2025 NNN Conference Submission Portal

Workshop, Rapid Fire & Poster Submission Guidance

Submissions that most closely align with the 2025 NNN Conference theme: **"Sustainable Innovations for Impact – Transforming the Fight Against NTDs"** and the strategic objectives of the NNN will have the strongest chance of selection. The theme merges sustainability, innovation, and impact, ensuring that technological advancements and new strategies lead to long-term success in eliminating NTDs. The focus on sustainable programming aligns with the WHO NTD road map overarching objectives.

Please make sure to read through the notes below before submitting your proposal. A selection committee will review the proposals that are received no later than **Sunday 20th April 2025 23:00 ET.**

Submission Types

This year we are delighted to offer our members the opportunity to submit proposals for:

- **Workshop Sessions:** The NNN workshops take a 90-minute format, which includes key presentation(s) on the session topic and focuses on breakout activities and meaningful discussions. Workshops are typically organised in three parallel sessions over the course of the three-day conference.
- **Rapid Fire presentations**: These 8 minute presentations are specifically designed for presenting completed work with evidence of success and learnings. The format aims to focus on the exciting core findings and practical implications of research, supported by a limited number of slides and followed by a brief Q&A with the audience.
- **Poster presentations**: We are accepting a limited number of In-Person Poster presentations, to take place on one day of the conference, that cater to the larger NNN theme and sub-themes from early career professionals and full-time students registered on programmes in LMICs.

Conference Sub-Themes

The Conference Committee has carefully curated a programme and considered sub-themes that are of interest to the NNN community and is inviting submissions in the following sub-themes. Please note whilst we have offered several examples for each sub-theme, these are not restrictive and are only for guidance, we encourage you to be creative and explore different topics and ideas:

Sub-theme	Examples may include but are not limited to:
AI and Digital Health in NTD Management	Harnessing artificial intelligence, big data, and digital health technologies to improve the detection, treatment, and monitoring of NTDs. ● Big data analytics for NTD surveillance, leveraging large datasets to predict outbreaks, track transmission patterns, and optimize intervention strategies. ● Machine learning algorithms for early diagnosis, improving the accuracy of image-based diagnostics and detecting patterns in patient data. ● Digital health platforms and real-time data sharing, enabling rapid response to emerging NTD threats and improving coordination between stakeholders. ● Wearable and mobile health (mHealth) technologies, empowering patients and health workers with remote monitoring tools for treatment adherence and disease management.
Community-Driven Innovations	Showcasing locally led strategies that place communities as owners of NTD prevention, treatment, and elimination efforts. ● Grassroots interventions that leverage traditional knowledge and practices to improve NTD outcomes. ● Community-led monitoring and evaluation approaches to track progress and ensure accountability in NTD programs. ● Co-creation of interventions with affected communities to ensure sustainability and cultural relevance.
One Health Approaches to NTDs	Recognizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health in addressing NTDs.

	- Integrated surveillance and response systems that address zoonotic NTDs such as rabies and leishmaniasis. - Collaborative efforts between veterinary and human health sectors to control vector-borne diseases. - The impact of biodiversity loss and land-use changes on NTD transmission dynamics.
Strengthening Health Systems for NTD Elimination	Building resilient and responsive health systems to accelerate progress toward NTD elimination goals. - Capacity-building initiatives to equip health workers with the skills and resources to manage NTDs effectively. - Strengthening supply chain systems to ensure consistent access to essential NTD medicines and diagnostics. - Policy reforms that integrate NTD services into primary healthcare and universal health coverage strategies.
Climate Change and NTDs	Examining the impact of climate change on NTD transmission patterns and responses. - Research on how rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns influence vector populations and disease outbreaks. - Climate-resilient NTD programs that adapt to emerging threats posed by environmental changes. - Cross-sectoral approaches that link climate action with NTD prevention efforts.
Sustainable Financing and Investment in NTD Programs	Ensuring long-term financial commitment and innovative funding strategies for NTD interventions. - Blended financing models that combine public, private, and philanthropic funding for NTD programs. - Cost-effective interventions that maximize impact with limited resources. - Domestic resource mobilization strategies to reduce dependency on external donors and ensure program sustainability.

Review & Selection Criteria

Each submission will receive 3 blind reviews from volunteer reviewers from the NNN community who have expressed expertise and experience in the conference sub-themes. The NNN Submission Reviewers will carefully consider proposals using the following criteria, scoring each on a scale of 1 (Poor) through to 5 (Outstanding).

Each criteria is equally weighted and the submissions with the highest average scores will be shortlisted for review by the NNN Steering Committee to ensure alignment with and balance across conference sub-themes. (Please see detailed Criteria Descriptions below):

Review Criteria & Scoring			
	W/shop	RF	Poster
Relevance to NTD programme design & delivery	5	5	5
Clear objectives	5	5	5
Quality of proposal	5	5	5
Innovation	5	5	5
Interaction & participation	5		
Total possible scores	25	20	20

The NNN Submission Reviewers will also check if the following criteria have been met and are expected to add additional comments to explain their score and suggest improvements to the submitter:

Does it demonstrate diversity of speakers / facilitators / panellists?	Yes	No	N/a
Does it align with the conference theme and sub-themes?	Yes	No	
Does it showcase best practices that are relevant to the sub-theme?	Yes	No	
Does it bring forward voices from communities from endemic regions or lived experiences of people affected by NTDs?	Yes	No	

The NNN Steering Committee will complete the review process by carefully considering the NNN Reviewers' scores and feedback, thoroughly reviewing the shortlists to curate a programme that balances sub-themes, geographical regions, diversity, organisational presence and new voices.

Selection Criteria Descriptions

All submissions will be selected using the following criteria, please note workshops will be scored on all 5 criteria:

1. **Relevance to NTD programme design & delivery**: all submissions should provide learning relevant to multiple NTD programmes or share best practice / evidence of cross sectoral collaboration of NTDs with other areas of health. Disease specific submissions should be framed explicitly to enable lessons to be applied to broader NTD programmes or cross sector collaborations.

2. **Clear objectives**: the submission should include clear learnings / learning objectives. All workshop submissions should demonstrate how the structure will achieve those learning objectives.

3. **Quality of proposal**: the submission should demonstrate a clear flow, starting with the background on the issue/s to be discussed, rationale for conducting a workshop / making a presentation (including how the workshop / presentation will build on previous discussions), and in the case of workshops, explanation on how the workshop conclusions will be followed up by the organisers.

4. **Innovation**: the proposal should present or share ideas that can be replicated, highlight new learnings, tools, knowledge, showcase best practices and bring forward innovation to the conference.

5. **Interaction & participation (for workshops only)**: the workshop should be structured to encourage a broad range of audience participation. Workshops containing only presentations or panels with no audience interaction are less likely to be accepted.

Key Dates

All submissions must be sent no later than **SUNDAY 20th April, 23:00 ET** through the NNN Portal.

Workshops:

- Successful workshop proposals will be notified by email on **FRIDAY 30th May**.
- As workshop sessions are limited to 12, we ask for the workshop lead to please confirm and accept via email by **FRIDAY 6th June**.
- Workshop lead/s should attend the Workshop Lead Orientation session on **THURSDAY 12th June at 13h BST** (please add this date to your calendar).
- Once successful applicants have been notified, the workshop lead/s will be sent a Google document to complete for both their Workshop Logistics and Workshop Agenda. Please complete by **FRIDAY 11th July** so that the information can be uploaded into the system.
- A final deadline for checking the online platform, finalising speakers and making final amendments to the workshop outline is **FRIDAY 5th September**.
- Please also share all presentations and video content by this date.

Rapid Fires & Posters:

- Successful Rapid Fires & Posters will be notified by email on **FRIDAY 30th May**.
- The Rapid Fire & Poster presenter name, submission title and short description must be shared by **FRIDAY 11th July** so we can create the timetable and promote the sessions.
- A final deadline for checking the online platform, finalising speakers and making final amendments to the presentation outline is **FRIDAY 5th September**.
- Please also share all presentations and video content by this date.

Nb. All speakers, facilitators & presenters **must register by FRIDAY 11th July.**

Please [click here for a PDF version of this guidance](#) including the submission questions. **Please [click here](#) to proceed with your submissions.**

Please do not hesitate to contact debbie.jackson-cole@myt.uk.com cc. admin@nnnevents.com and if you have any questions regarding your submission. Thank you in advance for your submissions!

Step by Step Workshop Submission Guidance

Workshop Planning Recommendations

- **The purpose of the NNN Conference is to amplify the role of the network as a community of practice. Therefore:**

- **Collaborative submissions through NNN Working Groups** are strongly encouraged as this is an excellent way of ensuring multiple organisations and perspectives feed into the workshop shaping & design. Before making a submission for a workshop, we encourage potential submitters to reach out to relevant disease specific or cross cutting working groups to explore the possibility of a joint submission.

- **We often receive multiple submissions on similar topics.** We will favour joint submissions where organisations come together to collaborate and co-facilitate the session.

- **Diversity of speakers / facilitators / panellists**: the workshop should involve a range of participants across multiple organisations with an emphasis on engagement and participation of speakers from NTD endemic countries; across genders; and persons affected by NTDs.

- **The workshop facilitator and at least one speaker must attend the conference in-person** in Kampala so that the workshop can sufficiently engage in-person attendees. Any speakers who are unable to attend must pre-record their presentation as a video; however, this should be used only if key speakers are unable to attend. Workshop leads should avoid having multiple pre-recorded presentations as this affects workshop quality and participation.

- Consider the planning of your agenda **allowing time for meaningful discussion during breakout activities,** and establish how you will engage both in-person and virtual attendees. (Technical support for virtual breakout rooms for online attendees will not be provided by the conference organisers but can be set up by the workshop leads).

- Whilst there is no limit to the number of workshops you can propose, during the submission process we will ask you to prioritise your submissions in order to maximise the number of individuals and organisations able to host a workshop. **We would strongly recommend that each organisation coordinates the number of workshop submissions made on its behalf**, focusing on submitting fewer, high quality proposals.

- **All participants in your workshop, including any speakers, moderators, and rapporteurs must register for the event** in order to have access to the NNN Conference rooms and therefore participate in the workshop. This applies to both virtual and in-person participants.

- **The submission for the workshop must be written in English**. While the NNN are unable to cover the interpretation services for workshops, MYT, the professional conference organiser (PCO) can recommend Interpretation Suppliers for you to obtain quotations.

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2. Once you have created a profile and you are logged in, head to the "Submissions" page and click "add new" (from the submissions tab you can access any of your saved submissions)
3. Complete the submission form
4. Select "save & continue later" - You will be able to continue editing your document until **Sunday 20th April 2025 23:00 ET** by pressing "save & continue later"
5. Select "save & submit" **only when it is final**

Submission Category

Submission Group: Please select from Workshop, Rapid Fire or Poster:

- Workshop (90 minutes)

Submission Sub-group: Please select 1 of the below sub-themes for your submission:

- AI and Digital Health in NTD Management
- Climate Change and NTDs
- Community-Driven Innovations
- One Health Approaches to NTDs
- Strengthening Health Systems for NTD Elimination
- Sustainable Financing and Investment in NTD Programs

Submission Lead Information
Please list the main contact for your submission who will be the main point of contact for logistical information and the on-site lead.

For Workshop Submissions the lead will also be responsible for the coordination of speakers, moderators, and rapporteurs for the workshop. Please note a Workshop Lead Orientation call is scheduled for **Thursday 12th June at 13h BST**.

- Lead Full Name
- Lead Email
- Lead Organisation
- Lead Job Title
- Lead Phone Number (Including country code)

Submission Details & Audience

Please provide details of the proposed submission and how it will address the 2025 NNN Conference theme:

- Submission Title
- What is the issue the submission aims to address? (100 words maximum)
- Submission Introduction - Summary for the Conference Agenda (75 words maximum)
- Overall aim of the submission and why it is important for the audience of the NNN (500 words maximum)

Please select which of the following regional locations your submission is most relevant to. (You can highlight multiple regions by pressing CTRL as you click on the region with your mouse) Nb. regions are based on the WHO regional offices. Please refer to the following WHO country lists to check for WHO Geographical Regions https://www.who.int/countries/.

- Africa
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Europe
- North America
- South & Central America
- South East Asia
- Western Pacific

Please specify which countries you are focusing on including any endemic countries.

Please select which of the WHO NTDs your submission pertains to (You can highlight multiple NTDs by pressing CTRL (PC Users) COMMAND (Mac Users) as you click on the NTD with your mouse). Please note, if you select 'cross-cutting' it would be helpful if you could also select the specific diseases your submission cuts across.

- Cross-cutting
- Buruli ulcer
- Chagas disease
- Chromoblastomycosis and other deep mycoses
- Dengue and chikungunya
- Dracunculiasis (Guinea-worm disease)
- Echinococcosis
- Foodborne trematodiases
- Human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness)
- Leishmaniasis
- Leprosy (Hansen's disease)
- Lymphatic filariasis
- Mycetoma
- Noma
- Onchocerciasis (river blindness)
- Podoconiosis
- Rabies
- Scabies and other ectoparasitoses
- Schistosomiasis
- Snakebite envenoming
- Soil-transmitted helminthiases
- Taeniasis / cysticercosis
- Trachoma
- Tungiasis
- Yaws and other endemic treponematoses
- Other

Briefly outline the proposed flow of the workshop and active engagement of participants to achieve your workshop aim. Please use this space to also include how you will engage both in-person and online audiences.

If your session includes breakout discussions, we are recommending in-person only break-out conversations, but we would be interested to hear how you might engage a virtual audience who are viewing via the live stream by using interactive tools. Nb. Technical support for virtual breakout rooms for online attendees will not be provided by the conference organisers but can be set up by the workshop leads.

Ideal discussion size for In-Person attendees:

- 35 or under
- 36-50
- 51-75

- 76-100
- Don't know

Moderators, Speakers & Rapporteurs

For Moderators, Speakers and Rapporteurs you will be asked the following questions:

Are you able to confirm your moderator/s?

- I am able to confirm our moderator/s now
- Still to be confirmed

If able to confirm, please complete the following fields:

- Full Name
- Email
- Job Title
- Organisation
- Country of Work
- Attendance: Virtual or In-Person

In-Person Workshop Lead

Please confirm the name of your Workshop Lead and main on-site contact for your workshop.

Additional Information

If this is not your only proposed workshop for 2025 NNN please indicate which workshop proposal is your first priority:

- This is my only proposed workshop
- Other (add title of other workshop/s)

Outline any additional information you would like the submission committee to be aware of.

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- Rapid Fire (PPT or recorded presentation)
- Poster (In-person)

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- Lead Full Name
- Lead Email
- Lead Organisation
- Lead Job Title
- Lead Phone Number (Including country code)

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- Other

[Conditional field for Rapid Fire Submissions]

Please indicate in which format you would like to present your Rapid Fire (please plan for approximately an 8 minute presentation + Q&A).

- Verbal Presentation with PPT
- Recorded Presentation
- Undecided

Rapid Fire & Poster Presenter

Are you able to confirm your presenter?

- I am able to confirm our presenter now
- Still to be confirmed

If able to confirm, please complete the following fields:

- Full Name
- Email
- Job Title
- Organisation
- Country of Work
- Attendance: Virtual or In-Person (nb. **Poster presenters must be in-person** to be accepted)

Additional Information

Outline any additional information you would like the selection committee to be aware of.

Submitter / Author Agreements

By submitting a proposal, the submitter confirms and agrees to the following:

- All speakers approve submitting this work for presentation / agree to take part in the workshop.
- The speakers have done the work reported in the submission and take full responsibility for the contents.
- The 2025 NNN Conference Committee reserves the right to determine the format of the presentation (eg., workshop, rapid fire or poster).
- The rapid fire / poster authors agree to confine their presentation to the topic noted in the submission.
- Workshop leads / rapid fire presenters should immediately notify the 2025 NNN Conference Committee if they are unable to join the event in-person or if the presenter / workshop lead must be changed.
- The submitter is responsible for using correct grammar and spelling. However, the NNN Events & Comms Team reserves the right to edit abstracts for grammar and spelling.
- Presenters are responsible for preparing the final workshop presentation, rapid fire presentation or poster in their chosen language (ensuring there are English subtitles for presentations or English digital version for posters).
- All poster presenters are responsible for printing, transporting and displaying their posters according to the guidelines. If they would like to reach a wider audience, we recommend that they provide an English digital version of their content that we will aim to display on the Conference App.

Publication

Rapid fires & digital posters will be published electronically on the 2025 NNN Conference platform. No printed abstract book will be produced. Submissions will be reviewed for their structure, content, perceived value to 2025 NNN Conference delegates and degree of innovation. All decisions are final.

Registration and Travel Costs

All confirmed presenters will be required to register for the 2025 NNN Conference no later than **17th August 2025**. According to the policy of the 2025 NNN Conference, all participants in the programme will be responsible for their own registration fees, hotel, visas, and travel expenses. Since all participants, including those in leadership positions are covering their own expenses, we regret that we cannot waive registration fees or cover expenses for any participant in the programme, including Convenors, Chairs, Speakers, or Participants.

Thank you for your interest & submission for this year's conference!