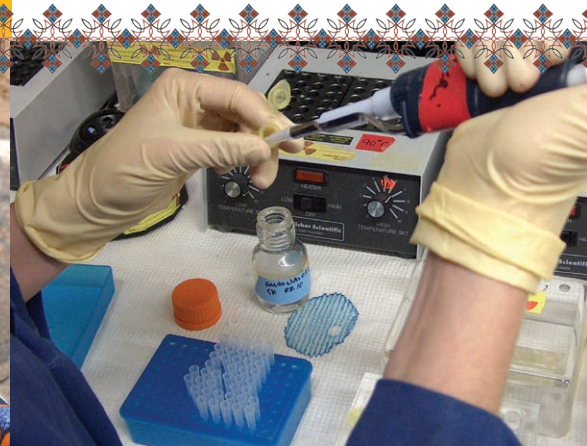


# AORTIC 2017

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CANCER IN AFRICA  
KIGALI, RWANDA • 7-10 NOVEMBER 2017



## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE



Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer's 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer in Africa. The theme this year is "Cancer in Africa: Making Strides, Creating Solutions" and our collective objectives are to advance research relating to cancers prevalent in Africa, and to support oncology training initiatives for healthcare workers.

The African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) is an Africa-based non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of cancer control and palliation in Africa. We strive to unite the African continent in achieving its goal of a cancer-free Africa, and we seek to make a positive impact across the region through collaboration with health ministries and global cancer organisations.

The biennial AORTIC conference is a unique platform that brings together leading African and international healthcare professionals, advocates, government leaders and other active members of the global cancer community.

AORTIC 2017 will be held in Kigali, Rwanda. The city has a new convention centre, many convenient hotel rooms nearby, and has invested in infrastructure which contributes to getting to and around Rwanda with ease.

The educational programme will be AORTIC's most innovative and interactive programme to date, addressing issues across the cancer-care continuum. Designed to spark collaboration and generate spaces for sharing experiences, the 2017 programme will ask the difficult questions, share real case studies and create solutions. Conference participants will benefit from scientific exchange during the formal programme, as well as informal interactions with colleagues from varied backgrounds and more than 66 countries.

We would be delighted if you would submit an abstract to present at this year's conference and ask you to please refer to our conference website for guidelines and specifications.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kigali in November 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Jean-Marie Kabongo-Mpolesha  
President, AORTIC

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## MAIN THEMES INCLUDE:

- Advocacy
- Cancer biology
- Cancer registration
- Economics of cancer control
- Genetics
- Grant writing
- National cancer control plans
- Oncology nursing
- Pain management
- Palliative care
- Pathology
- Psycho-oncology
- Sexuality and cancer
- Site-specific cancers

## DATES TO NOTE

REGISTRATION OPENS:  
7 FEBRUARY

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:  
15 FEBRUARY

CALL FOR BURSARY APPLICATIONS:  
15 FEBRUARY

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS  
AND BURSARY APPLICATIONS:  
7 APRIL

EARLY REGISTRATION RATE CLOSES:  
31 MAY

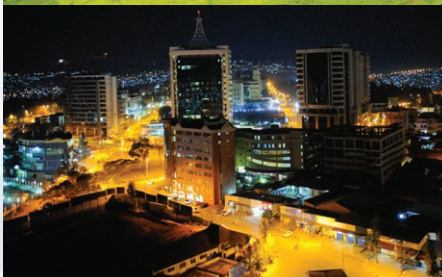




## VENUE

The Kigali Convention Centre (KCC), positioned on a hilltop in the heart of Kigali, was opened in 2016 and has already hosted numerous prestigious meetings including the 27<sup>th</sup> African Union Summit. The translucent dome is modelled on a traditional King's palace and contains multi-functional halls with a capacity of 2,600.

There are more than 8000 hotel rooms across the city of Kigali, which has prioritised the conference industry and has taken many steps to making it an attractive and practical destination for international conference participants.



## DESTINATION

Rwanda is emerging as a regional hub and boasts one of sub-Saharan Africa's fastest GDP growth rates. It is one of the continent's most competitive economies and is forward-looking and innovative, making big investments in technology and healthcare.

Rwanda is a growing tourist destination and features impressive architecture, a range of accommodation from budget to five-star, a booming design and art scene and even lively nightlife. Kigali is arguably one of the most attractive capital cities in Africa, as well as one of the cleanest and safest.

## SPONSORSHIP

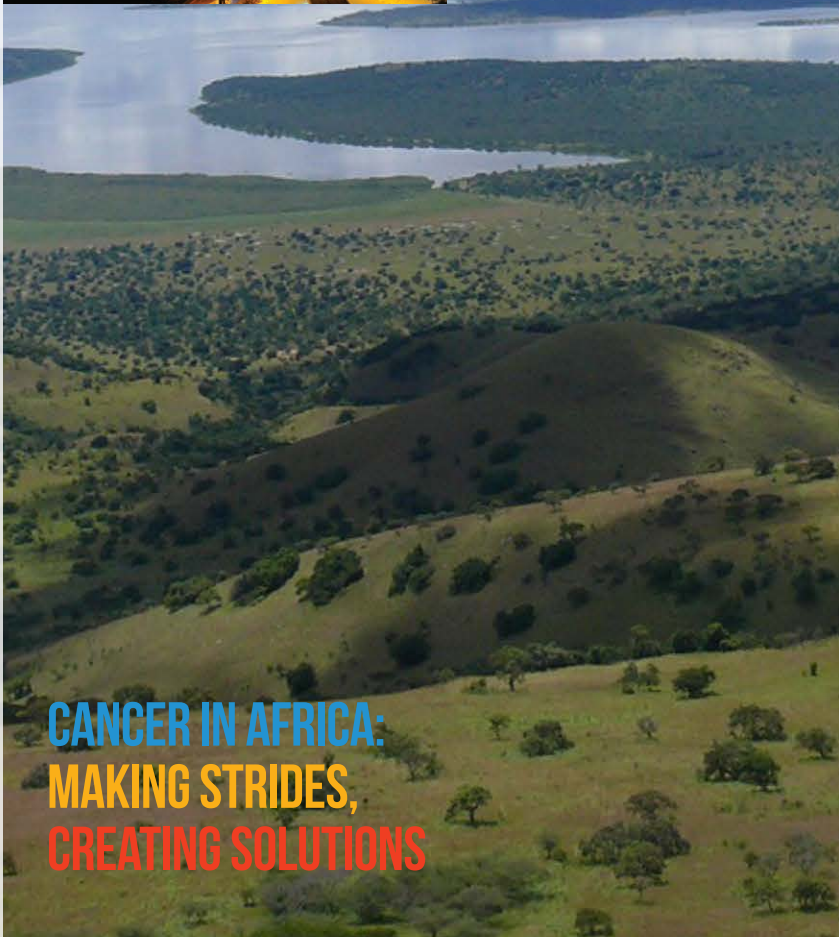
The 11<sup>th</sup> AORTIC International Conference on Cancer in Africa will welcome participants from around the globe.

Companies and organisations active in the field of cancer are invited to support AORTIC 2017 through sponsorship or the exhibition, and show your commitment to the promotion of cancer control and palliation in Africa.

Through sponsored sessions, participant materials, educational support, advertising, networking events and logo placement, sponsors of AORTIC 2017 will have the tools to educate and engage a captive audience on what you are doing to make strides in African cancer research and treatment.

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## REGISTRATION

Registration opens on 7 February 2017 and online registration can be accessed here: [www.aorticconference.org](http://www.aorticconference.org)

Subsidised fees are offered for residents of African countries and countries designated by the World Bank as low and lower middle income economies.

*\* Special rates are offered for AORTIC members.*

*Not a member? Opportunity to sign up as a member when registering for the conference to benefit from the discounted rates.*

## FEES

All fees are displayed in both United States Dollars (USD) and South African Rands (ZAR). Credit card transactions will be processed in South African Rands (ZAR) only.

Your invoice will show the amount due in South African Rands (ZAR). If you require an invoice in United States Dollars (USD), you can request one.

## BURSARIES

AORTIC invites applications for financial support to participate in the 2017 conference. For more details on the application criteria and the application form, please refer to the conference website.



## AORTIC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



- Be part of a growing network of cancer professionals.
- Qualify for access to our quarterly newsletter.
- Receive alerts and latest cancer information.
- Receive a membership certificate.
- Reduced fees to attend our conferences.
- Eligible to apply for research grants.
- Eligible to nominate and vote for new AORTIC council members.
- Eligible to be nominated to council after two years of consecutive membership.
- Access to AORTIC Cancer Education Virtual Platform programme.

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### GUIDELINES

Abstracts should be relevant to healthcare and social issues specific to cancer and cancer control in Africa. Abstracts must adequately describe the research performed to allow reviewers to evaluate the quality, originality and thoroughness of the work.

### ABSTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

- Abstracts may be submitted in English or French.
- Abstract title should be typed in UPPER CASE. The title should define the topic and contain no abbreviations.
- In the body of the abstract, standard abbreviations need not be defined; other abbreviations and acronyms should be defined on first use.
- Generic names for pharmaceuticals, biologicals and medical devices should be used in place of trade names. Trade names should only be used if equivalent products from multiple manufacturers are being compared.
- Overly commercial abstracts will not be accepted.
- Do not include graphics, photographs or tables.
- Maximum word count for the body of the abstract is 400 words.
- Submissions may have up to six authors (three presenting authors).
- The submitting author's name should appear first. All correspondence will be sent to the submitting author.
- The submitting author must be one of the presenting authors.

### PRESENTATION FORMAT

An accepted abstract will be presented orally or as a poster. Oral abstracts will be grouped by topic and presented in the Free Communication of Abstracts sessions. Presenters will have eight minutes for presentation followed by two minutes for discussion.

Authors chosen for a poster session will be given two days to display their poster, with a dedicated poster session.

While effort will be made to accommodate author's preference in presentation format (oral or poster), the final decision will rest with the Scientific Programme Committee.

*All accepted abstracts will be published in the electronic conference proceedings under the submitting author's name.*

### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

- Prepare your abstract to the above specifications.
- Submit it electronically via the abstract submission site on the conference website
- Carefully check your details and abstracts, as it will be published "as is" with no further editing by the Programme Secretariat or Committee.

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

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Two representatives from the Local Organising Committee

### KEY ABSTRACT DATES

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7 APRIL

**AUTHORS NOTIFIED:**  
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