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HOUSING, HEALTH AND EXTREME EVENTS ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: DEVELOPING GOOD PRACTICE AND SOUND POLICY

INVITATION TO REGISTER AND CALL FOR PAPERS

YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE [HERE](#)

Background

Extreme events – including heatwaves, flooding, droughts, wild-fires, tsunamis, tornadoes and earthquakes – are occurring more frequently and with greater intensity. These events damage and destroy homes and communities causing physical, mental and financial suffering.

Responding to such catastrophes includes providing support for victims and communities, action to provide temporary shelter and services, policies and plans to replace housing and to rebuild and support people and communities. There is also a need to adapt and develop new designs and construction techniques, building resilient housing and neighbourhoods.

Aims

This international conference aims to provide a platform to review and discuss the experience of extreme events and each stage of the 'life-cycle' following these. It presents an opportunity to compare approaches to each stage; and focus on the health aspects of housing and communities. In particular, it will provide a forum for reviewing evidence on responses to extreme events: dealing with the aftermath, providing social, cultural and health support and reconstructing lives and communities and gives a place based perspective to community resilience.

Who should attend?

Individuals and bodies directly and indirectly involved in housing and health, and in predicting and responding to all forms of extreme events, including housing professionals; medical doctors; public health professionals; sociologists; meteorologists and first responders.

Keynote Speakers

Keynote speakers to date include:

Dr David Jacobs

Chief Scientist, US National Center for Healthy Housing

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Dr Nathalie Roebbel

Lead on Urban Health, World Health Organization

Professor Caradee Wright

Chief Specialist Scientist: Environment and Health
Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council

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Dr Angie Bone

Associate Professor of Practice, Planetary Health,
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Professor Taibat Lawanson

Professor of Urban Management and Governance,
University of Lagos



Dr Michael Agenbag

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Format

This will be an international virtual event, consisting of a half day session setting out the conference ambitions; a full day of good practice presentations and thematic workshops and a final half day summarising what we have learnt and still need to learn. The event will be recorded, leading to the production of a conference report.

Call for Abstracts

Submissions are invited for oral presentation at the conference. Papers will be selected on the basis of abstracts of no more than 500 words submitted by **1 October 2024** via the [conference website](#).

The focus of the conference is the housing and health aspects of extreme events and papers must reflect this, addressing one or more of the following themes:

First response

Physical and mental health and support; food and water; sanitation and disease

Temporary Post-Event Management

Provision of shelter, health care and support, sustaining culture and religion

Short and Medium Term Stabilising

Intermediate accommodation and infrastructure; personal and social support; and public and environmental health

Planning and Designing for the Future

Learning from the event and planning for construction of resilient and adapted housing, neighbourhoods and communities

Building for the Future

Preparation for construction of adapted housing, neighbourhoods and communities; for health, medical, education, other support services; and for occupations, trades, businesses

The abstracts should include:

- The lead author's name, institutional and departmental affiliations and contact details
- All co-authors' names, institutional and departmental affiliations and contact details

- A summary defining the topic area, referring to specific issues that the intended paper will address, the evidence being marshalled, the scope of discussion and conclusions

Abstracts will be reviewed to ensure a varied, authoritative and integrated selection of papers around the topic. Author(s) of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full paper (approximately 3,000 words), which will be reviewed and, if accepted, the author(s) will be invited to present the paper within the conference.

Submission process

- Abstract submission – Deadline:
1 October 2024
- Notification of abstract review – Deadline:
1 November 2024
- Paper submission – Deadline:
1 February 2025
- All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings and indexed in the conference website digital library

Author(s) of accepted papers will be required to register for the conference.

During the conference

- All accepted papers will be presented online
- Question and answer sessions will follow each paper presentation

Conference registration

The registration fees are as follows:

Full delegate rate:	£280.00 + VAT until 31 October 2024 £350.00 + VAT from 1 November 2024
Student rate:	£150.00 + VAT fixed fee
LMIC (Low- or Middle-Income Countries) rate:	£50.00 + VAT fixed fee

To register interest in receiving further information about the conference, [please complete the form available HERE](#) or scan the QR code

