

# IHI Africa Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare to feature international health experts

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The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) brings you the first IHI Africa Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare which takes place at the Durban International Conference Centre from 19-21 February 2018.



The IHI Africa Forum is a new opportunity for clinicians, quality and safety professionals, health system leaders, global health professionals, non-profit workers, policy-makers, and staff from Ministries of Health to learn about breakthrough results, acquire practical skills to address critical health system gaps, leverage extensive networking opportunities, and be inspired by international keynote speakers and presenters.

With more than 250 high-quality abstract submissions scheduled for inclusion as poster, rapid-fire, or oral presentations, this conference will be a valuable event for those working in healthcare in Africa. Designed to provide a unique platform for African health professionals and partners to celebrate extensive achievements in the arena of quality and safety, while strategising for emerging challenges, the IHI Africa Forum includes impressive speakers and educational sessions.

"When you say 'health care quality improvement' in Africa, generally what comes to mind for most people is unwieldy, intractable gaps, stimulating momentum for change, or something in between," says Sodzi Sodzi-Tettey, MD, MPH, IHI's Executive Director for Africa. "I have no doubt that those attending our first Africa Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare will leave inspired to return to their work with fresh insight and skills."

Session topics include The Science of Improvement: Applying it to Improve Outcomes; Essential Leadership Skills and Behaviours for Accelerating Change; Designing, Applying, and Executing Improvement Projects; Success Stories in HIV and TB; Infectious Disease Prevention and Management; Primary Care and Noncommunicable Diseases; and Cutting-Edge Maternal, New-born, and Child Health Programming Across Africa that leverages key insights from global, regional, and local initiatives, including the WHO Quality Equity and Dignity network.

## Who is IHI?

As a leader in health and healthcare improvement worldwide. For more than 25 years, IHI has partnered with visionaries, leaders, and front-line practitioners around the globe to spark bold, inventive ways to improve the health of individuals and populations. IHI mobilises teams, organisations, and nations to envision and achieve a better health and healthcare future.

## What will you do at the IHI Africa Forum?

- Participate in hands-on, skill-building educational sessions that will teach you how to use and apply the basics of quality improvement.
- Hear about and plan to apply lessons from Africa-based initiatives that have improved infection control in hospital settings, reduced maternal and child mortality, and increased patient safety, [among other topics](#).
- Learn the latest leadership skills and practices to accelerate change.
- Be inspired by keynote addresses from [international leaders](#) about African health and health care challenges and successes.
- Network and learn alongside hundreds of African-based colleagues at our storyboard and welcome receptions.

- Earn 17 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits.

IHI's International Forums have already been held in Orlando, London, Malaysia, and Doha this year. In the words of a delegate to the London Forum, *"If people want to make health care better and they would like to know about the latest and greatest that is happening around the world, then [these Forums are] the place to be."*

We hope you'll join us in Durban in February. Visit IHI's [Africa Forum website](#) to learn more and enrol today. IHI also has a limited number of scholarships available for eligible attendees. Read more [here](#).

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