

ASHGOVNet Discussion Forum:

We had a robust discussion on the previous topic: "*Creating Synergies and Building Capacity for Africa's Health*". Numerous responses were shared and it's clear the situation is getting better and coordinated action is critical now more than ever. The fact that we are able to hold a honest discussion, share experiences and agree on common points is indeed testimony that Africans are taking up their rightful role as the prime actors and movers in the efforts to improve the health of Africans. A call to us all is that we should avoid the temptation of blaming everyone else for our (Africans) problems and situation and a take home message is that we as African individuals, institutions and governments need to do a serious analysis of our strengths and weaknesses that we need to address in order to move forward faster and be the respected, efficient and authoritative leaders and coordinators that we want rest of the world to view us as.

Professor Lucas points out some well-known weaknesses of our delegations to international meetings and gatherings, Sikipa notes out actions that may better coordination while Sheillah summarized a reminder to us all in her comment: "*..... It's us in Africa, to clearly spell out what our needs are, what frameworks, platforms and mechanisms we have to develop capacity of our HRH, our expectations from Partners/donors and even suggest the processes we want to use as we strive to achieve our HRH goals. This way, we optimize the benefits of collaboration*".[Read all comments](#)

Our discussion topic of this month is: "*A vision for transformative ownership and capacity building for Africa's health*" which has already been shared by email and can also be viewed online. [Read more](#)

News:

Second Health Systems Governance Congress.

The network held a second congress on Health Systems Governance on 20th – 21st March 2012 at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala attracting top health experts from across Africa and international development partners.....[Read more.](#)



Group photo of delegates at the Congress

African Platform for Human Resources in Health holds board meeting.

Board members of APHRH convened in Kampala's Imperial Royal Hotel for a second board meeting which discussed on the way forward for the platform and passed resolutions to that effect.[Read more.](#)

The East Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) Health Community acts on HRH crisis.

THE Human Resources for Health problem in sub-Saharan Africa has worsened as WHO classified seven members as HRH crisis countries for failing to meet the "Health for all" standard goal of 1 doctor to 5 thousand people.[Read more.](#)

Women Deliver Africa Regional Consultations.

ACHEST participated in the Women Deliver Africa Regional Consultation on Achieving MDG 5: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned which took place on March 27-28 in Kampala, Uganda.[Read more.](#)



MEPI site visit to University of Zambia

Medical Education Partnership Initiative visits Medical Schools.

ACHEST as the African Coordinating Center of MEPI, in collaboration with the George Washington University took part in site visits to partnering medical schools in various universities across Africa.[Read more.](#)

ACHEST participates in WHO Neglected Tropical Diseases meeting.

These medically diverse conditions called neglected tropical diseases form a group of diseases which are all strongly associated with poverty. They flourish in impoverished environment and all thrive in tropical areas and most have been around for many years.[Read more.](#)

EQUINET organized a Regional Meeting on the Equity Watch and Monitoring, Cape Town April 26-28 2012. It has also called for applicants for grants for policy research into global health diplomacy, and particularly in relation to the manner in which African interests around equitable health systems are being advanced through health diplomacy.[Read more.](#)

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON) and its partners are organizing the 10th Scientific Conference to be held in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 5-7 September 2012. [Read more.](#)

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