



AFRICA CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS PLATFORM

8TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

DRAFT CONCEPT PAPER & PROGRAM

**THEME: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR FBO HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING
TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

27th February – 3rd March 2017.

Venue: Maseru, Lesotho.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Africa CHAs Platform (ACHAP) is a registered faith based international NGO with mandate in Africa which provides information and knowledge sharing platform that facilitates learning and joint advocacy for Christian Health Associations [CHA] and networks [CHN] from Sub-Saharan Africa and their Development Partners. ACHAP currently has 34 member organizations from 28 countries of Africa who provide a significant proportion of health services which range between 20-50% of the national health services. The Secretariat is hosted by CHAK in Nairobi, Kenya.

ACHAP's JOURNEY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS



Every two years ACHAP and partner organizations convene for a Biennial Conference to reflect on regional and global health issues and priorities which have an impact on countries and communities served by faith based health services. Through the inspiration and facilitation of WCC and support by various partners, the CHAs from Africa have created biennial platforms for networking, engagement and experience sharing beginning from the late 90s. In 2003, a CHAs meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya followed by another one in November 2004 held at Mangochi, Malawi. In January 2007 the CHAs meeting was hosted by CSSC at Bagamoyo in Tanzania. During the deliberations at each of these meetings the similarities of the functions and challenges facing CHAs was found to be striking. The CHA meeting of Nairobi focused on HIV&AIDS and Primary Health Care, the Malawi meeting focused on Health Care Financing and Public-Private-Partnership.

The Bagamoyo meeting focused on the Human Resources for Health (HRH) retention crisis and Health Sector Reforms within the region. The CHAs conferences have created rich fora for exchange of experiences, lessons learnt, documents and best practices. The networking and exchanges that take place both formally and informally in these meetings provide practical lessons that also serve as a source of inspiration. It is for this reason that the Bagamoyo Conference decided to strengthen the CHAs platform by establishing a Secretariat to support coordinate the activities of the network. This initiative was embraced by collaborating partners who provided technical and financial support towards enabling the Secretariat to play a meaningful role for the CHAs Platform.

The other ACHAP Biennial Conferences which have been facilitated by the Secretariat include; 2009 in Kampala Uganda which focused on Partnerships for FBO health systems strengthening, 2011 in Accra Ghana which discussed the Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health, 2013 in Lusaka Zambia which focused on FBO engagement in addressing the rising burden of non-communicable diseases and 2015 in Nairobi Kenya which addressed partnerships towards universal health coverage.

INTRODUCTION

In September 2015, the UN Assembly in New York adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). SDG 3 commits good health and wellbeing for all and SDG 17 promotes partnerships for the goals. The FBO health services are built upon a sustainable faith foundation and are motivated by the desire and passion to reach out and serve the poor, marginalized and under-served communities in rural areas and urban slums effectively complementing government efforts towards universal health coverage. In order to build adequate capacity towards resilient health systems that effectively address the existing and emerging health challenges, faith based health facilities have to enhance and expand partnerships with governments, development partners, UN agencies, academia, private sector, NGOs and other civil society organizations.

During the 69th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA), the WHO Framework for engagement of non-state actors (FENSA) was adopted. This framework is aimed at strengthening WHO engagement with non-state actors. Consequently in May 2016, the WHO came up with a [Moral imperative to end extreme poverty](#). The Framework is organized around three core commitments. First is the commitment to generate and be guided by evidence. Second is the commitment to advocate by engaging the moral authority of religious leaders and their substantial constituencies. Advocacy will be pivotal for holding governments and other development actors accountable to their promises related to the SDGs. Third, the commitment to foster more effective collaboration between religious and other development actors, including governments, the World Bank Group, the United Nations and the private sector.

Around the same time members of the United Nations, international groups and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and CHAs came together at a panel discussion entitled “Global Public Health: The future role of faith-based organizations” held on May 25, 2016 in the Ecumenical Centre at the World Council of Churches (WCC), Geneva. The discussions centered on the range of health services offered by CHA’s as well as the gap in global public health as the MDG’s transition to the SDG’s. During this discussion, representatives of UN groups and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria acknowledged that it was strategic to engage international and regional Faith Based bodies in working towards attainment of Agenda 2030. The ACHAP board Chair, Karen Sichinga said that governments will require strong partnership from non-state actors such as Christian Health Associations which account for an estimated 20%-50% of healthcare service delivery in Sub-Saharan Africa countries. For these reasons therefore ACHAP considers partnerships for systems strengthening a great priority.

PURPOSE

ACHAP members, acknowledging their unique roles as service delivery agents including achievement of SDG’s have dedicated their 8th Biennial Conference and General Assembly meeting to be held in Maseru, Lesotho in February 2017 to discussing “***Building partnerships for FBO Health Systems Strengthening towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals***”. The conference will create an opportunity for CHAs to reflect on their current contribution to health service delivery, the new global SDGs context, the challenges and the opportunities to scale up their contribution through building effective partnerships for capacity development, resource mobilization and systems strengthening.

Conference objectives

- Reflect on the context of the SDGs and the implication to FBO health services in Africa
- Discuss new challenges and opportunities towards universal health coverage
- Share best practices in addressing critical health challenges
- Discuss strategic partnership opportunities for health systems strengthening for SDGs
- Identify mechanisms for building/documenting evidence base for FBOs contribution in health including building consensus on indicators

- To highlight and share successes of existing effective partnership frameworks/models between CHAs and governments, donors, academia, private sector and other CSOs.
- To identify issues for joint regional and global advocacy for ACHAP and partner organizations
- Provide opportunity for ACHAP to hold its 8th General Assembly business meeting and review progress made on the five-year Strategic Plan 2015 - 2019

Expected outputs

- CHAs knowledge and capacity enhanced on SDGs, partnerships and health systems.
- Consensus on indicators for FBO health services contribution documentation and strategy for data collection and processing.
- Conference Statement with key messages and commitment for CHAs and Partners covering; Partnerships, resource mobilization, capacity building, advocacy and accountability.

Featured Guest Speakers from MOH Lesotho, UN Agencies – WHO, UNAIDS, Global Fund, World Bank, CHAs, IMA World Health, Various CHAs, Caritas, WCC, DIFEAM, Bread for the World, Tear fund, The Joint Learning Initiative (JLI) and CCIH

Tuesday February 28, 2017	Day 1—Partnerships	
	Opening Prayer and Devotion (9:00 – 9:20 am)	Past. Didier Ouedraogo-ASAD. Burkina Faso
	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Introductions and Conference Objectives (9:20 – 9:40 am)	ACHAP Board Chair (Ms. Karen Sichinga)
	Feedback from the Pre-Conference Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mwai Makoka • Mimi Kiser • Rev. Amy Gopp
	Health Break (10:00 – 10:30 am)	Master of Ceremony
	Key Note Address on Conference Theme (10:30 – 11:00 am) <i>SDGs and the Role of Partnerships in achieving the 2030 Agenda.</i>	WHO Country rep - Lesotho Dr. Molosti Monyamane
	Official Opening: Country overview on Lesotho Health Services and Partnership with FBOs towards achievement of SDGs) (11:00 – 11:45 am)	MOH – Lesotho. Dr. Munyaman. Minister for Health.
	Plenary Panel 1: (12:00 – 1:00pm) <i>Partnership opportunities for Health for CHA's</i>	Moderator: Dr. Mwenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHA-USA • PaRD • Global Fund • PMI health group(UK) • World Bank – GFF • UNAIDs
	Lunch Break (1:00 – 2:00pm)	

	<p>Panel 2: (2:00 – 3:00pm) “National health sector partnership models” <i>Examples from CHAs - (15mins each)</i></p>	<p>MODERATOR : TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana(CHAG), • Malawi(CHAM) • Ethiopia (EECMY-DASC) • Tanzania (CSSC)
	<p>Break- out Sessions – Sharing Experiences (3:00 – 4:00pm)</p> <p>Room 1 (stream 1) <i>Partnership for Expanding Medical Education (opportunities for collaboration)</i></p> <p>Room 2: (stream 2) <i>Principle Recipients; experiences from CHA’s partnering with Global Fund</i></p> <p>Room 3 (stream 3) <i>Procurement and supply chain management: Engaging with the public and private sectors, civil society and development partners</i></p>	<p>Session lead : TBD</p> <p>CHAK, INFAMED, CMAI (<i>Christian Medical Association of India</i>) Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM)</p> <p>Session lead: Peter Yeboah (CHAG) CHAZ (Mrs. Sichinga), ZACH (Vuyelwa Chitimbire), (CHAN), Dr. Gobgab DRC (Dr. Tshitende Marie).</p> <p>Session lead: Nick Shaiyen (CHAN-MEDIPHARM) CHASL, CHALi, Caritas Congo, Tshitende Marie MEDS Dr. Kiliko</p>
	<p>Tea Break (4:00 – 4:20)pm</p>	
	<p>Plenary presentation of highlights from Break-out sessions. Key messages to carry in relation to partnerships (4:20 – 5:00pm)</p>	<p>Session leaders.</p>
(5:00 – 5:15pm)	<p>Close of Day 2 & Announcements</p>	<p>Master of Ceremony</p>

Wednesday March 1, 2017	Day 2: Health Systems Strengthening	
	<p>Opening Prayer and devotion (8:00 – 8:15 am)</p> <p>Recap of Day 1, Day 2 overview & Announcements (8:15 – 8:30am)</p>	<p>Dr. Ndilta Djekadoum-Tchad</p> <p>Master of Ceremony</p>
	<p>Panel 1: (8:30 – 9:45 am)</p> <p><i>Sustainable Health financing models.</i></p> <p><i>CHAs perspective on addressing Financing challenges</i></p> <p><i>Q&A and Plenary discussion (9:45-10:00am)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank • Dr Sam Orach, UCMB
	Tea Break (10:00 – 10:30am)	
	<p>Panel 2: (10:30 – 12:00 noon)</p> <p><i>Health Information, research and Evidence. Setting the agenda</i></p>	<p>Session lead: Frank Dimmock (PCUSA)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emory University • UCT • JLI • Caritas Internationalis
	<p>Break Out Sessions: (12:00 – 1:00pm)</p> <p>Room 1: <i>Lessons learnt from HIV and Malaria programs</i></p> <p>Room 2: <i>Tackling the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)</i></p> <p>Room 3: <i>Indicators and Data collection for FBO service contribution evidence</i></p>	<p>Master of Ceremony</p> <p>Dr. Bildad Baguma (JMS) PMI healthgroup (UK)</p> <p>IMA(Haiti rep)/CSSC/AIM Initiative</p> <p>Dr. Jill Oliver</p>

	Lunch (1:00 – 1:45pm)	
	<p>Panel 3: (2:00 – 3:00pm) <i>Faith in action. The inspiration of non-clinical influences services in service delivery:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>Theology & Health</i> -Theological Reflections on SGBV -Theological reflections on HIV programming</p> <p>(b) The place for advocacy -Christian advocacy for Family planning</p> <p>-Faith leadership and advocacy with government</p> <p>(c) What has faith got to do with it</p>	<p>Session lead: Rev. Amy Gopp/IMA</p> <p>Dr. Rev. Nyambura Njoroge(WCC/EHAIA) Theresa Nyamupachitu (IMA WH)</p> <p>Mona Bomet (CCIH)</p> <p>Veena Osullivan – Tearfund UK</p> <p>Inerela +</p>

	<p>Breakout Sessions (3:00 – 4:00pm)</p> <p>Room 1: <i>Quality assurance practices in relation to provision of medicine and essential supplies.</i></p> <p>Room 2: <i>Improving data and information gathering in rural and Hard to reach settings</i></p> <p>Room 3: <i>Investing in human resources with a focus on emergency preparedness, response and resilience.</i></p>	<p>Session lead: Dr. Mirfin Mpundu MEMS, CHAN-MEDIPHARM, JMS Gradian Health Systems</p> <p>Session lead: Dr. Josephine Balati: (MEMS). Tz Andrew Chikote (CHAMalawi), AMMB (Botswana), UEEPN (Niger)</p> <p>Session lead: Dr. Gisela Schneider APSMali (Jeremie Sagara) CHASierra Leone (Walter Carew)/Patricia Kamara (CHALiberia) PRIME (UK)</p>
	<p>Tea Break (4:00 – 4:20)pm</p>	
	<p>Plenary presentations on highlights from break-out sessions (4:20 – 4:40pm)</p>	<p>Session Leaders</p>
	<p>Key messages on FBO contributions to SDG in Africa. Key messages to carry in relation to Health systems strengthening (4:40 – 5:00pm)</p>	<p>Master of Ceremony</p>
	<p>Closure of Day 2, Overview of expectations for Day 3 & Announcements</p>	<p>Master of Ceremony</p>
<p>Thursday March 2nd, 2017</p>	<p>Day 3 : ACHAP General Assembly Business Meeting</p>	

	Review of Day 2 ACHAP members General Assembly AGENDA: Opening Prayer & Devotional (8:00 – 8:30am) Welcome Remarks & Acknowledgement of members Review of last biennial conference report (8:30 – 9:15am) Discussion on Matters Arising from Last Conference & Secretariat Updates (9:15 – 10:15am)	ACHAP Board Chair
	Tea Break (10:15 – 10:45am)	Secretariat
	Overview of ACHAP Strategic Plan (10:45 – 11:45am)	ACHAP Secretariat
	Discussion on ACHAP implementation Plan & member Commitment for the period 2017 - 2021 (11:45 – 12:15pm)	Incoming Board Chair
	2015 – 2017 ACHAP board elections (12:15 – 12:45pm)	ACHAP out-going Board Chair
	Introduction of New Board and Remarks by Incoming Board (12:45 – 1:15pm)	ACHAP Board Chair.
	Vote of thanks and closure (1:15 – 1:30pm)	
	Lunch (1:30 – 2:00pm)	
	Excursion: 2:30-5:00pm.	
	Space for partnership and networking meetings	
Friday 3rd March	Departure from morning	