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Maternal Mental Health in Africa - Conversations

Hybrid symposium - 19 June 2024 9:30-5pm UK time

Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health, University of Oxford, UK (and online)
Co-hosted by the NDWRH and Perinatal Mental Health Project (University of Cape Town)

This hybrid symposium promises rich discussions, collaboration opportunities, and the chance to shape the future of maternal mental health in Africa.

The format will be conversational, with an emphasis on real-world experience. Speakers should feel comfortable answering challenging questions and engaging in lively debate.

Experience from the African continent will be prioritised. However, work conducted in other settings with relevance to Africa will be considered. We welcome submissions from researchers, advocates, practitioners, those working in the NGO sector etc.

We warmly invite abstract submissions on the following themes:

1. Moving from Trial to Scale in Maternal Mental Health:

- What strategies can be implemented?
- Success stories in scaling up maternal mental health interventions for impactful outcomes.
- What impedes scale up, causes 'voltage drop'?
- What should be done to address these problems?

2. Working with Social Determinants in Maternal Mental Health:

- The intersectionality of social determinants and maternal mental health.
- Effective approaches to address these complex challenges.

3. When the Research Ends: Sustaining Capacity in Maternal Mental Health:

- Insights and practices on sustaining capacity beyond research projects, ensuring continued support for maternal mental health initiatives.
- Consider capacity in terms of research personnel as well as implementation.

Submit your abstracts (350 word limit) by 15 April 2024!

- No need for conventional headings.
- We welcome: Difficult and controversial issues arising from your work. How and why did things go wrong? What pragmatic strategies did you use to address challenges? Potential conversation points for the discussion, Q&A session.
- All authors and affiliations.
- Whether in person or virtual attendance.
- Word document to simone.honikman@uct.ac.za
- By 15 April 2024.
- Regrettably, no scholarship funding is available to support in-person attendance.
- No registration fees.

Let's collaborate to forge a brighter, healthier future for women across the continent.

Date: Wednesday 19 June 2024

Time: 9:30 - 5pm UK time

Location: Anne Anderson Lecture Theatre Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health, Women's Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, University of Oxford, UK and on Zoom

[Click here to register for the symposium](#)

