***Building Back Better Covid-19 Dissemination Conference***

**7- 8 October 2021, Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel**

**Call for Abstracts**

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with Kamuzu University of Health Sciences through the CEBHA+ Project and the National Commission for Science and Technology is pleased to announce the “Building Back Better” Covid-19 Dissemination Conference to take place from the **7th to the 8th of October 2021**. This two-day event will host researchers, policymakers and public health professionals to highlight Covid-19 research findings that will provide insights and likely evidence that informs policy. The conference will be hosted virtually but a number of selected participants will attend the conference in person at the Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel.

“Building Back Better” refers to the worldwide call to pursue a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. Countries are challenged to build back from the pandemic in ways that are stronger (more productive and resilient), faster (limiting the impact of shocks), and more inclusive (ensuring nobody is left behind). There is a need to use the lessons learnt to re-imagine a public health system and social infrastructure which will be resilient to future pandemics.

Topics from different disciplines including public health, health and social sciences, politics, information, knowledge management, education, sports etc., will be considered as long as the research/work submitted is related to the various aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic including its impact on the lives, health and well-being of the population as well as challenges brought by the pandemic, the way-forward and lessons learnt. Both research and programme/ policy-driven abstracts will be accepted for consideration and should clearly highlight implications to policy and practice.

CEBHA+ Project is therefore inviting interested researchers to submit abstracts relevant to the theme of the conference. The abstracts should not be more than 300 words in length and should include the following sections:

* Title
* List of authors and their affiliations
* Introduction
* Methodology
* Results
* Conclusion

Please do not include citations, tables or figures. If your paper is co-written, please indicate who will present and provide the contact details of the presenting author including telephone number and email address.

Abstracts should be sent via email to cebhacovid19@medcol.mw by Friday 24 September 2021. All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed by a scientific committee and successful researchers will be informed before the 1st of October 2021.