

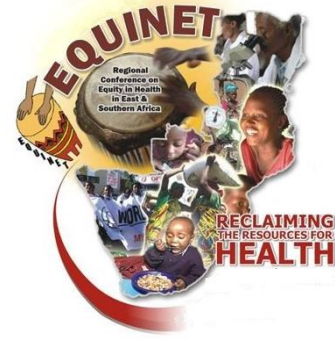


## Regional Network for Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa (EQUINET)

### EQUINET Conference 2022

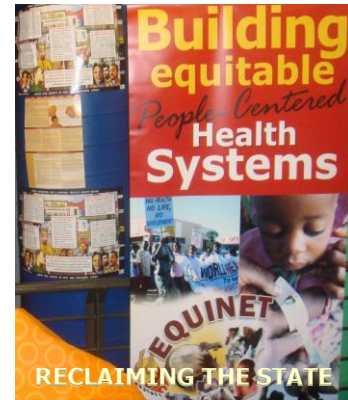
Catalysing change for health and social justice

Online: 28 July, 15 September, 13 October and 17 November



## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 2022 EQUINET Regional Conference, held online, invites people from all levels, disciplines, sectors and institutions who contribute to health and social justice in east and southern Africa. Challenging a neoliberal mantra that there are no alternatives to policies that create social deficits and injustice, the 2022 conference will share and discuss experiences, ideas, evidence, analysis, successes and struggles from local to regional level and engagement globally to advance health and wellbeing in our region. Through the exchanges we will frame propositions to advance health equity and social justice in our region. We are a network of many – community members, workers, state personnel at all levels, civil society, parliamentarians, academics, trade unions, professionals, innovators and producers. We welcome the voices, lenses and different ways of communicating ideas that all bring to the conference. For further information visit the **Conference website** [www.equinet africa.org/conference/home](http://www.equinet africa.org/conference/home) or scan the QR code.



The EQUINET Steering Committee have identified three Strategic Themes that inform each of the first three full days (held 9am-5pm Southern Africa time) of the online conference:

1. Day 1, July 28<sup>th</sup>, will, after our opening, focus on **Reclaiming the resources for health**, including equity in access to decent living, working and community conditions; confronting old and new forms of extraction of mineral and biodiversity resources; exploring efforts to localise production of key goods and technologies for health; supporting food sovereignty and addressing drivers of pandemics and climate change.
2. Day 2, September 15<sup>th</sup> will focus on **Reclaiming the state**, such as ensuring state duties and capacities for sustainable, equitable wellbeing; resisting and advancing public alternatives to the privatisation and commodification of essential services and systems; engaging on tax justice from local to global level and promoting comprehensive primary health care responses to epidemics.
3. Day 3, October 13<sup>th</sup> will focus on **Reclaiming collective agency and solidarity in health**, including efforts and insights from work to advance the right to health, build public health power, organise informed active citizenship and health literate communities; and to strengthen values based leadership and cadres and organic knowledge systems, including through participatory action research.
4. Day 4, November 17<sup>th</sup> will be a half day 9am to 1pm Southern Africa time that explores the propositions and resolutions from across the first 3 days and how we organise, network and act to take them forward.



**Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup> and closes July 15<sup>th</sup>.** The conference numbers are limited so apply early! Participants can register for one, two or all three days of the conference and all those attending will be registered for the fourth day. Visit the conference website [Registration page](#) for information and links to register.

**Submissions for presentation open April 1<sup>st</sup> and close June 15<sup>th</sup>.** We invite submissions in different forms for presentation at the conference, within one of the three Strategic Themes above that share experience, evidence and actions. The work may be at local, national or regional level, or report on regional engagement globally. The submission may be an oral presentation, or a presentation of relevant photojournalism, art, music, song, poetry, or recorded short podcast or drama. Visit the conference website [Abstract Submission page](#) for information and an online form to submit. We will notify applicants of the outcome of submissions by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**We look forward to seeing and hearing you at the EQUINET Conference 2022!**