

# COMMUNITY CONNECT

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## Community Connect Call for Applications Now Open

The Community Connect is an area where representatives from the community can share, experience and develop ideas and projects around 4 tracks related to lung health and non-communicable diseases. Set to inspire, engage and give a voice to the community.

Organisations or community initiatives interested in joining the Community Connect can apply keeping guidelines stated below in mind.

This space is part/is a core part/is at the heart of the [52<sup>nd</sup> Union World Conference on Lung Health](#), which will take place virtually from 19-22 October 2021.

This year's Community Connect has four tracks:

- 1. Community, rights, and gender:** Implementation experience, best practices and stories from affected communities to ensure community-centred, rights-based and gender responsive healthcare for all.
- 2. Innovation in TB, tobacco control, COVID-19, lung health and non-communicable diseases:** Shared learning based on innovative research and advances to prioritise communities' needs on the health agenda.
- 3. Political environments for community-led advocacy to influence policy:** Government and community partnerships, advocacy and community-led monitoring of laws, policies or guidelines and engagement in multi-stakeholder accountability mechanisms.
- 4. Social determinants of health for vulnerable groups:** Research and recommendations to ensure high quality healthcare for key populations and vulnerable groups. This could include home-based care and integrated services for nutritional support, psychological support and financial support.

## Track leads

Different organisations will be assigned to lead each track. As Track Lead, the selected organisation(s) will be responsible – along with your UCAP liaison – to collect session applications for the respective Track, review them, and select relevant sessions to be featured in the conference broadcast programme. During the conference itself, at least one representative from each organisation should be present during the sessions of the Track you are responsible for.

To become a Track Lead, please submit your application to [communityconnect@theunion.org](mailto:communityconnect@theunion.org) by **28 June, 17:00 CEST**.

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Please outline:

- Name and location of Organisation(s). Your application will be strengthened through representation in multiple regions to ensure availability for live Q&A across time zones.
- The Track you would like to lead.
- A short description of the interest and expertise of the organisation(s) applying to lead the chosen track and examples of potential sessions you would like to include (up to 500 words). This could include previous experiences in running similar spaces at other conferences, and examples of events/panels/etc that you've organised that are relevant to the theme of the Track.

## Session applications

Please submit your application to lead a 45 minute session (30 minute pre-recorded presentations with a 15 minute live Q&A) to [communityconnect@theunion.org](mailto:communityconnect@theunion.org) by **21 July, 17:00 CEST**, with the following information:

- Track
- Session title
- Speakers' names, gender and country representation
- Brief outline of session topic and discussion (maximum 500 words)

We also invite you to submit sessions in Spanish, Russian and French if that is your preferred language. Please note, however, that English translation will not be available.

We are committed to promoting person-centered language in all sessions and presentations. When drafting your abstract, we request that you follow the guidelines laid out in the Stop TB Partnership's publication, [Suggested Language and Usage for Tuberculosis Care, Communications and Publications](#).

Please note: Abstracts using **stigmatising language will be penalised in the review process**. More details are available in the review criteria.

## Review criteria

UCAP and Track Leads will use the following review criteria to score each application:

TOPICS TO BE SCORED	EXPECTED	SCORING
<b>Relevance</b>	The research question is relevant. The study/intervention addresses current, relevant scientific or public health issues; the study/intervention findings are important and will likely contribute to new knowledge, practice, policies or programmes.	0 = not described/irrelevant 1 = minimal relevance 2 = somewhat relevant 3 = relevant 4 = very relevant 5 = extremely relevant  (Weight = 1.0)
<b>Methods /intervention or response</b>	The study design/intervention is appropriate, given the objectives/challenges.	0 = not described 1 = very poor 2 = poor 3 = average 4 = above average 5 = excellent  (Weight = 1.0)
<b>Results/impact</b>	Results/Impact are in line with the analysis methodology and objectives; scope, generalisability, feasibility and robustness of findings are satisfactory.	0 = not described 1 = very poor 2 = poor 3 = average 4 = above average 5 = excellent  (Weight = 1.0)

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<b>Clarity of the message</b>	<p>The study's objectives/challenges or working hypotheses are clearly stated. The text is concise and objective, the conclusions are clear and congruent with the results and the final overall message is clear.</p>	<p>0 = Unable to understand abstract/no conclusions  1 = very poor (i.e. Abstract is confusing. Conclusions not supported by results)  2 = poor  3 = average  4 = above average  5 = excellent (i.e. Abstract exceptionally well written. Conclusions congruent with results)</p> <p>(Weight = 0.5)</p>
<b>Originality</b>	<p>The study, methodology/implementation, context and/or findings are new or novel.</p>	<p>0 = not described  1 = very poor  2 = poor  3 = average  4 = above average  5 = extremely novel</p> <p>(Weight = 0.5)</p>
<b>Stigmatising language</b>	<p>Please follow the guidelines laid out in the Stop TB Partnership's publication, <a href="#">Suggested Language and Usage for Tuberculosis Care, Communications and Publications</a>. Key stigmatising words/phrases will be penalised in the review process.</p>	<p>-1 = yes  0 = no</p> <p>(Weight = 1)</p>

Maximum score: 20

For questions or queries, please email [communityconnect@theunion.org](mailto:communityconnect@theunion.org)