstract submission and the other is in a Q&A format more suited for projects being implemented by practitioners.

Which submission path gives a better chance for the abstract to be accepted for presentation at the conference?

The submission path that a submitter chooses does not influence the outcome of the review process. However there are a few tips which if followed facilitate the review process hence increasing the chances of a favorable review. Empirically the following have been found to be helpful:

- a) Follow the submission instructions carefully
- b) Phrase your title in a way that best captures your findings/project
- c) Write succinctly. Get a few pairs of eyes to review, edit and proof read what you have written before you submit.
- d) Attach a video that captures or conveys the essence of your submission, which is not longer than 3 minutes. This does not have to be a professional video, but could have been made using your mobile phone or laptop.
- e) Attach photos relevant to your study that convey the complexity or better illustrate the result of your intervention.
- f) Indicate your presentation format preference on the submission form (poster versus oral presentation).

What happens next, once I have submitted my abstract?

Once you have made your submission, the GHF will send your submission as an anonymous document to a maximum of three reviewers who may be geographically dispersed. These reviewers carefully review the submission then mark it based on criteria provided to them by the Programme Director of the GHF. The combined score of the review can lead to three outcomes:

- a) The submission does not meet the thematic or quality expectations of the GHF2014
- b) The submission is accepted for presentation at the GHF and / or participation of the submitter in one of the sessions of GHF2014
- c) The submission has been accepted for poster presentation at the GHF2014

Are the abstract submission tracks a reflection of the conference programme?

No. The purpose of providing abstract submission tracks is to help the wide constituency of Global Health find themselves in the theme of the GHF. These tracks are there to facilitate the submission process. The conference programme is an outcome of the review process and largely depends on the content of the accepted submissions.