



The Afya Newsletter

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Special issue on the AfHEA third Conference

The AfHEA conference train now moves from the western part of Africa to the East. The 3rd AfHEA Scientific conference will be held in Nairobi, Kenya at Safari Park Hotel 11-13 March 2014. This time health economists and policy analysts will gather to discuss the post 2015 African health agenda and UHC: Opportunities and challenges. This is a follow on to the 2011 conference which was themed Towards Universal Health Coverage.

The Post-2015 African Health Agenda and UHC: Opportunities and Challenges

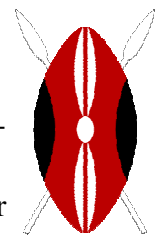
Key sub-themes of this Conference

Key sub-themes of this Conference include:

- High level Policy Makers' Panel on UHC
- Joint AfHEA-WHO/AFRO session on UHC and Health Financing in the African Region
- Joint AfHEA / NICE Session: Economic evaluation: a tool for priority setting in the context UHC - Learning from the international experience
- How to measure UHC: Presentation of ongoing work by teams from GNHE, USAID and WHO/World Bank

Numerous parallel and poster sessions

Details at <https://afhea.confex.com/afhea/intl14/webprogram/meeting.html>



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Scientific presentations

A total number of 225 abstracts were submitted. 188 of them will be presented at the Conference (137 orally and 51 posters). These papers are distributed into 36 parallel sessions. Each day of the Conference, two Plenary sessions will be held on the key sub-themes described above, among others. An exhibition area will permit to organizations and institutions to share information. The Conference abstract book comprising all presented papers and PPT presentation will be available online. This is an AfHEA sharing spirit ...



**AfHEA
Universal
Health
Coverage
project**

**Build the
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policy makers
and young
researchers for
the development
and
implementation
of health policies
and programs
towards universal
health coverage**

Update on AfHEA's UHC project: UHC survey completed!

The AfHEA UHC project has the overall aim to build the capacities of African policy makers and young researchers for the development and implementation of health policies and programs towards Universal health coverage. To this end UHC surveys were commissioned in 20

African countries spanning the eastern, southern and western sub regions including Cape vert. Respondents included; policy makers, policy analyst, researchers, Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) and respective government stakeholders. This survey has been success-

fully completed and analyzed. The results of the survey and policy implications will be discussed at the Joint AfHEA-WHO/AFRO plenary session on UHC and Health Financing in the African Region during the AfHEA conference in Nairobi.

Young Researchers UHC workshop held in Dakar Senegal

A training to address the concerns (for young researchers) with regards to UHC took place in Dakar from Jan 27 - Feb 7, 2014. This was done in collaboration with CESAG (Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG)). In order to facilitate a

smooth implementation, course curricula was developed by course facilitators. The course was entitled "La couverture universelle en santé: principes de base, mise en œuvre et suivi des progrès".

The training covered 8

countries of franco-phone Africa and targeted technical service personnel in the Ministries of Health and governmental and quasi-governmental agencies (agencies of social security, health insurance, and health mutual trust) as well as regional institutions involved in universal coverage, researchers, analysts and activists in civil society, etc.

There were 27 participants in the workshop facilitated by 4 high level resource persons.

The success of this course and satisfaction of the participants led to demand for similar training from other AfHEA partners.



Redesign of AfHEA website

In order to meet the needs of the strategic plan, and the ambitions as well as the scope of the association, AfHEA has redesigned its website. It is envisaged that the website shall be used for (i) disseminating the results of research carried out at the global level and relevant literature from African countries with respect to the objective of universal health



coverage in Africa, (ii) maintaining the interest of members and affiliates of AfHEA and (iii) improving the Production and Information Management System of AfHEA. The new website shall be bilingual (English and French) and must especially be a vehicle for sensitizing, informing and building the capacity of policy makers and health sector workers, while contributing to policy development processes regarding access to health-care services, which will be fed in real time through progress in research. Furthermore, the production and information management system of the Association shall be improved.

AfHEA forms an Advisory board

AfHEA has formed an advisory board in accordance with its strategic plans. The Advisory Board consists of two kinds of people: (i) a cross section of eminent people in international health economics, financing and policy who have contributed significantly to the development of these fields in Africa or who are placed to make such a significant contribution if their skills/expertise can be tapped, and (ii) representatives of key stakeholders of AfHEA that are not already represented in our elected Board of Trustees, such as partners supporting or sponsoring joint projects with AfHEA, or eminent University professors in the fields of interest to AfHEA whose skills would be helpful to fulfilling AfHEA's mandate and mission in Africa.

Members of the advisory board serve in their individual capacity for a fixed term of four years, with the possibility of renewal. The overall function of the advisory board is bring to bear their broad international experience and skills to provide external, independent and sound advice in the areas of health economics, financing and policy to AfHEA, with the objective of helping AfHEA's intellectual work and practices to remain relevant and consistent with the state of the art in the international arena as far as these disciplines are concerned,. The Advisory Board will advise AfHEA on general policy and strategy to achieve its objectives and mission.

The 'go to' place for advice and support on health economics, financing and policy analysis in Africa

AfHEA moves office

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Afya is the Swahili name for health

Selected AfHEA Activities 2013

AfHEA has either held or participated in the under listed events since publication of the Issue 1 of AFYA

- International Health Economics Association iHEA Congress held in Sydney, Australia where AfHEA held a side event to publicize the forthcoming 3rd Biennial Scientific Conference holding in Nairobi, Kenya
- Nigerian Health Economics Association 3rd Scientific Meeting held in Enugu, Nigeria
- Joint Learning Network for Universal Health coverage held in Accra, Ghana
- The GIC (German International Cooperation) Forum on Health and Social Protection Universal Health Coverage: From Promise to Practice to be held in Bonn, Germany
- 6th Annual Meeting of African Union Conference of the Ministers of Economy and Finance and Economic Commission for African Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Co-hosts and funders of the Third International Scientific Conference

Co-hosts of the Conference

The 3rd AfHEA Scientific Conference is co-hosted by:

- The Ministry of Health Kenya
- Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
- African population health and Research Center (APHRC)
- East, Central and Southern African Health Community (ECSA-HC)

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