



“Mapping Changemakers Transforming Health in Africa”

# 2024 AFRICA HEALTH CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Harvard Chan Africa Health Students Forum

## IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE



232 people attended the conference in-person

## ONLINE ATTENDANCE



300 people remotely attended the conference



### 5 out of 10

in-person conference attendees were students

## 33 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



18 in Africa

3 in Asia



3 in North America



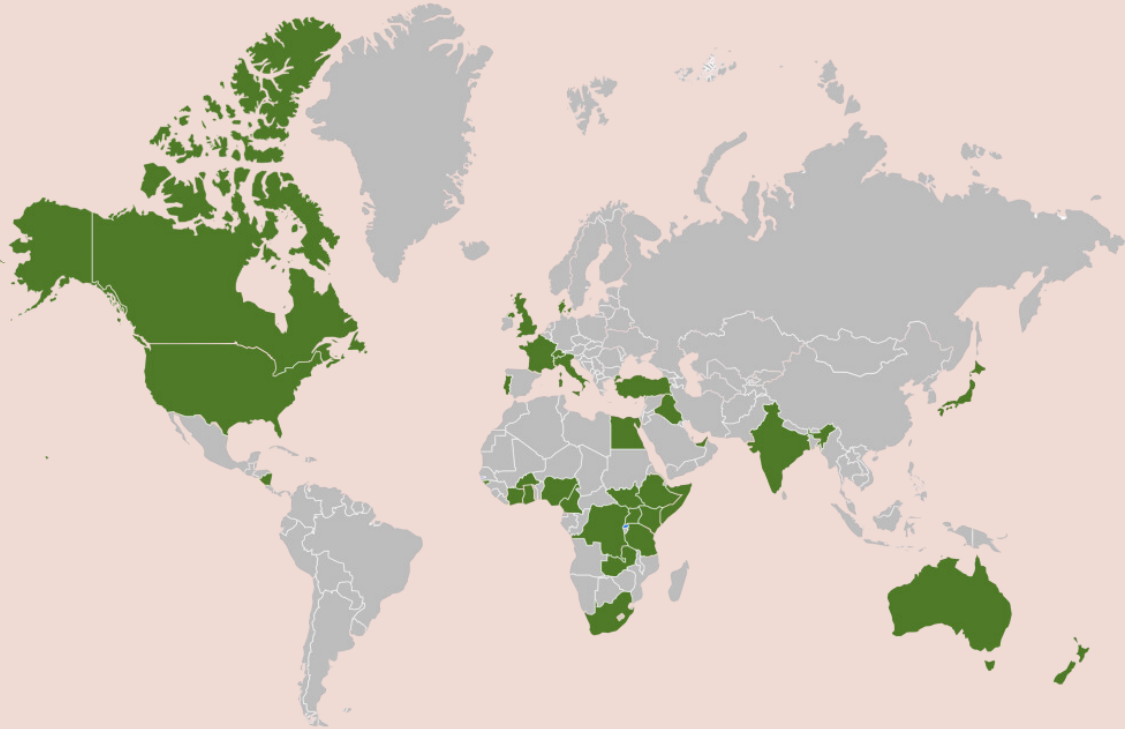
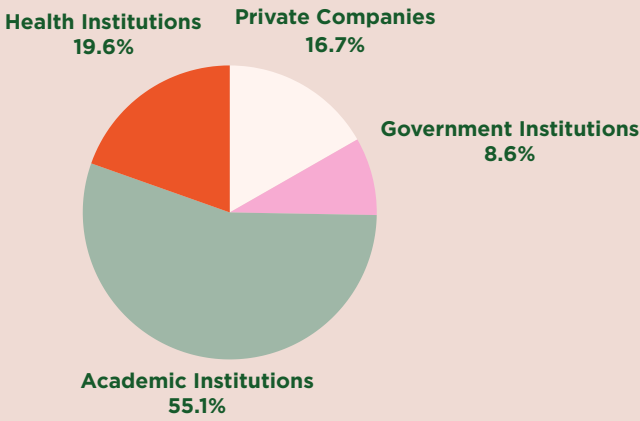
7 in Europe



2 in Oceania



## ATTENDEES REPRESENT

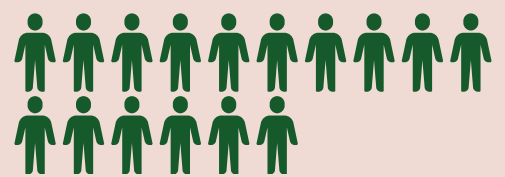


## ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED (IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE)

- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Columbia University
- Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth University
- Harvard University (Harvard Chan, HKS, HBS, GSAS, HDS, HMS)
- Howard University
- Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Johns Hopkins University
- Northeastern University
- Stanford University
- University of Kentucky
- UCT, Canada
- Yale University



17 female speakers



16 male speakers

**Date of Event:** February 23 - 24th 2024

**Conference Theme:** This year's theme was "Mapping Changemakers Transforming Health in Africa." The conference explored various themes that reflect the changing healthcare landscape in Africa and highlighted the leaders and organizations leading this change through practice innovations and policy reform. Explored topics such as women's health and leadership, health systems, vaccine delivery and manufacturing, role of health information technology and emergence of AI, health startups, and community participatory outreach programs.

**Conference Panels:**

- Health Priorities: Addressing the double disease burden in Africa
- Drugs & Vaccines: Strengthening local supply chains, manufacturing and innovation
- Digital & AI: The power of new technology in Africa
- Health Startups made in Africa: How can entrepreneurs fill in public health gaps?
- Women in Health: Strengthening Leadership and Inclusion
- Health Financing: Supporting Africa's health priorities for the next decade
- Lessons Learned: Safeguarding Africa's health security and preparing for the next pandemic

**Spotlight events:**

- African Women Leaders Luncheon
- Poster Competition
  - 4 faculty judges, 9 in-person presentations & 5 virtual presentations
- Joseph S. Agyepong Distinguished Fireside Chat with Hon. Yolanda Awel Deng

**Harvard Office supporters included:**

- Center for African Studies at Harvard University
- Center for AIDS research at Harvard University
- Center for Global Health Equity at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Center for International Development at Harvard Kennedy School
- Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School
- Harvard Humanitarian Initiative
- Harvard Global Health Initiative
- Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Harvard Chan
- Office for Student Affairs at Harvard Chan
- Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University
- Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard Kennedy School
- Zhu Family Center for Global Cancer Prevention at Harvard Chan

**External supporters included:**

- Big Win Philanthropy
- Center for Global Health at MGH
- PATH DRC
- Purple Point Neurodiagnostics
- RxAll Inc
- Siegrist Family Fund

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**On the internet:**

- **Article from Harvard Chan:** <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/features/health-care-transformation-in-africa-highlighted-at-conference/>
- **Article from blog post:** <https://www.jontakam.com/post/mapping-changemakers-transforming-health-in-africa>



