



## Western Pacific HSR2024 Preconference Call for Abstract

Nagasaki, Japan, will host the 8th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR 2024) from 18-22 November, 2024. The symposium is centered on the theme, "Building Just and Sustainable Health Systems: Centering People and Protecting the Planet." As part of the Health System Global (HSG) Western Pacific Regional Network and the Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Climate-Resilient & Sustainable Health Systems, we are organizing a virtual preconference in advance of this key event on health policy and systems research.

This preconference seeks to explore the symposium's sub-themes and provide support for individual abstract submissions to the HSR2024 on two selected sub-themes. Selected participants from the Western Pacific region will have an opportunity to showcase their work to a larger audience and receive insightful feedback that can contribute to the further development of their abstract and presentation for the main conference. The preconference additionally intends to facilitate conversation on planetary health and health systems.

### DATES AND VENUE:

The preconference will be hosted virtually on 11 and 12 January 2024.

### PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Date	Time	Program
Day 1 (11 January 2024)	18:00-20:00 Japan time	Oral presentations on the following two sub-themes of HSR 2024: <b>Sub-theme 3:</b> Health governance, policy and institutional frameworks for just and sustainable health systems. <b>Sub-theme 4:</b> Knowledge for just health systems
Day 2 (12 January 2024)	18:00-20:00 Japan time	Expert symposium on <b>“Planetary Health and Health Systems.”</b> We will invite regional experts in the field of planetary health and health systems to deliver short lectures that would provide insight into the complexities surrounding this domain. Following the lectures, we will host a moderated panel discussion where the experts will engage in a thoughtful exchange of ideas and perspectives.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

We are looking for abstracts on the above-mentioned Sub-themes 3 and 4 for a 7-minute oral presentation with a 3-minute Q&A (a total of 10 minutes). Please click [here](#) to gain more clarity on the aforementioned two sub-themes. Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on either conceptual, empirical, or evidence synthesis research.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

We welcome submissions from all researchers working on health policy and systems research who are based in one of the 37 Western Pacific Region member states or the World Health Organization (WHO). You can find the list of countries included in this region [here](#).

## GUIDELINES FOR ALL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

1. Ensure that the abstract is relevant to the sub-themes chosen. (**Sub-theme 3:** Health governance, policy and institutional frameworks for just and sustainable health systems and **Sub-theme 4:** Knowledge for just health systems)
2. Abstracts should be in English, 400 words maximum, and contain no references, tables or figures.
3. For empirical research presentations, a structured abstract should be prepared, covering background, methods, results, and discussion/conclusions. For conceptual research, abstracts should cover purpose, focus/content, significance for the sub-theme area of relevance, and target audience.
4. Those submitting individual abstracts will be required to submit the following information:
  - Title (maximum 25 words)
  - Speaker name
  - Speaker affiliation
  - Speaker e-mail address
  - List of co-authors
  - Affiliation of co-authors
  - Corresponding sub-theme (either 3 or 4)
  - Research type (either empirical or conceptual)
  - An abstract of 400 words or less
5. Documents received after the given deadline will not be accepted.
6. The abstract should be submitted in PDF format.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND PROCESS:

The last day to submit your abstract is **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 23:59 Japan Time**.

Please submit your application here: [\*\*SUBMIT FORM\*\*](#)

In case of any queries/concerns please write to [ketkishah247@gmail.com](mailto:ketkishah247@gmail.com). After submission, you will be acknowledged for the receipt of the abstract via an email within three working days.

**ABSTRACT SELECTION:**

Each abstract will be evaluated based on three factors: technical quality, relevance to the Symposium theme, and significance to the sub-theme area. We will communicate the results to you by December.

**COST OF PARTICIPATION:**

There is no charge for participating in the pre-conference.

