An overview of the 3rd ASHGOVNET Congress

The theme of the 3rd ASHGOVNET Congress is:

“Fostering Capacity for Health Governance and Leadership with a focus upon Health Workforce Development for Universal Health Coverage”
ASHGOVNET PURPOSE

IN GENERAL, ASHGOVNET AIMS TO STRENGTHEN STEWARDSHIP AND LEADERSHIP FUNCTIONS OF MINISTRIES OF HEALTH IN AFRICA THROUGH A RANGE OF STRATEGIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. Working with existing institutions;
2. Promoting genuine dialogue with colleagues;
3. Securing political will and imparting political skills;
4. Organizing dialogue to gain common understanding on health issues;
5. Supporting ex-ministers to become mentors;
6. Organizing peer learning;
Objectives of the 3rd ASHGOVNET Congress

1. Review the status of the HRH Crisis in Africa:

(a) In the context of the recently launched WHO - Workforce 2030 - “Global strategy on human resources for health” to forge a common position for regional and global advocacy for implantation in Africa through the APHRH.

(b) In context of the status and next steps for technical support required by countries to implement the “ROAD MAP FOR SCALING UP HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH FOR IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE AFRICAN REGION 2012–2025

2. Carry out an in-depth analysis of the health systems governance topics that were the subject of email and internet debates and make recommendations for action;

3. Discuss approaches to strengthening the impact of our work in the light of the roll out of SDGs and the African Health Strategy 2016.
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PROGRAM
1. Fostering stronger Health System Leadership and Governance in Africa to attain SDGs Opportunities, threats and lessons from ASHGOVNET Blogs (30 minutes)

2. Governance Action Agenda to attain SDGs with a focus on Goal #3 at country level

3. Fostering stronger spaces for Health System Advocacy, Dialogue and Dissent in Africa with special focus upon stronger and Resilient health systems development in Africa
   • Experiences from the evolving Space for dialogue and dissent for Health System Strengthening

4. Towards A Regional Social Strategy for Stronger Resilient Health Systems
   - The evidence, the players and the action
The Road map for Health Work Force development in Africa

- The `Status of implementation of the African road map and planned way forward for countries and partners
- Implementing the WHO Code of Practice
- The African Platform on Human Resources for Health

Medical Education and Health Professional Regulation

- Implications of the brisk population demographic dynamics, technologic innovations and world economic order consider and discuss:
  - Transitioning from MEPI to AFREHealth and its implications for sustaining the drive for enhancing production of more health professionals in Africa
  - Challenges of Health Professional Regulation in an fast expanding field of practice
  - The future of Medical Education in Africa in a rapidly changing world economic order and social environments.

Health System Capacity Building and Policy Reforms for Diffusion of Health System Innovations:

- Addressing Health System leadership capacity
- Knowledge translation for stronger policy debate engagements at national regional and global level.
- Reforms to support health system absorption of Bio-medical technologic innovations as well as technology and Information technology
- A social strategy to support progress towards universal access to quality essential medical commodities and pharmaceuticals.
The expected Congress deliverables

1. Deliverables in respect to contributing towards addressing the HRH Crisis in Africa:
   - a) An agreed plan of action through the APHRH for advocacy to facilitate technical support to countries to implement the “ROAD MAP FOR SCALING UP HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH FOR IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE AFRICAN REGION 2012–2025 with special focus upon preparedness and responsiveness to epidemics on the African continent as well as for acceleration of implementing the WHO Code on International Recruitment of Health Professionals;
   - b) An approved consensus by the congress of an approach towards a common position on a range of tools and actors for global advocacy on HRH for Africa through the APHRH in support of Agenda 2030 for SDGs and, with special focus upon attaining universal health coverage especially, to address gaps in health outcomes, gender as well as sexual, reproductive health and rights.

II. Deliverables arising from the in-depth analysis of the health systems governance topics that were the subject of email and internet debates and make recommendations for action will be:
   - a) Statements of the consensus gained on priority recommendations developed from the ASHGOVNET online dialogue and communication mechanisms for their dissemination for action.
   - b) Statement(s) of the consensus gained on approaches to support targeted capacity development initiatives for African Health leaders and decision makers on Governance and Leadership.

3. Deliverables for approaches to strengthen the impact of our work in the light of the roll out SDGs and the African Health Strategy 2016 will be:
   - a) An approved consensus by the congress of approaches to work with African Network(s) of Health Policy Think Tanks on knowledge translation and dissemination to support advocacy for implementation of SDG in the Africa region.
   - b) The agreed future Governance and Financing arrangements for Establishing an ASHGOVNET Secretariat.