



APC HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

THEME: ACCELERATING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL: BRIDGING THE LAST MILE

DATE: 28TH & 29TH OCTOBER 2024 (PRE-CONFERENCE), 30th & 31st OCTOBER 2024 (MAIN CONFERENCE), 1st NOVEMBER (AGM)

FORUM OBJECTIVES

1. Identify barriers hindering access and foster cross-sector collaborative efforts in bridging the gap to accelerate
2. To showcase and explore innovative technologies and approaches that can bridge the gap in healthcare access and delivery
3. Share strategies and experiences among EPN members and key stakeholders on Quality Assurance (QA) as well as tackling antimicrobial resistance through integrated approaches (Preconference)
4. To highlight the need for policy reforms and advocate for supportive policies that can enhance access to healthcare services in remote communities in Africa

TOPICS

PRE-CONFERENCE:

TOPIC 1: Addressing Antimicrobial resistance in Africa through integrated approaches

TOPIC 2: Minilab preconference: Fighting Substandard and Falsified Medicines

MAIN CONFERENCE

TOPIC 1: The Imperative of Accelerating Access for All

TOPIC 2: Breaking Down Barriers: Strategic Approaches and Innovations in Addressing Healthcare Inequalities

TOPIC 3: Strengthening Health Financing for Resilient Drug Procurement and Supply Chain

TOPIC 4: Navigating Policies, Guidelines and Regulations in Addressing Health Disparities

TOPIC 5: Harnessing the Power of Advocacy to Ensure Equitable Access to Healthcare Services

MINILAB PRE-CONFERENCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 2024: Minilab - Practical Training at MUHAS School of Pharmacy (for Minilab partners only)

Time		Speakers and Panellists	Time allocated	Moderator
5:30 – 7:30 hrs	Drive from APC Hotel to Muhimbili University (Pharm R&D Lab)	All	1-2 hrs	
7:30 – 7:40 hrs	Opening Prayer and welcome of participants	Prof. Eliangiringa Kaale, School of Pharmacy of Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania	10 mins	
<i>Breakfast</i>				
8:30 – 9:30 hrs	Critical Steps in Minilab Analysis Q&A	Prof. Lutz Heide Prof. Eliangiringa Kaale	1 hr	
9:30 – 12:30 hrs	Laboratory training session	All	3 hrs	
<i>Lunch break</i>				
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	Laboratory training session	All	3 hrs	
17:00 – 19:00 hrs	Drive from Muhimbili University to APC Hotel	All	1-2 hrs	

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2024: Minilab Preconference: Fighting Substandard and Falsified Medicines

Time		Speakers and Panellists	Time allocated	Moderator
07:00- 08:00 hrs	Forum Registration	All		
08:00-08:30 hrs	Devotion & Opening Prayer	CSSC	30 mins	
08:30-08:40 hrs	Welcoming Remarks	Richard Neci Cizungu EPN	10 mins	
08:40-08:50 hrs	Overview of AMR pre-conference objectives & Agenda	Dr. Judith Asin, EPN	10 mins	
08:50-09:00 hrs	Overview of Minilab pre-conference objectives & Agenda	Christine Haefele-Abah German Institute for Medical Mission (Difäm), Germany	10 mins	
09:00-09:10 hrs	<i>Participants Attend Respective Pre-conference Rooms</i>			

Plenary session 1: Experience Sharing of the Difaem EPN Minilab Network				
9:10 - 9:45 hrs	Overview of the current status of the Difaem, EPN Minilab network	Christine Haefele-Abah Difaem, Germany	35 mins	Christine Haefele-Abah
9:45 -10:25 hrs	Sharing of partners' experiences	Minilab partners from Cameroon + Nigeria	40 mins	
10:25-10:45 hrs	Screening for substandard and falsified medicines in Nigeria	Prof. Lutz Heide Germany	20 mins	
10:45-11:15 hrs	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
Plenary session 2: Leveraging Minilabs for Effective Quality Monitoring				
11:15 -11:35 hrs	Use of Minilab in Post-Marketing Surveillance (PMS)	Japhari Said Mtoro , Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), Tanzania	20 mins	Dr. Stephen Kigera , Mission for essential drugs and supplies (MEDS), Kenya
11:35 – 11:55 hrs	Working with NRAs to safeguard public health through PMS activities	Edward Abwao , Promoting the Quality of Medicines Plus (PQM+) Program, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention	20 mins	
11:55 - 12:15 hrs	The use of Minilab in training facilities	Prof. Eliangiringa Kaale , Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania Wensaa Muro , Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), Tanzania	20 mins	
12:15 - 13:00 hrs	Panel discussion	Moderator plus panellists	45 mins	
<i>Lunch break</i>				
Session 3: Regional Group Discussions on the Use of Minilab				
14:00- 14:40 hrs	Groups divided by region: <u>Region 1: West Africa</u> Moderators: Temitope Adetunji - CHAN-Medipharm Nigeria Christolyn Chizoba - Christian Health Association of Liberia, Liberia <u>Region 2: East and Southern Africa</u> Moderators: Mildred Wanyama - Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS), Kenya Evans Chirambo - Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM), Malawi <u>Region 3: Tanzania</u> Moderators: Wensaa Muro - Kilimanjaro School of Pharmacy (KSP), Tanzania Raphael Shedafa - Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania <u>Region 4: Francophone</u> Moderators: Nadine Luhiri - DCMP, DRC		40 mins	Christine Haefele-Abah, Group moderators

	Gabriel Mbusa- CBCA, DRC			
14:40 – 15:00 hrs	Presentation of results of group work	Group rapporteurs	20 mins	
15:00 hrs	<i>Closure of Day 1 & Coffee Departure for site visit Action Medeor Kibaha</i>			

AMR PRE-CONFERENCE

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2024: Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa Through Integrated Approaches				
Time		Speakers and Panellists	Time allocated	Moderator
07:00-08:00 hrs	Forum Registration			Dr. David Isaya <i>Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) Tanzania</i>
08:00-08:30 hrs	Devotion & Opening Prayer	Christian Social Service Commission (CSSC)	30 Mins	
08:30-08:40 hrs	Welcoming Remarks	Richard Neci Cizungu, EPN	10 Mins	
08:40-08:50 hrs	Overview of AMR Pre-conference Objectives & Agenda	Dr. Judith Asin, EPN	10 Mins	
08:50-09:00 hrs	Overview of Minilab Pre-conference Objectives & Agenda	Christine Haeefe-Abah, Difäm, Germany	10 mins	
09:00-09:10 hrs	Participants attend Respective Pre-conference Rooms			
Plenary Session 1: Understanding Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) as a Barrier to Access in the African Context				
09:10-10:00 hrs	<i>Overview of the current status of AMR in Africa and its impact on vulnerable populations and underserved communities.</i>	Dr. Yidnekachew Mazengiya, WHO-AFRO <i>(Virtual presentation)</i>	10 mins	Dr. Tracie Muraya <i>ReACT Africa</i>
	<i>Examining disparities in access to antimicrobial treatment and healthcare services in Africa.</i>	Dr Joseph Mukoko, Management Sciences for Health (MSH, Kenya)	10 mins	
	<i>Importance of a One Health approach in combating AMR and promoting health equity.</i>	Hamisi Msagama, One Health Society, Tanzania	10 mins	
	Q&A	All Panellist	20 mins	
Plenary Session 2; The Role of Cross-Sector Collaboration in Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance: Perspectives from Human Health, Animal health, and Environmental Representatives				
10:00-10:50hrs	Opening Presentation from MOH Tanzania (10 Mins) Mrs. Emiliana Francis, National AMR focal person, Tanzania		50 Mins	Alphonse Ndi Abanda

	Perspectives from Human Health	Dr. Emmanuel Tanui , <i>National AMR Focal Person, Kenya</i>		Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBC) Cameroon
	Perspectives from Animal Health	John Oppong-Otoo , <i>African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) - (Virtual presentation)</i>		
	Perspectives from Environmental Health	Dr. Zuhura Kimera , <i>Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania</i>		
	Q&A	All		
10:50-11:15 hrs <i>Group Photo Tea break, Entertainment & Networking</i>				
11:15-13:00 hrs	Session 3: World Café discussion Identifying Challenges and Opportunities for Action in overcoming resistance to key strategies in addressing AMR			
	<p>The session is divided into 4 continents focusing on the following Key strategies;</p> <p><u>Continent 1: Youth & Community Engagement</u> Lead: Dr. Prosper Ezechiel Noali- <i>Actions des jeune contre la resistance aux Antimicrobiens (AJRAM), Burkina Faso</i> Rapporteur: Ndege Ngere- <i>AMR Now, Kenya</i></p> <p><u>Continent 2: Strengthening Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes in Health Facilities</u> Lead: Mary Kisima-<i>Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania (PST), Tanzania</i> Rapporteur: Jennifer Azereh - <i>Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN), Nigeria</i></p> <p><u>Continent 3: Ensuring Access and Safety of antimicrobials in the supply chain</u> Lead: Fidelis Manyaki - <i>Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC), Tanzania</i> Rapporteur: Annagrace Malamsha - <i>Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania (PST), Tanzania</i></p> <p><u>Continent 4: One Health Approach</u> Lead: Dr. Mario Medegan-<i>MUSUHUM, Niger</i> Rapporteur: Michael Mosha-<i>The Roll Back Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative (RBA Initiative), Tanzania</i></p>			Dr. Judith Asin <i>EPN(EPN)</i>
13:00-14:00 hrs	Lunch break			
14:00-14:45 hrs	Feedback from the Team Leads, followed by Q/A Session			
	Session 4: Triumphs and Transformations: Inspiring Narratives of Achievement from EPN AMR Stewardship Implementing Members			

(Panel Discussion)				
14:45-15:45 hrs	1) Malawi	Evans Chirambo , <i>Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM), Malawi</i>	10 mins	Dr. Sharon Odeo <i>EPN</i>
	2) Kenya	Dr. John Kaguthi , <i>PCEA Tumutumu Hospital, Kenya</i>	10 mins	
	3) Lesotho	Ms. Lineo Nyenye , <i>Maluti Adventist Hospital, Lesotho</i>	10 mins	
	4) Nigeria	Jennifer Azereh , <i>Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN), Nigeria</i>	10 mins	
	Q&A session	All	20 mins	
Announcements and close of Day			James Mireri -EPN	
Tea break, Entertainment & Networking				
SIDE EVENT: Scaling up MNCH Life-saving Products Introduction in the FBO Health Facilities				

MAIN FORUM: ACCELERATING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL

Bridging The Last Mile

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2024

Time	Plenary	Speakers & Panellists	Time allocated	Moderator
07:00 - 0800 hrs	Late Forum Registration	All	1 hr	
08:00 - 09:00 hrs	Breakfast and Entertainment	CSSC (Fidelis, Massy, Isaya)		
09:00-10:40 hrs	OPENING CEREMONY			
	Devotion	CSSC	20 Mins	Libete Selepane <i>Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL)</i> Lesotho
	Welcome Remarks		10 mins	
		Richard Neci Cizungu, EPN Peter Maduki, Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC), Tanzania	10 mins	
		Gerald Masuki, Action Medeor, Tanzania	10 mins	
		Christine Haefele-Abah, Difaem, Germany	10 mins	
	Setting the scene	Dr Nemes Iriya, World Health Organization (WHO) Representative, Tanzania	15 mins	
Keynote Speaker and Forum Opening	His Excellency, Minister of Health, Republic of Tanzania	15 mins		
Group Photo	Communications	10 mins		
10:40-11:10 hrs	<i>Coffee/Tea Break & Media Briefing</i>			

TOPIC 1: The Imperative of Accelerating Access for All - Plenary Discussion				
11:10-12:50 hrs	<p>Opening Presentation: Bridging the last mile to accelerate access for all – what role can Christian health services play</p> <p>Dr Gisela Schneider, Difaem- Germany Towards Sustainable Medicines Access: Reviewing EAC Policies and Laws on Local Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Procurement</p> <p>Daniel Karimi, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)- Kenya</p>	15 mins	<p>Dr. Dennis Cherian CORUS International USA</p>	
	<p>Experience From Members (Panel Discussion) Ebola to COVID-19 vs Childhood Communicable Diseases: Building Better Preparedness for the Church Health System Beyond Sharing Recipes</p> <p>Dr. Steve Kitembo, CBCA- DRC Reimagining Communities and Community Health Promoters’ Role in Accelerating Access to Healthcare for ALL</p> <p>Getrude Guvheya, ZACH- Zimbabwe</p>	15 mins		
	<p><i>Q&A Session</i> All the Panellists</p>	40 mins		
12:50-14:00hrs	<i>Lunch Break</i>			

TOPIC 2: Breaking Down Barriers: Strategic Approaches and Innovations in Addressing Healthcare Inequalities -Best Practices and Experience Sharing		
14:00-15:40 hrs	Breakout session 1	Breakout session 2
	<p>Empowering Healthcare Professionals within the Church Health System through Innovative Capacity Building Approaches</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Lilian Ngaruiya, EPN</p>	<p>Strengthening Supply Chain in accelerating access to healthcare and health products for all: Cost-effective solutions for the Church Health System</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Zana Klragu, Boston University, USA</p>

	Speakers	Speakers		
	<i>Developing Technical Capacity of Private Healthcare Sector Across the Healthcare Value Chain to Improve Access to Healthcare Products and Services.</i> Mecklina Hornung, Business for Health Solutions (BHS), Africa	<i>Sustainable Public-Private Partnerships in Access to Health Products and Technologies</i> Dr. Stephen Kigera, Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS), Kenya		
	Exploring the Influence of Various Opinion Leaders in Church Leadership: Toward a Multidimensional Approach for Capacity Building within Christian Community. Joseph Baraka, Département des Oeuvres Médicales de l’Eglise du Christ au Congo (DOM ECC Sud-Kivu), DRC	<i>Digital Health Technology Services for Faith-Based Healthcare Providers</i> Christoph Bonsmann, Action Medeor International, Tanzania		
	Hybrid Learning for Health Care Workers in Low Resource and Conflict Setting Dr. William C Clemmer, IMA World Health/ Corus International, USA	<i>Digitizing the Church DSO and Health Facilities with Reliable, Cost-effective SC Solution</i> Nico Christofi, Signalytic, USA		
	<i>Multi-Actor Partnership for Improving Quality Pharmaceutical Services (MAP/QPS)</i> John Massey, Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC), Tanzania	<i>Affordable digital software for PFNP pharmacies and clinics, and the power of data insights and a connected network</i> Shane McLean, Maisha MEDS, Kenya		
	Rapporteur- Lineo Nyenye, CHALe, Lesotho	Rapporteur-Evans Chirambo - CHAM, Malawi		
15:40-16:15 hrs	Reconvene - Rapporteurs to Provide Brief of What was Discussed			
16:15-16:30 hrs	Announcements and close of Day 1	James Mireri / Rev. Jane Ng’ang’a, EPN		
	Tea break, Entertainment & Networking			
	Dinner	All		
		Main Restaurant		
DAY 2: THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 2024				
Time	Plenary	Speakers & Panellists	Time allocated	Moderator
07:00-08:00 hrs	Breakfast and Entertainment - Dr. David Isaya-CSSC, Tanzania/Action Medeor			
08:00 - 08:10 hrs	Devotion and opening prayer	CSSC		
	TOPIC 3: Strengthening Health Financing for Resilient Drug Procurement and Sustainable Healthcare Costs recovery			

08:20- 10:00 hrs	<i>Sustainable Pooled Procurement for Access to Healthcare and Quality and Affordable Medicines</i>	Christoph Jacques Rerat , WHO, Geneva (Virtual Presentation)	15 Mins	Dr. Peter Rumunyu <i>Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK)</i>
	<i>Strategies for Sustainable Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) to Achieve Supply Chain Efficiency</i>	Dr. Joseph Mukoko , Management Sciences for Health, Kenya	15 Mins	
	<i>Strategies for Ensuring Health Financing and Access to Insurance Coverage within the FBO Facilities</i>	Dr. Josephine Balati , CSSC, Tanzania	15 Mins	
	<i>Financing Local Manufacturing for Increased Self-reliance - Case study; JMS Uganda</i>	Dr Bildard Baguma , Joint Medical Stores (JMS), Uganda	15 Mins	
	<i>Learning from the EPN Pooled Procurement and Existing DRF</i>	Richard Neci , EPN	10 Mins	
	<i>Q&A Session</i>	All the Panellists	30 mins	
10:00 - 10:20 hrs	Coffee/Tea Break			
10:20-11:10 hrs	POSTER PRESENTATION SESSION - Moderator - Dr. Judith Asin-EPN			
TOPIC 4: Navigating Policies, Guidelines and Regulations in Addressing Health Disparities				
11:10- 12:00 hrs	Opening Panel			Dr. Edward Abwao PQM+,Kenya
	NMRA Tanzania Perspective on Quality Control and Post-marketing Surveillance	Dr. Adelard Mtenga , Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), Tanzania	50 min	
	NMRA Kenya Perspective on Manufacturing and Product Registration	Dr. Onesmus Saidiumu , Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB), Kenya		
	NMRA Cameroon Perspective on Importation and Distribution	Dr. Laida Sandrine Prudence , Direction de la Pharmacie, du Médicament et des laboratoires - DPML, Cameroon		
	Compliance from Central level to the Last Mile	Dr. Daniel Karimi , PQM+, Kenya		
Breakout 1				
12:00-13:00 hrs	Leveraging Pharmaceutical Industry Regulations to Strengthen Supply Chain Resilience and Accessibility		Breakout session 2	
	<i>Focus: Supply Chain Policies, Regulations and Guidelines Including Pharmaceutical Industry (DSO Level) - Experience Sharing from DSOs</i> Moderator: George Adjei , CHST Ghana		Overcoming Challenges and Maximising Opportunities in Building a Culture of Policy/Guidelines Adherence in Health Facilities	

			<i>Focus: Integration of Policies and Guidelines at the Health Facility Level - Experience Sharing from CHAs</i>	
			Moderator: Dr. Suleiman Mshelia – CHAN, Nigeria	
	Speakers		Speakers	
	Speaker 1: Joyce Mbithi , ROCHE-Kenya (opening presentation)		Speaker 1: Dr. Tracie Muraya , ReACT Africa (Opening presentation)	
	Speaker 2: Marlon Banda , CHAZ- Zambia		Speaker 2: Dr Ndilta Djekadoum - AEST, CHAD	
	Speaker 3: Edward Ngah , CBC Central Pharmacy, Cameroon		Speaker 3: Henry Suubi , UCMB, Uganda	
	Speaker 4: Franklin Nyambi , Action Medeor, Tanzania		Speaker 4: Happy Makala , Christian Health Association (CHAM)	
	Rapporteur: Georges Mutombo , DCMP, DR Congo		Rapporteur: Dr. Colin Gakunzi , RBCIF, Burundi	
13:00 - 14:00 hrs	Lunch break			
14:00-14:30 hrs	Reconvene - Rapporteurs to provide brief of what was discussed			
	TOPIC 5: Harnessing the power of Advocacy to ensure equitable Access to Healthcare Services: from Awareness to Action			
14:30-15:50 hrs	Introductory remarks: <i>Strategic Advocacy for the Church Health System- Rosemary Mburu -WACI Health</i> <i>Communicating Advocacy for the Church Health System - Antoinette Muyuka - PATH</i>		Moderator: Jane Ngángá, EPN	
	Role of key Advocates in Advocating for Equitable Access to Healthcare Services Gaining Insights from Key Advocates (Panel Discussion)			
	<i>Role of Youth</i>	Michael Mosh - RBA Initiative Tanzania		80 Mins
	<i>Role of Religious Leaders</i>	Rev. Charles Berahimo - AACC		
	<i>Role of Christian Health Association (CHAs)</i>	Peter Maduki - CSSC		
	<i>Role of Civil society Organisations –African Region</i>	Dr. Alex Muhereza , ACHAP		
<i>Role of Civil society Organisation Global perspective</i>	Julia Stoffner - BftW			
15:50-16:30 hrs	LAUNCH OF THE EPN ADVOCACY STRATEGY			

	Introduction	Richard Neci Cizungu, EPN	<i>5 Mins</i>	Richard Neci Cizungu, EPN
	Overview of the Advocacy Strategy	Rosemary Mburu -WACI Health	<i>15 Mins</i>	
	Keynote Address	Dr. Stephen Kigera- Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS), Kenya	<i>5 Mins</i>	Jane Ngángá, EPN
	Strategy Launch and Presentation			
	CALL TO ACTION			
	Final Media Briefing			
	<i>Tea break, Entertainment & Networking</i>			
18:00-21:00 hrs	CULTURAL DINNER	All participants to dress in traditional attire		

DAY 3 FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2024 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY