

# **The 6<sup>th</sup> CBR Africa Conference 2018**

Livingstone, Zambia 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Conference theme: CBR for resilience building and sustainable development:  
Leave no one behind.

Co-organised by the government of Zambia, CBR Africa Network and the  
disability/CBR stakeholders in Zambia.

## **Concept note**

### **Introduction**

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Africa Network (CAN) is an independent Non-Governmental Organisation that facilitates information sharing on disability, CBR and inclusive development within Africa and across the World. CAN works through sharing information via publications and the electronic media including use of the website and social media. CAN believes information sharing can facilitate learning and improvement in service delivery for persons with disabilities; and it is a key tool for inclusive development.

CAN's Niche is information sharing. This is possible through a number of activities but most importantly through organising conferences. Five CBR conferences have so far been successfully organised in different African countries (2001 – Uganda, 2004 – Malawi, 2007 - South Africa, 2010 – Nigeria and 2015 – Kenya) by CAN in collaboration with governments of the host countries, WHO, CBM, NAD, Handicap International and other local and international stakeholders. The 6<sup>th</sup> CBR Africa Conference is scheduled to take place in Livingstone, Zambia. Several CBR stakeholders and development partners are expected to take part.

### **Output**

It is anticipated that the conference will generate a variety of analytical papers and presentations in relation to the sub themes (see sub themes below). All papers presented at the conference will be summarised in a conference report and posted on the CAN website; and later they will be published in a book. Additionally, the conference is expected to stimulate public debate and discourse on the implementation of CBR and a possible transition to CBID (Community Based Inclusive Development). Delegates will discuss success, challenges and opportunities implementing CBR in Africa.

## **Expected Impact**

The conference is expected to give a greater publicity to the current CBR issues under discussion in relation to WHO CBR guidelines, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will mobilise efforts towards ensuring equalisation of development opportunities for persons with disabilities.

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **Sub themes:**

Abstracts are invited in line with the following thematic areas:

- 1) Livelihood initiatives for resilience building
- 2) CBR/CBID in a Humanitarian crisis
- 3) CBR/CBID Training and Education
- 4) Strengthening of CBR/CBID networks and associations
- 5) Sustainable Development Goals: country progress
- 6) Action Research, documentation, and information sharing
- 7) Neglected tropical Diseases and CBR
- 8) CBR, gender and child protection
- 9) Sustainability and ownership of CBR programs

### **Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts**

Prospective delegates and authors' should submit abstracts of not more than 300 words to [info@afri-can.org](mailto:info@afri-can.org) or [canzam2018@afri-can.org](mailto:canzam2018@afri-can.org). Submit your abstract as an attachment in word format and clearly indicate the title of the paper, author(s) and contact details (institutional affiliation, email address and phone contacts). Also include a mugshot (passport photo) and a short biography of the author(s). Please indicate the sub theme under which your abstract falls.

### **Guidelines for submission of full papers**

Submission of full papers will be subject to acceptance of the abstract. The papers may be submitted in soft copy following the same format as the abstract. Papers should be between 6000 and 8000 words. Submit to [info@afri-can.org](mailto:info@afri-can.org) or [canzam2018@afri-can.org](mailto:canzam2018@afri-can.org) .

Send your inquiries about the conference to the same address.

Please note that while submission of a full paper before the conference is highly recommended, it is NOT a pre-requisite for participation in the conference.

**Key dates:**

- Abstract submission deadline: 30th September 2017
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017
- Delegates' registration: April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Conference Registration fees**

- Early bird registration: \$ 320
  - Registration fee: \$ 350
- Visit [www.afri-can.org](http://www.afri-can.org) for registration details

**Sponsorship**

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