Conference Theme: *Investing in Health Research and Training for Sustainable Development*

**Symposium: Health Systems Research – Policy Briefs**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Background**
As health systems and policy research is a multidisciplinary field, this symposium will have a broad scope and address topics from many viewpoints, with a focus on Tanzanian health policy. With health policies often dictated by politicians, integrating evidence into health service practice remains challenging. Changes to health services and health policies are all too often implemented without reference to available research evidence. The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and the National Health Research Policy and Systems (NAHEPOS*) Hub is organizing this symposium as part of the 4th MUHAS Scientific Conference. This symposium considers the latest health services research findings and how the evidence should and can be translated into practice and policy.

Authors of the selected abstracts will be facilitated to develop Evidence (Policy) Briefs that will be made available to the participants during the Conference.

I am pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for the Symposium to be held during the forthcoming MUHAS Scientific Conference to be held from 23rd – 24th June 2016. The conference will be held at the LAPF Conference Hall at Kijitonyama (Behind the Millennium Tower) in Dar es Salaam. Her Excellency, The Vice President Bi. Samia Suluhu Hassan will be the Guest of Honour.

**Objective**
The objective of the Symposium will be to facilitate communication across researchers, and between researchers and policymakers, to promote the up-take and utilisation of research evidence for the improvement of health services in Tanzania.

**Participants**
1. Health Researchers and academicians from Tanzania Institutions and beyond?
2. Decision and Policy makers from Government and nongovernmental sectors
3. Health Managers and Practitioners
4. Development Partners
5. Media

**Outputs**
1. Proceedings of the Symposium
2. Evidence (Policy) briefs

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