



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

'Interventions responsive to the needs of Key Population and Priority Populations: The case of Uganda'

In March 2018, **MARPs Network Limited** (MNL) will hold **Uganda's First Annual Conference on Key Populations and Priority Populations**. This year also marks **MNL's 10th year of service and work with key populations in Uganda**. In celebration of this key milestone, we are pleased to announce the call for abstracts on key populations and priority populations in Uganda.

MNL is particularly interested in papers from practitioners, academics and key population and priority population representatives around the theme: **'Interventions responsive to the needs of key populations and priority populations: the case of Uganda.'** The papers can focus on addressing the specific challenges faced by key populations and priority populations and innovative interventions to address these challenges.

This call is open to individuals and organisations across all fields including health workers, academics, religious institutions, civil society organisations, and community based organizations, particularly those that are serving or led by key populations and priority populations. Applications can also include artistic representation of activities relevant to the theme, debates, and audio/visual presentations. Key populations and priority populations programming is an integral part of wider HIV/AIDS programming in Uganda, and there is a wealth of activities engaging these groups that need to be highlighted.

The authors of the selected abstracts will have the opportunity to present their work at the conference scheduled to take place from **15th – 16th March 2018** at a venue to be determined and communicated in due course. The abstracts from the conference will also be featured in the MNL 10th Anniversary Special Issue.

This annual conference aims to highlight work across Uganda and beyond; create opportunities for networking and feedback; and contribute to a growing international body of knowledge on key populations and priority population programming.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15th February 2018

Deadline for submission of queries: 31st January 2018

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GUILDINES FOR WRITING ABSTRACTS

We are creating a national platform for those in Uganda and beyond to find out more about the work you do, the challenges you face, and the opportunities therein. So please use the conference as an opportunity to speak to each other and to others.

- Include the title of your presentation
- **200 words** maximum for the whole abstract
 - o Background
 - o Summary of presentation
 - o Relation to theme
- Make sure it relates to the theme: **‘Interventions responsive to the needs of key populations and priority populations: the case of Uganda’**
 - o Some suggestions around this theme could be:
 - Activities that reach rural key populations and priority populations
 - Innovative initiatives in key populations and priority populations programming
 - Advances and challenges in access to HIV services for key populations and priority populations
 - Advocacy around medical needs of key populations and priority populations
 - Community engagement in key population and priority populations programming
 - HIV prevention, care and treatment
 - Accessing psycho-social support as key populations and priority populations
 - Challenges faced by youth key populations
 - Differentiating needs of key populations and priority populations categories
 - Access to funding for key populations and priority populations programming
 - And many more!
- Explain your presentation format – will it be a speech? A panel discussion? A debate?
- If you will be more than one presenter, please tell us the names or roles of the other members
- Tell us what you will be presenting: describe it as clearly as possible for someone who does not know anything about your work