

ASHGOVNet Discussion Forum:

Our previous topic of discussion was *"If Countries Lead Will Donors Follow?"* – There were a lot of interesting responses a number of which were sent to the secretariat alone, we encourage you share the responses with the group. The comment that captured the debate best was from Professor Gotlieb Monekosso who gave a historical perspective and concluded:

"Who leads, who follows, the techno-professionals of African countries or the techno professionals of donor countries? The latter are generally better prepared and better equipped; and hold the ACE Card. But who is the real absentee from the bargaining table: "local communities". We need a tripartite partnership- people, governments and donors. National policies, strategies and action plans which take into consideration community inputs will result in a consensus that will strengthen African techno professionals and facilitate dialogue between them and Donor techno professionals. A top down, down up cycle of consultations that allows for sufficient dialogue in local communities is highly desirable".... [Read More](#)

MLI's new issue brief "Improving Country Capacity for Aid Coordination: Experiences in Five MLI Countries" explores the management of aid coordination activities[Read more](#)

The Topic of discussion for this month is *"The Potential of Health Professional Associations in Africa"*, what are the status and opportunities that you see for HPAs in Africa? [Read more.](#)

News:

It has been a very busy time for the Secretariat and bellow are some of the key activities that have taken place:

The Roadmap for scaling up the Health Workforce in the African Region: An outcome of the 3rd WHO Afro Regional Consultation on HRH held in Pretoria, South Africa, 11-14 October 2011. ACHEST facilitated preparation of final draft in Brazzaville [Read more](#)

African Platform on Human Resources for Health holds first Board Meeting 10th October 2011 in Pretoria: The Board made four key decisions to guide the next steps for implementation of platform activities[Read more.](#)

54th ECSA Health Ministers Conference 21 – 25 November, 2011 in Mombasa conducted Ministerial Roundtables on Global Health Diplomacy and Health Systems Governance: ACHEST facilitated Ministerial conversations on the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel and on New Directions and Developments in Health Professionals Education and Training.....[Read more](#)



Dr. P. Kadama (2nd) and Dr. P Eriki (far right) at the ACSA meeting.

Statement of African NGOs as a major group in the RIO+20 Expert Segment of the Africa Regional Preparatory Conference for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa 19 – 22 October 2011: ACHEST contributed to the draft statement ... [Read more](#)

The Uganda 8th National Health Assembly (NHA) 24 26 October 2011, Kampala: Uganda is one a few countries globally that hold NHAs.[Read more](#)

The First Pan African Congress on Universal Coverage 15 – 17 November 2011 Accra: Peter Eriki was there and next congress slated for Uganda[Read more](#)

The 7th Annual meeting of African Science Academies; 14 – 16 November 2011, Kampala. ACHEST urged Academies to engage all stake holders to promote effectiveness of donor aid [Read more](#)**African Platform for Human Resources for Health holds first Board Meeting.....** [Read more](#)

COSECSA: The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa and The Surgical Society of Zambia will be holding its 62nd Scientific Conference and the 12th Annual General Meeting in Zambia [Read more](#)

Health Worker Migration Global Policy Advisory Council meets at the Aspen Institute, Washington DC; 22 November 2011: The new Council is Co Chaired by Senator Tom Daschle and Dr Francis Omaswa and the Secretariat is provided by the Aspen Global Health and Development [Read more](#)

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