

Report

AfHEA Strategic Development Plan

2009-2014



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Overview

- Strategy document developed based on responses from AfHEA survey carried out in 2007
- Strategic planning meeting held on 9th March at Accra, Ghana to review the strategic document
- Key areas deliberated on were:
 - Vision and Mission statements
 - Objectives and Strategies for achieving them
 - Implementation plans and indicators to facilitate monitoring and evaluation of progress
 - SWOT Analysis



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Vision

“Better and equitable health for Africans through better policies and efficient use of resources”

- General agreement that the vision should be short, but sufficiently describes the AfHEA’s ideals
- Also, ‘equity’ should be represented in the vision statement.



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Mission

- To promote and strengthen health economics and policy analysis in order to improve health outcomes
- To foster networking and information sharing among health economists and policy analysts
 - Need to include something on “advocacy for health economics”
 - Smaller group to work on wording
 - Also concerns as to whether having more than a sentence is appropriate



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Objectives

The objectives of AfHEA are to:

1. Be a forum for information sharing and exchange among those working in health economics and related fields in Africa;
2. Promote the development of health economics capacity within the African region, with particular emphasis on supporting wherever possible the needs of lower income countries to train and retain such experts;
3. Promote the production and dissemination of high quality research findings by African health economists and policy analysts



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4. Promote the appropriate use of health economics and policy analysis tools within evidence-informed health sector decision making in Africa;
5. Support health policy development and advice to policy makers and health partners in Africa on viable options for equitable health care financing;
6. Represent the interests of African health economists and health policy analysts in international forums such as the International Health Economics Association.



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Strategies, Implementation and Evaluation

- For each of the objectives defined for AfHEA a set of strategies for achieving them were outlined.
- Measurable indicators that allow for monitoring and evaluation of AfHEA's progress towards achieving the goals were also outlined.
- SWOT Analysis carried out to identify areas of concern for the sustainability and growth of AfHEA



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Strategic Plan for AfHEA

The outcome of this strategic meeting is a first draft of AfHEA's strategic development plan. This is currently being finalised and will be circulated to all members after the conference

Input welcome from all members



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