

## African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit (ARLS) 2027 – Morocco

# Call for Expression of Interest

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### Background

Rehabilitation is an essential component of universal health coverage and health system strengthening. Across Africa, the demand for rehabilitation services continues to increase due to the rising burden of non-communicable diseases, trauma, aging populations, and disability.

Despite this growing need, many African countries still face significant challenges in rehabilitation systems, including limited workforce capacity, insufficient leadership development, gaps in policy implementation, and limited research collaboration.

The African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit (ARLS) 2027, to be held in Morocco, aims to bring together leaders, clinicians, researchers, educators, policymakers, and advocates from across Africa and beyond to strengthen collaboration, promote leadership development, and advance rehabilitation systems across the continent.

This summit will serve as a continental platform to connect African rehabilitation leaders, foster partnerships, and develop strategic initiatives to strengthen rehabilitation services in Africa.

### Objectives of the Summit

- Strengthen leadership in rehabilitation across Africa
- Promote collaboration among African rehabilitation institutions and professionals
- Support capacity building in rehabilitation education and research
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and innovation in rehabilitation practices
- Encourage policy dialogue and advocacy for rehabilitation within national health systems
- Foster partnerships aligned with the WHO Rehabilitation 2030 initiative
- Support the development of continental research and training networks in rehabilitation

## **African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit (ARLS) 2027 – Morocco**

### **Call for Expression of Interest; Eligibility**

The organizing committee invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from professionals, researchers, policymakers, and institutional leaders who wish to participate in the African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit 2027.

Applications are encouraged from rehabilitation professionals, healthcare providers, academic institutions, researchers, policymakers, NGOs, international organizations, educators, and emerging leaders interested in strengthening rehabilitation systems in Africa.

### **Opportunities for Participation**

Selected participants will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in high-level leadership dialogues on rehabilitation in Africa
- Engage in scientific and policy discussions
- Attend capacity-building workshops
- Network with African and international experts in rehabilitation
- Contribute to the development of continental collaborations and initiatives in rehabilitation

### **Submission of Expression of Interest (ARLS's Online Application)**

Applicants should submit the following information:

- Personal Information:

- Full name
- Professional title
- Institutional affiliation
- Country of residence
- Contact email

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### - Professional Background:

- Area of expertise
- Current position and institutional role
- Years of professional experience in rehabilitation, healthcare, research, leadership, or health system strengthening
- Brief description of professional experience and leadership roles related to rehabilitation or health systems development in Africa

### - Motivation Statement:

A short statement (maximum 250 words) describing the applicant's interest in participating in the summit and how their participation could contribute to advancing rehabilitation in Africa.

## **Selection and Participation Support**

All Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by the Scientific and Organizing Committees.

Selected participants will benefit from:

- Free registration to the African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit Morocco 2027
- Complimentary accommodation for two (2) nights
- Access to all scientific sessions, workshops, leadership dialogues, and networking activities

Please note that international travel costs (airfare) are not covered by the organizers and must be arranged and funded by the participants themselves.

## **Expected Outcomes**

- Development of a Morocco Declaration on Rehabilitation Leadership in Africa
- Strengthening of African rehabilitation leadership networks
- New research collaborations and academic partnerships

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- Strategic recommendations to advance Rehabilitation 2030 implementation in Africa

### **Important Dates**

Expression of Interest Deadline: 30 August 2026

Notification of Participation: 30 September 2026

African Rehabilitation and Leadership Summit: April 1–2 or 8–9, 2027 – Morocco