AFREhealth’s value addition to health workforce development in Africa

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Health workforce needs

* Includes:
  - Infectious diseases
  - Parasitic diseases
  - Maternal conditions
  - Perinatal conditions
  - Nutritional deficiencies

Burden of Often Preventable Deaths *

Source: Worldmapper (www.worldmapper.org)
• Officially launched on 1\textsuperscript{st} August 2016 at the MEPI Annual Symposium in Nairobi Interdisciplinary forum for all health professionals

• Seeks to improve health care through research, education and capacity building to improve health status of our populations

• Build on the achievements of the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and Nursing Education Partnership Initiative (NEPI)
AFREhealth Interim Council meeting
Lusaka, Zambia
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AFREhealth mandate

Vision and Mission

**Vision Statement**
A responsive health workforce for providing relevant high quality, evidence-based healthcare in Africa

**Mission Statement**
To provide African leadership for responsive health professions education training, research and service in order to contribute addressing key health priorities including HIV & AIDS, TB, HIV, Malaria, MCH, NCDs and emerging and repeat epidemics and pandemics

Values

• Professionalism  
• Accountability  
• Mutual respect  
• Team spirit  
• Gender sensitivity  
• Excellence  
• Equity
Membership

open to any university, institution or individual that supports the organisation’s vision and mission
AFREhealth goals

1: Establish AFREhealth as a self-sustaining, viable, relevant and impactful institution in addressing Africa’s health challenges;

2: Serve as a platform for knowledge generation, sharing and learning by building vibrant, relevant and impactful communities of practice in various areas related to education and research in health in Africa;

3: Address Africa’s HRH challenges by promoting contextually relevant and transformative inter-professional health education in African institutions in order to contribute to increasing the numbers and quality of health care professionals;

4: Contribute to improving quality of care and health care services in Africa through research, promotion of evidence-based programming and sharing of best practices in addressing key health priorities including TB, HIV, Malaria, MCH, NCDs and emerging and repeat epidemics.
AFREhealth Interim Executive Committee
AFREhealth strategies relating to health professions education collaborations

✓ Implement contextually relevant and transformative inter-professional health education models
✓ Exploit opportunities to share knowledge
✓ Foster collaborations for enhancement of transformative health professions education
✓ Partner with similar organisations in Africa
✓ Promote international partnerships with similar organisations
✓ Sustain and build up current technical working groups
✓ Identify and expand other relevant TWGs
How will AFREhealth work with other networks to build human resources for health?

- Information exchanges
- Joint learning
- South-South collaborations
- North-South collaboration (CUGH example)
- Communication platforms
- Data sources
- Joint publications
- Joint conference presentations
Value proposition

• Built on a determination by African health professionals to take charge of the continent’s future through mechanisms that are African initiated, African owned, and African led

• Priority setting in education, research and service delivery for promoting the highest level of collaboration across the entire continent and thereby sustain the momentum gained by MEPI and NEPI.

• Key elements of the Forum’s activities moving forward will be partnerships and collaboration across professions (South-South, South-North and North-South).

• AFREhealth is open to health professions education and research institutions and networks irrespective of whether they were members in MEPI or NEPI
Value addition

• Promote interprofessional collaboration
• Work with existing and emerging health professional networks and organisations that share common goals without discrimination.
• The Forum is positioned to bring added value to these entities, minimize competition but create synergy.
• Engage with Africans in the diaspora and well-wishers overseas
• Partner closely with national governments and other stakeholders in both public and private sector.
Future for AFREhealth

- A strong and committed African leadership with a clear vision and active engagement of all stakeholders will be vital in ensuring success.
- The multi-professional membership Council aligns well with the vision of the Forum and will be retained to ensure inclusiveness.
- AFREhealth has demonstrated its organising potential and convening power by successfully holding its first symposium in Accra, Ghana, (Aug 1-3, 2017). Annual meetings will be held.
- Continuous, creative and active engagement with policy makers.
- Must provide the evidence to convince national governments on the need to invest more financial resources in human resource training and education, and their appropriate deployment for improving people’s health.
- AFREhealth itself will need funding support to succeed and be able to sustain its activities.
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