

Editorial

This volume contains selected papers presented at the 2nd International Conference hosted by the School of Health Sciences, University of Venda (UNIVEN) from 01-03 July 2014. The theme of the conference was: **Towards Achieving 2015 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – Education, Disability and Violence.**

The aim of the conference was to re-sensitise participants of the need to work towards achieving the MDG goals. The conference also provided a platform for participants to learn from each other and share their experiences of how to make the biggest impact in improving the quality of life of people in the world. While this was the ultimate goal of the conference, there was an opportunity for participants to interact with colleagues from far and near and initiate networks for future collaborations.

Over 230 abstracts were received from South African Institutions of Higher Learning and also from elsewhere in the world. The abstracts received addressed all eight sub-themes of the conference. The papers in this volume thus deal with various aspects of education as was presented at the conference.

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