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Invitation to participate and or co- sponsor the International Labour and Birth Research Conference Series 2027 to be hosted in Africa for the first time with venue in Accra-Ghana

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Labour and Birth Research Conference (ILBRC) Steering Committee, the University of Lancashire (UK) and the Centre for Health Development and Research (CEHDAR) - Ghana, we are delighted to inform you that the next ILBRC series will be held in Accra, Ghana, in September 2027. This conference series has been running annually for over twenty years attracting influential international speakers in midwifery research, practice and policy as well as global leaders in midwifery, obstetrics, public and maternal health, researchers from a broad range of disciplines, policy makers, and service user activists.

While previous conferences have largely been held in high-income settings, we have long aspired to bring the conference to Africa. Hosting the event in Ghana represents an important step towards creating a more inclusive and globally representative forum for maternity, midwifery and climate change related research for better health outcomes, enabling greater participation from African colleagues and ensuring that the experiences, innovations, and priorities of those working in diverse contexts help shape the future of maternity services worldwide.

This prestigious international event will bring together maternity researchers, midwives and other clinicians, educators, policymakers, advocates, and community representatives from across Africa and around the world to advance evidence-based approaches that promote safe, respectful, and person-centred maternity care. The conference aligns closely with global health commitments to improving maternal health, reducing preventable maternal mortality, advancing sexual, reproductive health and rights, midwifery, climate change and health and ensuring that every woman receives respectful, high-quality maternity care and gets to live in environments where climate friendly systems strengthening are priority.

We warmly invite **you and or your organization** to partner with us or as a sponsor of this important event. A range of special and attractive sponsorship opportunities is available.

Your support would make a significant contribution to ensuring broad participation and to further strengthen regional and international collaboration in maternal and newborn health care.

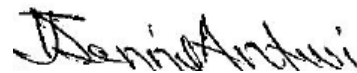
We would be delighted to discuss the sponsorship packages and partnership opportunities with you further (Please contact Jemima Dennis-Antwi & Soo Downe per email addresses below).

Thank you in advance for considering this invitation and for making 2027, a landmark event for maternity care in Africa and beyond.

Yours Sincerely,



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