

Guidelines for abstract submissions

Introduction

As we prepare for the milestone anniversary meeting in July 2025, we would like to highlight and learn from the work done by contributors across the world in the last ten years, showcasing activities that are contributing to safe listening, aligned with WHO's principles.

For this purpose, we invite you to submit a short abstract describing project, study, activity, policy development, event, or other activity that contributes to the goals of the MLS initiative that has taken place over the last ten years.

Submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Awareness or education campaigns promoting safe listening behaviours
- Implementation of WHO global standards or guidelines
- Research studies and publications relevant to safe listening
- Technological innovations that enable safer listening for users
- Policy or regulatory actions supporting safe listening environments
- Community-based or youth-led safe listening initiatives

Key details

- Eligibility: Submissions are welcomed from all
- Activities should be aligned with and in response to the WHO MLS initiative
- Outcome or impact should be demonstrated
- Abstract length: Maximum 250 words
- Abstract structure:
 - Aim of activity
 - Stakeholder/s involved
 - Brief description
 - How is this related to the WHO MLS initiative?
 - Outcome/impact

Selected abstracts:

- will be compiled into a milestone anniversary handbook
- may be featured during the upcoming Consultation in July, highlighted on the official meeting website,
- and could be shared through WHO's online platforms, including upcoming newsletters from the Ear and Hearing Care Programme.

This is a valuable opportunity to showcase our collective progress, inspire further action, and connect with others committed to making listening safe for all.

Deadline for submission: 5 June 2025

Please submit abstracts and/or any questions to: mls@who.int