

CONFERENCE REPORT

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I attended the FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics which was conducted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 14th to 19th October 2018. FIGO is the single largest global congress on maternal and infant health, bringing together obstetricians, gynecologists, epidemiologists and related health professionals from around the world.

The Congress Scientific program offered a cutting-edge line-up of renowned international speakers that appealed to all audiences: clinicians, health workers, policy makers, global agencies, health care leaders and industry specialists alike – passionate professionals concerned with maternal and infant health and well-being.

This FIGO World Congress was unique, being the only meeting related to the practice of obstetrics and gynecology exhaustively addressing, during a full week, all aspects of women's health in the world. The scientific program covered cutting edge topics in daily practice, the most recent development and management of the rapidly evolving health care requirements, as well as the crucial challenges and cost-effective interventions in low resource countries from which my research was conducted.



Benjamin Kamala (recipient of grant form NRSGH) presenting his research work from Tanzania on Effectiveness of intrapartum fetal heart rate monitoring devices: A randomized controlled study; at the FIGO Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 2018

The lectures and sessions were provided by worldwide recognized experts in the field of obstetrics and gynecology, representatives of universities, research institutions, major hospitals and health care institutions from around the globe.

I gained a great deal of connections and networks of clinicians and researchers working in the areas focusing on reduction of perinatal mortality especially in underserved regions where technology is still low. We discussed cost effectiveness interventions that may well suit these settings and contribute to the reduction of perinatal mortality.

I would advise other PhD to submit their research work to such international conferences to gain exposures, knowledge and get opportunities to expand their networks.