

MENENGAGE AFRICA

SRHR PROGRESS 2026

Call for Abstract Reviewers

PROGRESS 2026: MenEngage Africa SRHR Learning and Exchange Symposium

Theme: “Reclaiming Autonomy: Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Justice in the Face of Resistance”

Dates: 10–14 August 2026

Venue: Mombasa, Kenya (TBC)

About the Symposium

Building on the success of PROGRESS 2024, the MenEngage Africa SRHR PROGRESS 2026 Symposium will bring together SRHR advocates, policymakers, researchers, youth, and community leaders from across the continent to strengthen collective action for sexual and reproductive justice.

MenEngage Africa invites experienced and passionate individuals to join the Abstract Review Committee for PROGRESS 2026. This is a unique opportunity to help shape the voices, insights, and innovations that will guide the next chapter of SRHR advocacy and action across the region.

We are seeking individuals with diverse expertise and backgrounds who are committed to feminist principles, intersectional approaches, and transformative gender justice. If you are knowledgeable in SRHR, gender equality, youth engagement, research, or community-based advocacy, we encourage you to apply.

Role of Reviewers

As an Abstract Reviewer for the MenEngage Africa SRHR PROGRESS 2026 Symposium, you will play a key role in shaping a dynamic, inclusive, and impactful programme. Reviewers are expected to:

- Evaluate submitted abstracts for quality, relevance, originality, and alignment with the symposium theme and sub-themes.
- Provide constructive feedback to authors (where applicable) to support learning and improvement.
- Ensure that the final selection reflects regional diversity, gender balance, youth representation, and inclusion of persons with disabilities and marginalized voices.
- Participate in a short virtual briefing and calibration session to ensure a shared understanding of the review criteria and scoring process.

Eligibility Criteria

We invite applications from individuals with:

- Proven experience or expertise in SRHR, gender equality, public health, disability inclusion, youth advocacy, or reproductive justice.
- A minimum of 3 years’ experience in research, program design, policy, or advocacy in SRHR-related fields.
- Familiarity with academic or practice-based peer review processes (preferred but not mandatory).
- Commitment to impartiality, confidentiality, and meeting agreed review deadlines.

We particularly welcome reviewers who bring:

- Regional diversity: Representation from all African sub-regions, youth (18–35), persons with disabilities, and gender diversity.
- Language capacity in English, French (please indicate in your application).

Time Commitment

Review period: 06 April 2026- 12 June 2026

- Estimated workload: 10–15 abstracts, each requiring approximately 20 minutes to review.
- Reviews will be managed on <https://abstractwiz.com/>. Login details provided upon selection.
- Orientation: 1-hour online briefing (date to be confirmed).
- **Review window: 06 Apr – 22 May 2026 (6 weeks).**
- **Calibration briefing: 1 Apr 2026 (1 hour, virtual; recording shared).**
- **Moderation & tie-breaks: 25 May–5 Jun 2026.**
- **Final decisions issued by: 12 Jun 2026.**
- All reviews must be completed by the agreed deadline.

Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality & Safeguarding

All reviewers must agree to:

- **Not** review abstracts authored by you, your current organisation, current co-authors/collaborators (past 24 months), or close supervisors. Indicate to us to reassign if there exists a conflict of interest
- **Not** share or use abstract content outside the review process.
- Provide respectful, non-discriminatory feedback; report any concerns to yanga@genderjustice.org.za

What Reviewers Gain

- Recognition in the Symposium Report and website.
- Certificate of contribution as an Abstract Reviewer for PROGRESS 2026.
- Networking opportunities with SRHR experts and partners across Africa.
- Priority consideration for moderation or facilitation roles during the symposium.

How to Apply

Interested individuals should submit:

1. A short Expression of Interest (max 2 pages) describing their background and motivation.
2. A brief CV (max 2 pages) highlighting relevant experience.
3. Contact information (name, email, organization, country).

Send applications to: yanga@genderjustice.org.za

Deadline for reviewer applications: 20 March 2026

Join us in shaping an inclusive and transformative dialogue on SRHR in Africa. Together, we can ensure that every voice counts toward reproductive justice for all.