

## ASHGOVNet Discussion Forum:

Our previous topic of discussion was 'Proposing an African Forum for sharing and Networking' – Several interesting comments were received and can be viewed at the Governance Forum tab. The take home message is that an African forum is needed and that we should start making arrangements for it. Are there any volunteers? Some offers were implied in some of the responses. We will follow this up. The topic for this month is: "If Countries Lead will Donors Follow?". There are already some incisive responses but have been sent to the Secretariat only. We encourage you to write to the whole group and will circulate responses that were sent only to the secretariat to all..... [Read more.](#)

## Consensus on revamping the African Platform on Human Resources for Health (APHRH).



Delegates at the APHRH meeting.

ACHEST hosted in Kampala a land-mark two day consensus building meeting on strategies to revamp the APHRH 5 - 6 September 2011. APHRH is a continental network with an all-inclusive open membership of organizations, institutions and agencies interested in Human Resources for Health from public, private and civil society in Africa. .... [Read more](#)

## Secretariat News:

Dr. Peter Eriki, ACHEST Director of Health Systems, represented ACHEST at the continental meeting for an Integrated Africa Regional Maternal Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) Strategy conference held on 16th – 18th August 2011, Lusaka, Zambia. This focused on alignment of global initiatives with pre-existing African MNCH frameworks; and Guidelines for CSO Engagement for Promotion and Implementation of Maputo Plan of Action (MPoA) in collaboration with member states.

## New staff join ACHEST.

ACHEST is pleased to announce that Dr. Patrick Kadama and Dr. Vicent Ojome have joined the Secretariat. Kadama came from WHO Geneva is the new Director Policy and Strategy. He is a Health Planner / Economist. Graduated from Makerere University with a Medical Degree (MB;ChB) in 1976 and specialized in Clinical Tropical Medicine at the London School, undertook a research degree in Health Planning and Financing and studied health care management at the Harvard School of Public Health. His extensive experience is in Health Policy analysis & development, Health Planning, project management. He was head of health sector planning in the Uganda Ministry of Health and was recently with the WHO Headquarters in Geneva, as Advisor on health policy and approaches to health systems strengthening of countries.



Dr. Patrick Kadama



Dr Ojome is the new Head of Monitoring and Evaluation. He is an experienced Pediatrician and health workforce trainer. He worked as Senior Consultant and Head of Paediatrics and Child Health at Kampala International University. For many years he was the Medical Superintendent of Mbale Regional Referral Hospital and also worked as Commissioner for Human Resources Development in the MoH Uganda, Director in-service training at the Health Manpower Development Center and has experience in M&E.

## Members News:

The 61st Session of WHO Regional Committee for Africa was held at Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast, 29 August – 2 September 2011, where the Health Ministers of 46 Member States of the WHO Region meet annually deliberate on health matters.

54th ECSA Health Ministers' Conference will be held in Mombasa, Kenya from 7th - 11th November 2011 on the theme: Consolidating the gains: Addressing High Impact Interventions for Improved Health Outcomes. [Read more](#)

The 31st SADC Summit of Heads of State was held in Luanda, Angola from August 17 to 18, 2011. [Read more.](#)

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