



## AFRICA CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS PLATFORM 8<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

### PROGRAM

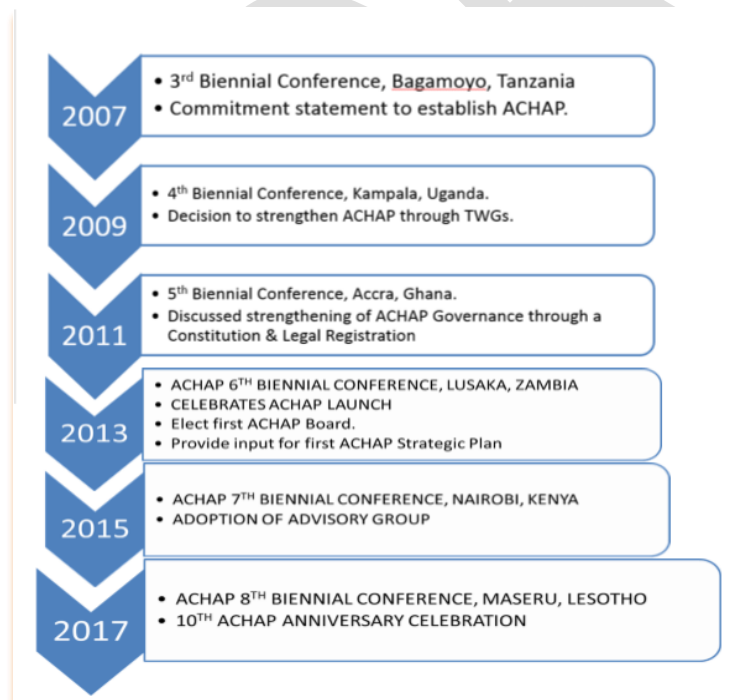
**THEME: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR FBO HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

26<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 CSOs.

During the 69<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 successes, challenges and opportunities in addressing critical health challenges towards universal health coverage
- Highlight successes of and opportunities for effective partnership frameworks/models between CHAs and governments, donors, academia, private sector and other CSOs
- Identify mechanisms for building/documenting evidence base for FBOs contribution in health including building consensus on indicators
- Identify issues for joint regional and global advocacy for ACHAP and partner organizations
- Provide opportunity for ACHAP to hold its 8<sup>th</sup> 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** Ministry of Health Lesotho, UN Agencies – WHO, UNAIDS, UNFPA, World Bank, CHAs, IMA World Health, WCC, DIFEAM, CMMB, ALM, Tearfund, CCIH, University of Cape Town, Emory University and others.

**DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Date and Time	Activity/Session	Facilitator/Organization
<b>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26</b>		
9.00 am- 5.00pm	Arrival & registration of delegates – Thaba Bosiu Cultural Village	Ms. Lebo Mothae- CHALE
6.00-7.00 pm	Optional interdenominational service	Dr. Manoj Kuria
7.00-9.00pm	Dinner	
<b>MONDAY FEBRUARY 27</b>		
Pre-conferences		
7:30am – 8:30am	Late Registration	ACHAP Secretariat
8.30am-9.00am	Introduction of Pre-conferences & Announcements	Master of ceremony : Yoram Siame/Jonathan Kiliko/CHALE rep
9am – 4.30pm	<p><b>Pre-Conference Workshops 1 – 4</b></p> <p><b>1. HSS through HIV intervention</b> This workshop will be an interactive session that will include some input and group work. Discussion will focus on the following areas: Mapping global HIV and HSS prioritization (90-90-90); How HIV has affected CHAs and their health systems; Integration of HIV services; Community connections to health systems; Costing &amp; financing; Stigma &amp; access with key population; Sustainability of CHAs in the face of the demands of SDGs (UHC); and CHA innovative practices for sustainability.</p> <p><b>2. Ecumenical Health Strategy</b> This workshop will focus on the <b>Consultation for development of a comprehensive Ecumenical Health Strategy</b>. It will focus on current global health issues and the role of the ecumenical movement and WCC on such health issues. This is a closed session. <i>PS: The above two pre-conferences will be held in the same room and will run from 0900-0100. After lunch the sessions will be held in different venues.</i></p> <p><b>3. Engaging FBOs to address Sexual &amp; Gender Based Violence</b></p> <p><b>4.The Role of Surgery and Anesthesia in Health System</b> The workshop will focus on understanding the connections between surgery/anesthesia and key global health issues, including SDGs 3.1. The workshop will also explore how FBOs can inform national surgical/anesthesia planning, participate in implementation and help hold governments accountable for including surgery/ anesthesia in their universal health coverage strategies</p>	<p><b>UNAIDS/PEPFAR Faith Initiative</b> <b>Moderator: Jill Oliver</b> <b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHAs</li> <li>- Academia: Emory University (IHP), the University of Cape Town (IRHAP)</li> <li>- UNAIDS</li> </ul> <p><b>World Council of Churches (WCC)</b> <b>Moderator: Dr. Mwai Makoka</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Rev Nyambura Njoroge (EHAIA) Dr. Manoj Kurian (EAA) Dr. Jill Oliver (UCT) Frank Dimmock (IMA)</p> <p><b>IMA World Health (IMA)</b> <b>Moderator: Rev. Amy Gopp</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Solange Mukamana (Tearfund) Abiy Seifu (ERD) Vuyelwa Chitimbire (ZACH) Bill Clemmer (IMA) Pauline Njiru WCC)</p> <p><b>Gradian Health Systems</b> <b>Moderator: Lina Sayed</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya (PS, MOH Tanzania) CHAZ Brendan Allen, ED G4 Alliance Adam Lewis, Gradian health systems</p>
5:30 – 7:00pm	<b>GALA DINNER</b> Welcome Reception and 10-year celebration	Dr. Samuel Mwenda (CHAK)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28			Day 1: Partnership Experiences and Lessons		
9:00– 9:30am	Opening Prayer and Devotion	CHALE			
9:30– 10:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Introductions and Conference Objectives	ACHAP Board Chair Ms. Karen Sichinga			
10:00 – 10:30am	Key Note Address on Conference Theme <i>SDGs and the Role of Partnerships in achieving the 2030 Agenda</i>	WHO Country rep -Lesotho Dr. Cornelia Atsyor			
10:30 – 11:00am	Official Opening: Country overview on Lesotho Health Services and Partnership with FBOs towards achievement of SDGs)	Ministry of Health, Lesotho Dr. Molotsi Monyamane. Minister for Health			
11:00 – 11:20am	Health Break				
11:20 – 12:40pm	<b>Plenary Panel 1: Global Health Partnership Opportunities for CHA's</b> Speakers will offer a well-rounded perspective on the role of effective donor – FBO/CHA partnerships in strengthening health systems, and how effective partnerships can be built and fostered to work toward achieving the SDGs.	<b>Moderator:</b> Rick Santos (IMA) <b>Speakers:</b> Ellen H. Starbird (USAID) Alti Zwandor (UNAIDS Lesotho) World Bank, Lesotho Bruce Compton (CHA-USA) Maurice Adams (All We Can) Jean Duff (JLI)			
12:40 – 1:00	<b>Feedback from the Pre-Conference Workshops</b> #1 – UNAIDS/HSS through HIV intervention #2 – WCC/Ecumenical Health Strategy #3 – IMA/Engaging FBOs to address Sexual & Gender Based Violence #4 – Gradian Health System/The Role of Surgery and Anesthesia in Health System	<b>Speakers:</b> Mimi Kiser/Jill Oliver Mwai Makoka Rev. Amy Gopp Lina Sayed			
1:00– 2:00pm	Lunch Break				
2:00– 3:00pm	<b>Panel 2: Experiences of different national health sector partnership models</b> CHAs will present on the experiences of different kinds of partnership models existing in-country with focus on partnerships in relation to national health insurance schemes as well as study on forms of PPPs in Africa.	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Ronald Kasyaba (UCMB) <b>Speakers:</b> Eleanor Whyte (UCT) Peter Yeboah (CHAG) Andrew Chikopa (CHAM) Dr. Tilahun Dfurso (EECMY-DASC) Pastory Sekule (CSSC)			
3.00 – 3.20	<b>Comments from governments on partnerships with FBO</b> Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya (PS, MOH Tanzania) Dr. Molotsi Monyamane. (Minister, MOH Lesotho)				
3:20-3:40	Tea Break				

<p><b>3:40– 5:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break-Out Sessions</b></p> <p><b>Room 1: Partnership models for Expanding Medical Education</b> CHAs will present on opportunities and models they have had to facilitate gaining further experience/training/knowledge that enables strengthening of health professional education as well as research efforts.</p> <p><b>Room 2: Experiences from CHA’s partnering with Global Fund</b> CHA’s will present on challenges encountered in partnering with the Global Fund as well as experiences learned for the Principle Recipients and the Sub Recipients. Building technical assistance of CHA’s and resource mobilization successes and lessons learned will be highlighted.</p> <p><b>Room 3: Procurement and supply chain management</b> Speakers will present on experiences on engaging with the public and private sectors, civil society and development partners on procurement and supply chain management.</p>	<p><b>Session lead: CHALe Rep</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Mwenda(CHAK), Bruce Dalman (INFAMED) Sr. Deena(Catholic Health Ass. of India) Dr/Rev. William Razafimhatara(FJKM)</p> <p><b>Session lead: Dr. Cyprian Kamau</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Mrs. Sichinga (CHAZ) Vuyelwa Chitimbire (ZACH) Dr. Gobgab (CHAN) Dr. Tshitende Marie (Caritas Congo)</p> <p><b>Session lead: Nick Shaiyen (CHAN-MEDIPHARM)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Patricia Kamara (CHALi) Dr. Jonathan Kiliko (MEDS) Bildard Baguma (JMS)</p>
<p><b>5:00 – 5:40pm</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary presentation of highlights from break-out sessions. Key messages to carry in relation to partnerships</b></p>	<p><b>Session leaders</b></p>
<p><b>5:40 – 6:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Close of Day 2 &amp; Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Ceremony</b></p>
<p><b>7:00- 9:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Dinner</b></p>	

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1		Day 2: Building Evidence for Health Systems Strengthening	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Opening Prayer and devotion	Dr. Ndilta Djekadoum (TCHAD)	
8:15 – 8:30am	Recap of Day 1, Day 2 overview & Announcements	Master of Ceremony	
8:30 – 9.30am  9.30am to 10.00am	<b>Partnerships for evidence building Research in Practice</b> In this session, academics with existing and long-term relationships that involve research with CHAs, and some of their CHA partners describe best practice and opportunities for research partnership.  <b>Moderated Q&amp;A and audience participation</b>	<b>Moderator: Maurice Adams (All We Can)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Jill Oliver (UCT) Peter Yeboah (CHAG) John Blevins (Emory University)	
10:00 – 10:30am	Tea Break		
10:30– 12:00noon	<b>Panel 2: Building the evidence base on FBO/CHA contributions: Rhetoric to Action!</b> In this session speakers will highlight key quantitative and qualitative measurements of FBO/CHA contributions to health service delivery and current research efforts to determine FBO/CHA contributions. Results of the Christian Health Associations and Faith-based Health Networks Survey conducted by IMA World Health will be presented.	<b>Moderator: Frank Dimmock (IMA)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Dr. Deb McFarland (Emory University) Dr. Titha Dzwola (CHAM) Alfredo Fort (IMA) Rose Ejuru (CMMB Sudan) Mirfin Mpundu (EPN)	
12:00 – 1:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions: Evidence leading to improved practice</b>  <b>Room 1: Lessons learnt from HIV and Family Planning programs</b> This session will focus on interventions taken in response to nation-level objectives with regards to reduction/elimination of HIV AIDS and Family Planning including support of innovative programs, focus on adolescents, the role of partnership and advocacy as well as supply chain methods.  <b>Room 2: Tackling NTDs" focusing on progress and lessons learnt in controlling NTDs</b> This session will focus on strides made in controlling Tropical Diseases with limited resources, disease monitoring and sanitation practices, supply chain management and the role of advocacy with government  <b>Room 3: Strengthened (faith-based) health system leadership through training and curriculum development</b> In this session, academic and training partners will discuss opportunities and efforts for training in health systems research and leadership – with a particular emphasis on training oriented towards faith-based non-profit leadership. CHA partners that have experienced training or courses relating to health systems will be asked to give feedback on these experiences.	<b>Session lead: Dr. Kanyata Sunkutu (UNFPA)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Mona Bormet (CCIH) Mirfin Mpundu (EPN) Jane Kishoyian (CHAK) Yorame Siame (CHAZ)  <b>Session lead: Peter Yeboah (CHAG)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> IMA/Tanzania Pastory Sekule (CSCS) AIM Initiative  <b>Session Lead: Dr. Tonny Tumwesigye</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Sam Nubleaga (CHAG) Mike Mugweru (ACHAP Sec) Mwai Makoka (WCC)	
1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch		



2:00 – 3:00pm	<p><b>Breakout Sessions: Evidence leading to improved practice</b></p> <p><b>Room 1: Quality assurance practices in relation to provision of medicine and essential supplies</b> Participants will have an opportunity to share best practices in regard to medicines and supplies. They will also discuss systems strengthening necessary in this regard towards the SDGs</p> <p><b>Room 2: Improving data and information gathering in rural and Hard to reach settings</b> Speakers in this session will discuss their experiences and innovations in work in rural and hard to reach areas and share innovative ways in which they ensure documentation of evidence</p> <p><b>Room 3: Investing in human resources with a focus on emergency preparedness, response and resilience</b> In this session speakers will share strategies through which they have invested in their human resource towards disaster preparedness</p>	<p><b>Session lead: Dr. Mirfin Mpundu (EPN)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Josephine Balati(MEMS) Matthew Azoji (CHAN-MEDIPHARM) Bildard Baguma (JMS) Lina Sayed (Gradian Health Systems)</p> <p><b>Session lead: Dick Day (CMMB)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Andrew Chikopa (CHAM) AMMB/Botswana Rose Ejuru(CMMB-Sudan) Peter Mbelleg (CEPCA)</p> <p><b>Session lead: Dr. Beate Jakobs</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Jeremie Sagara (APSMali) Patricia Kamara (CHALiberia) Bishop Samuel Enosa Peni (Catholic Health Secretariat Sudan) Joseph Tamba (RECO SAG)</p>
3:00 – 4:20pm	<p><b>Panel 3: Influence of faith on service delivery</b> In this session, speakers will highlight experiences on the influence of faith on various health service delivery initiatives including in family planning interventions, HIV/AIDS. Discussions will also explore how religion and theology gets mixed with healing practices.</p>	<p><b>Session lead: Rev. Amy Gopp (IMA)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Mona Bormet (CCIH) Theresa Nyamupachitu (IMA) Dr. Rev. Nyambura Njoroge (WCC/EHAIA) Solange Mukamana – Tearfund S.A Rev. Phumzile Mabizela (Inerela +)</p>
4:20 – 4:50pm	Tea Break	
4:50 – 5:30pm	Plenary presentations on highlights from both break-out sessions	Session Leaders
5:40 – 6:00pm	<p>Key messages on FBO contributions to SDG in Africa. Key messages to carry in relation to Health systems strengthening</p> <p><b>CONFERENCE CLOSURE</b></p>	Master of Ceremony
7:00 – 9:00pm	Dinner	
8:00 – 9:00pm	Technical Discussion: Building the evidence base on FBO/CHA contributions: Rhetoric to Action!	Frank Dimmock (IMA)



THURSDAY MARCH 2	Day 3: ACHAP General Assembly Business Meeting	
8:00 – 8:30am	<b>ACHAP members General Assembly</b> <i>(Closed Session: ACHAP members Only)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening Prayer &amp; Devotional</li> <li>- Welcome Remarks &amp; Acknowledgement of members</li> <li>- Review of last biennial conference report</li> <li>- Discussion on Matters Arising from Last Conference</li> </ul>	<b>Moderator: ACHAP Board Chair</b>
10:15 – 10:45am	Tea Break	Secretariat
10:45 – 11:45am	ACHAP Secretariat report 2015/2016	ACHAP Secretariat
11:45 – 12:15pm	Discussion on ACHAP report & member Commitment for the period 2017 - 2021	Board Chair
12:15 – 12:45pm	2015 – 2017 Roll Call and Board Elections	ACHAP out-going Board Chair
12:45 – 1:15pm	Introduction of New Board and Remarks by Incoming Board	ACHAP Board Chair
1:15 – 1:30pm	Vote of Thanks and Closure	
1:30 – 2:00pm	Lunch	
2:30-5:00pm	Excursion	
FRIDAY MARCH 3	DEPARTURE	