

# THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

*Office of the Minister*

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### Press Release

#### On the 10<sup>th</sup> East Africa Scientific Conference

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, Juba – Republic of South Sudan

The Republic of South Sudan is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> East Africa Health Scientific Conference, which will take place in Juba at the Pyramid Continental Hotel from 25-27 June 2025, under the Theme: *“Addressing health priorities and advancing the East African Region health agenda to meet global health targets.”*

This Conference will bring together important delegates, keynote speakers, researchers and participants to share regional scientific health research concerns and interests.

Invited guests and participants will come from all the 8 Partner States of the EAC including the respective Ministers of Health, Ministers of EAC Affairs, Senior dignitaries from the EAC organs, other relevant dignitaries, academicians, health professionals, students and invited international experts and friends of the EAC under the auspices of our Guest of Honour H.E. the President of the Republic of South Sudan.



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The East Africa Health Scientific Conference is an event that was approved in 2006 by the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the EAC Council of Ministers to be convened in East Africa. This conference takes place after every 2 years and is hosted on rotational bases in all the Partner States of the EAC, led by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of East Africa Community Affairs, working closely with the academia, health professionals, and other interested health partners and institutions.

The Conference is also organized jointly with other sectors that contribute to Health Scientific Research. To fight disease and achieve health, we have to tackle other fronts in food security, safe water, air-borne and zoonotic diseases, environmental hazards, cross-border transmissions, traffic accidents, regulation of food and drugs entering the country, and the list is long. The education sector plays a fundamental role to all the knowledge base and is key to the future of health.

Therefore, this Conference brings together the best researchers in health and all health-related sciences from all the EAC member states to present and discuss their health research work and any new research ideas under one roof. This is a platform of knowledge exchange and sharing between the countries.

The purpose of the Conference is to strengthen regional cooperation in health in accordance with article 118 of the Treaty that Established the EAC and is in line with other relevant provisions of the EAC Common Market Protocol.

From the time of its approval in 2006, nine conferences have been conducted in the different EAC countries. It was during the closing ceremony of the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference in Rwanda that the Republic of South Sudan took the Torch and





committed to host this 10<sup>th</sup> Conference, which will now take place in Juba next week on June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2025.

It took long processes of preparations over the last several months to convene this conference. The National Steering Committee of the Republic of South Sudan worked with their counterparts in the Secretariat of the East Africa Research Commission to call for abstracts from the region based on the theme and sub themes of the Conference. These abstracts have been reviewed by a group of experts and the best abstracts are the ones selected. This year 218 abstracts have been accepted. They will all be compiled into a Book of Abstracts, which will become a useful reference for the EAC.

I am pleased to announce that 78 of these accepted abstracts for the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference were submitted from South Sudan. This encourages us to do more and opens a great window for South Sudan to share its scientific health concerns and findings with other experts from the region.

During the conference, the best abstracts will be presented, and participants can ask questions and discuss research findings on various research topics under various thematic areas and sub themes. There will be also important symposia where panellists will discuss some important health concerns in the region.

We encourage all our invitees to come and participate, to ask those questions they have longed to ask, to contribute their viewpoints on the various findings in the areas of health that interest them, and to be inspired by the wealth of health scientific research that will be presented. This is an opportunity to interact with our health experts from the region, learn from them and share our own knowledge and experiences with them.



Our young students from the universities who aspire to be the future health professionals in the region are especially welcome to meet their role models and career inspiration.

Thank you.

  
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