The governance organs include: The Executive Board, International Advisory Board, Expert Panels, and Secretariat each of which has clearly defined roles.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Supporting governments to strengthen stewardship and governance of country health systems.
- 2. Promoting synergies between governments, nongovernment organizations, professional associations, and civil society in stewardship and governance of health and maintaining the visibility of national health agenda.
- 3. Secretariat of the African Health Systems Governance Network. Advocacy for ownership and accountability.

- 4. Supporting country Health Workforce Planning, retention, migration, skill mix and educational reforms
- 5. Secretariat of the African Platform on Human Resources for Health.
- 6. African Coordinating Center of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

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ABOUT ACHEST

The African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST) is an initiative promoted by a network of African and international leaders in health and development with first-hand experience in implementing health and development programs in Africa and at international level.

OUR VISION

Africa as a people driven continent enjoying the highest attainable standard of health and quality of life.

OUR MISSION

To develop, test and promote evidencebased and technically sound policies and strategies and to apply these to build professional and institutional capacity for

program implementation that are owned and driven by African populations themselves.

ACHEST STRATEGY

ACHEST will strategically:

- 1. Forge alliances and partnerships with individuals and organizations within Africa and around the world;
- 2. Conduct policy and strategy oriented research in health systems governance and health workforce development.
- 3. Promote and advocate for the development of capacity of African professionals and institutions to pursue excellence and to engage as active change agents in their communities, countries, and global arena.
- 4. Develop and implement strategic communications with African and global leaders with targeted outreach to civil society, policy makers and professionals.

ACHEST ADDED VALUE

There is abundant evidence to show that past and current efforts at identifying and implementing solutions that are handed down from outside and are not rooted in African history and culture have not achieved their full potential.

Ownership of these solutions by African countries and populations has repeatedly failed to take root and to be sustained.

The value added by ACHEST, at continental and country level, is to strategically promote and advocate the use of well-grounded knowledge and evidence to strengthen Africa's professionals' and institutional capacity to provide transformational leadership to African communities, countries

and the world; to apply constructive and targeted strategic communication at all levels to catalyze the needed behavior change.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

ACHEST is incorporated in the Republic of Uganda as not-forprofit organization and applies internationally accepted governance principles.