

 **Africa & Middle East Congress on Addiction**
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The *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction* announces a call for papers for a special edition related to **the 2nd conference of Africa & Middle East Congress on Addiction (AMECA)**.

There is growing recognition of the heavy toll addictive disorders and related mental health problems have globally. The impact of these problems is particularly pronounced in middle- and low-income countries. The **Africa & Middle East Congress on Addiction (AMECA)** was developed as an initiative to coordinate capacity for research on addiction and related mental health disorders in Africa and the Middle East. One component of this strategy is convening an annual conference to gather researchers and clinicians from multiple fields including medicine, public health, psychology, and related fields. The journal is pleased to announce a partnership with AMECA to develop a special issue focusing on ongoing research in Africa and the Middle East. Participants in AMECA are invited to submit their articles to this issue. We are looking for high quality research papers that could focus on prevention, assessment, and treatment in addiction and relevant mental health problems. Approaches could be laboratory, clinical, community, and epidemiological.

The following types of papers will be accepted:

- (i) Original research papers
- (ii) Narrative and systemic reviews
- (iii) Theoretical, methodological, and policy analysis papers
- (iv) Structured critical reflections

Submission Process. For submission guidelines, please see <http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/11469>.

The manuscript selection process will follow the journal's normal peer review procedures. Submissions must mention in the cover letter and on-line comments field that the manuscript is specifically intended for the special issue on **the 2nd conference of Africa & Middle East Congress on Addiction (AMECA)**.

Timeline:

Expression of interest (and an abstract) to malabsi@d.umn.edu and d.zangeneh@gmail.com due date: December 30, 2014

First draft submission in word document to malabsi@d.umn.edu and d.zangeneh@gmail.com due date: March 31, 2015

Guest editor's feedback to author, due date: April 30, 2015

Submission on IJHMA website (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/ijmh/>) due date: June 30, 2015

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