



The Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) in collaboration with Swiss based and International Organisations will be holding their first annual Strategic Planning Symposium on the theme: **“Knowledge Management, Resource Mobilisation and sustained HIV/AIDS Research in Low-income Countries – The case of Sub-Saharan Africa”**.

Date Friday 19th September, 2008
Time 09:30 to 19:10 hrs CET followed at 19:30 hrs by Fundraising Afro-European Dinner and Entertainment evening
Place Universal Postal Union Complex (UPU), Weltpoststrasse 4
 3015 Bern, Switzerland
Languages Working language will be English but simultaneous translations into German and French will be provided during the symposium.

Programme

09:30 Internal AEMRN Consultative meeting with consultants and country Representatives from all over the world to discuss their progress reports

11:30 *Registration and welcome coffee/drink*

12:30 Introduction of Chairman
 Mr. Kojo Botchey, Secretary General, AEMRN

12:33 Chairperson’s opening remarks
 Dr. Alena Petrakova
 Medical Officer, Health Workforce Education and Production
 Human Resources for Health, Health Systems and Services
 World Health Organization, Geneva

12:40 Remarks by Ueli Haenni Arzt med. pract., Praxis Kreuzmatte Zollikofen
 AEMRN Overall consultant.

12:45 **“Using Knowledge to Strengthen Human Resources for Health Scaling Up”**
 Dr. Erica Wheeler
 Knowledge Officer, Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA)
 World Health Organisation, Geneva

13:05 WHO Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health Innovation and Intellectual Property
 Ms. M. Precious Matsoso- Director in PHI, WHO Secretariat on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property
 World Health Organization, Geneva Switzerland

13:25 **A. Oral manifestation of HIV/AIDS-** Experiences from South Africa.
B. Demonstration of E-granary digital mobile library- Its role in HIV/AIDS Oral presentations and databank development for research.
 Dr Julian Fisher
 Education and Scientific Affairs Manager
 World Dental Federation (FDI), France

- 13:45 **WHO/Global Network for Health Professionals** – An exciting project of Networking among Health professional with good lessons to be shared for HIV/AIDS projects - Md. Jacqui Lunday, Chief Health Professions Officer, The Scottish Government, Edinburgh
- 13:55 **Different people, different messages**
HIV prevention among migrants in Berne: Project Multicolore Aids hilfe Bern, Switzerland.
- 14:20 *Coffee break viewing of posters and exhibition from NGOs, institutions etc.*
- 14:45 **Keynote Address** - Dr. Geoffrey Kasembeli
Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecologist, Specialist Sexually Transmitted Infections Kitale District Hospital
Ministry of Health Kenya.
Past Secretary General, Medical and Dental Association of Kenya
- 15:05 **HIV/AIDS Programme for Children and Youth**
Md Irene Fitzi Association of Building a future- South Africa
- 15:25 **Importance of Local Wisdom in Health Care delivery and Research including HIV**
Md. Gabriella Sozanski,
WHO and NGO Advisory group on Health Promotion
Geneva Switzerland.
- 15:40 **Presentation from International Pharmaceutical Federation (IPF)**
Prof. Claire
- Contribution of Traditional Medicine to combating HIV/AIDS.**
Mr. Raphael Doji Eklun-Natey, Consultant Research and Development,
President Traditional Medicine Association Geneva, Switzerland
- 15:55 *Coffee break and viewing of posters and exhibition.*
- 16:10 **Community based initiatives including Combating HIV/AIDS in Kitale Kenya**
Md. Marjaana Seilonen, AEMRN collaborative partner and
President, Ordinary Women International (OWI), California, USA.
- 16:25 **Religion and HIV/AIDS Campaign**
Dr. Alpha Grace, President Global Ministries, Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 16:40 **“Improving Nursing and Midwifery Capacity in countries facing Human Resources for Health Crisis”.**
- 16:55 Md. Annette Mwansa Nkowane.
Nursing and Midwifery, HRH WHO Geneva
- 17:10 “Help Khachonge Association activities in Western Kenya”- Community based initiative- Mr. Alfred Flückiger, Evelyne Flückiger.
- 17:20 **“HIV/AIDS in African Prisons”**
Dr. Barasa Chrisostim and Md. Nancy Shazima- Tears of Women Association, Kitale Kenya
- 17:30 **The impact of social pensions on the livelihood, health and the psychosocial wellbeing of older people and their grandchildren** - A comparative study from the Kagera Region in Tanzania.
Mr. Stefan Hofmann, head, Association of Kwa Wazee-Africa`s Grandmothers fight against HIV/AIDS.

- 17:45 **Remarks** from “Nationalrat” Ricardo Lumengo, MP, Swiss National Parliament.
- 17:55 **Remarks** from AIDS Section Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)
- 18:05 **Statement** from Swiss African Forum (SAF)
Mr Issa Abdullahi, National Coordinator
- 18:10 **Scaling-up Diaspora HIV/AIDS project initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa.**
Mr. Solomon Tshivhula, Counsellor,
Embassy of South Africa to Switzerland in Bern.
- 18:20 **Brainstorming session**
- Room 1:** Knowledge Management: Facilitator- Dr. Konji Sebati,
Ambassador South African Embassy to Switzerland Based in Bern.
- Room 2:** HIV/AIDS Researchers in Low-income Countries: Facilitator
Dr. Benjamin Sakem, Researcher, Dept. Pharmacology, University of Bern
- Room 3:** Resource mobilisation: Facilitator Dr. Clifford Kamara, Global
Alliance for Vaccine Initiatives (GAVI), Geneva, and Head Planning Unit,
Ministry of Health Sierra Leone.
- 18:45 **Plenary Session**
Chairperson, Dr. Gabriela Tejada
EPFL – VPRI, Lausanne
UNESCO Chair in Technologies for Development
- 19:15 **Closing remarks and vote of thanks**
Dr. Charles Senessie, President AEMRN
- 19:20 *Apero, continued discussion and further viewing of exhibition*
- 19:50-24.00 Afro European Fundraising Buffet Dinner and Entertainment evening
with African cultural displays and music at Kornhaus Forum Bern