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The Health Sector Board of KEPSA



The Annual Health Summit, 2021

November / 18th & 19th / 2021

Kenya Healthcare Federation and Strathmore Business School (SBS) invites you to attend the Annual Health Summit 2021, happening on 18th and 19th November 2021, 8:00am - 5:30pm (EAT) at the Strathmore University Auditorium.

The Health Summit was the first of its kind and brought together African Continent Innovators and Game - Changing Leaders, Private Sector Players and Organizations, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Development Partners, Faith Based Organizations, Academia, Medical Professional Bodies, Non-Governmental Organizations and the larger KHF Membership.

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KHF Chair Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe

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The Voice of the Private Sector in Kenya

Strathmore Business School Dean, Dr. George Njenga highlighted that Innovative Healthcare in Kenya requires the partnership of those who govern Healthcare and the people who are governed by it. Thus, Governance and Education is a key issue in improving sustainable healthcare in Africa.

Ministry of Health, Ag Head, Directorate of Health Standards Quality Assurance and Regulation, Dr. Kibias Simon spoke on behalf of Ministry of Health, Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr. Rashid Abdi Aman.

Dr. Kibias highlighted and read Dr. Rashid's speech stating that the Ministry of Health is looking forward in strengthening Public - Private Partnerships and that local manufacturing is key in strengthening the Health System.

SDG Partnership, Senior Advisor on Innovation & Technology, Dr. Bahaa Eddine Sarroukh made a presentation on how the SDG Partnership Platform is working with partners to support establishment of effective and sustainable partnerships in healthcare where by service delivery is key to achieving this.

KHF Chair, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe was among the speakers who took part during this Health Summit. He stated that those in Innovation need to get organized to influence policy in order to align Private Sector interest with Public Sector interest to gain Public Support.

During the Sponsor session, AMREF Health Africa, Programs Manager, Catherine Mwenda made a presentation about Multi Stakeholder Partnerships (MSP) regarding the Advocacy for the Unregulated Healthcare Professionals. She stated MSP is a consortium made up of Malteser International, AMREF Health Africa, Kenya Healthcare Federation and Unilever with the aim of enhancing the training and deployment of Unregulated Healthcare Professionals.

The following were the exhibitors who took part during this Health Summit; Easy Drain Care Products, Pathologists Lancet Kenya, BYON8, Metropolitan Hospital Nairobi, Imperial Medical Specialists and Multi Stakeholder Partnership.

Standard Media Group, Editor, Dr. Mercy Korir and Open Phences Hub, Senior faculty, Institute of Healthcare Management and Director, Dr. Frank Wafula moderated the panelists discussion which involved the healthcare collaboration ecosystem and how this can be improved for higher impact.

The Panelists included; Savannah Informatics, CEO, Dr. John Muthee, AstraZeneca, Africa Head Acceleration, Dr. Sylvia Vito, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Technical Advisor, Dr Leah Mwai, Clinton Health Access Initiative, Senior Director, Mr. Jackson Kimani and Presidential Policy and Strategy Unit, Senior Health Advisor Dr. Wangari Ng'ang'a.



Standard Media Group, Editor, Dr. Mercy Korir, Savannah Informatics, CEO, Dr. John Muthee and Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Technical Advisor, Dr Leah Mwai participating in the Panelists discussion.



KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita and KHF Chair, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe.



Ministry of Health, Ag Head Directorate of Health Standards Quality Assurance and Regulation, Dr. Kibias Simon.

“This Health Summit aimed to create a platform where Healthcare Stakeholders can discuss and come up with innovative and sustainable Healthcare solutions for Africa.”



AMREF Health Africa in Kenya, Programs Manager, Catherine Mwenda



Crowd Photo during the Annual Health Summit, 2021

During day 2 of the Annual Health Summit, Keynote Speaker, Head of Smart Vaccines Production, Konza City, Prof. Matilu Mwau made his remarks on vaccine production. He emphasized that he received a lot of support from the Konza Technology which is an initiative led by Ministry of Health, Kenya and the Government of Kenya.

KHF, CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita moderated the first session by introducing the various presenters to give their remarks about the innovations towards improved local production.

Kenya Medical Association President, Dr. Andrew Were Onyino made a presentation regarding Human Resources for Health as a Key Enabler for the Health Value Chain. He emphasized that there is a general lack of Human Resources needed to deliver essential health interventions due to limited production capacity, migration and poor mix of skills and demographic imbalances.

Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya, President, Dr. Louis Somoni Machogu gave his insights of aligning Pharmaceutical Supply Chain in Kenya. He goes on to elaborate the factors that drive local supply chain insecurity or misalignment such as unfavourable taxation regimes, lack of national standardization and coding of pharmaceuticals.

Ministry of Health, Division of Health Products and Technologies (HPT), Pharmacist, Dr. Eunice Gathitu gave her remarks on policy directions towards local vaccine production. She went on to elaborate that the Ministry of Health constituted a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency national committee that will help reduce the cost at local production.

Standard Media Group, Editor, Dr Mercy Korir and KHF, CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita moderated the panelists discussion which involved; How we can achieve vaccine manufacturing in Kenya.

The Panelists were; Pharmacy and Poisons Board, CEO, Dr. Fred Siyoi, Senior Director President's Delivery Unit - Executive Office of the President, Dr. Njeri Gitau, Ministry of Health, Kenya Division of Health Products and Technologies (HPT), Pharmacist, Dr. Eunice Gathitu, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Health Leader, Dr. Samora Otieno, Philips, Country Manager, Dr. Muthoni Ntonjira, Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry, Chair, Willy Soriney and Kenya Dental Association, President, Dr. Tim Theuri.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all Health Sector players from the Private Sector, Public Sector, Development Partner Groups, Sponsors, Exhibitors, Partners, Stakeholders and all KHF Members who came to attended this year Annual Health Summit 2021 both physically and virtually.



Ministry of Health, Division of Health Products and Technologies, Pharmacist, Dr. Eunice Gathitu, Kenya Dental Association, President, Dr. Tim Theuri, Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry Chair, Willy Soriney and Faculty, Strathmore Business School, Dr. Lyndon Marani participating in the Panelists discussion.



Head of Smart Vaccines Production, Konza City, Prof. Matilu Mwau.



KHF, CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita.

“Discussions revolved around Improved Healthcare Value Chain and Local Production”



Kenya Medical Association President, Dr. Andrew Were Onyino



Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya, President, Dr. Louis Somoni Machogu



KHF, CEO Dr. Anastasia Nyalita, Phillips Healthcare, Country Manager, Dr. Muthoni Ntonjira and Senior Director President's Delivery Unit, Dr. Njeri Gitau

October Highlights

Africa Outlook Magazine interview with KHF CEO Dr. Anastasia Nyalita

October / 12th / 2021

Kenya Healthcare Federation champions access to quality, affordable healthcare for all. KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita had an interview with Africa Outlook Magazine where she discussed the organization's origins, goals and engagements within Kenya's Private Healthcare Sector.

KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita emphasized, "The primary benefits for our members fall into six main categories; advocacy, projects, partnerships and engagements, networking, regional integration, and access to patent events, trade missions and expos throughout the year."

Read the full interview via this link -> <https://lnkd.in/d6sCx98>



KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita

Payer – Provider Engagement Consensus and Validation Workshop

October / 13th - 15th / 2021

Kenya Healthcare Federation conducted a three – Day Payers and Providers Consensus and Validation Workshop. In 2020, Kenya Healthcare Federation spearheaded a Provider-Payer Engagement in the Private Health Sector in Kenya aimed at mediating a cohesive Engagement in the Private Health Sector. This marked Phase I of this initiative.

The main aim was to tease out the challenges and identify possible solutions. Based on the Phase I findings, it deemed necessary to take a deeper dive listening sessions with all industry players; as these findings were not peculiar to the Private Sector. Thus, marking Phase II of this initiative.

In this Phase II, Kenya Healthcare Federation has been in partnership with the Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SPARC) and ThinkWell Global.



Group photo of the participants and stakeholders who took part in the Payers and Providers Consensus and Validation Workshop at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge.

KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita, gave the opening and welcome remarks at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge during a three-day Consensus and Validation Workshop to this ongoing Payer-Provider Initiative. She emphasized, "This workshop will delve into what has been found to be the root causes hindering effective provider-payer engagement and their actionable solutions"

Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SPARC) Acting Director, Oludare Bodunrin emphasized, "This workshop seeks to co-develop a joint action plan to enhancing healthcare financing in the country."

Payers, Providers and Ministry of Health, engaged in group discussions to deliberate on the specific challenges, root causes and actionable solutions in enhancing the Payer-Provider Engagements Countrywide.

The discussions focused on:

1. Which solutions are inefficient and which are effective.
2. What are some of the practices that border on ethical issues.
3. How to ensure integrity through these actionable solutions.

Ministry of Health, UHC Secretariat, Dr. Jared Nyakiba stated, "The UHC policy has been endorsed by the Cabinet and signed off by the MOH CS Health, Hon. Mutahi Kagwe and MOH PS, Susan Mochache, CBS and it is undergoing final editing for publishing."

National Hospital Insurance Fund has implemented an Electronic Claims System (E-claim) countrywide in all Government of Kenya Level IV to Level VI Hospitals, all Private and Faith Based Healthcare Providers. With the paperless claims system, the claim processing turnaround time is expected to significantly be shortened. National Hospital Insurance Fund, Manager UHC, Gilbert Osoro emphasized, "NHIF has embarked on a countrywide biometric registration of members. By 31st December 2021, all Kenyans must be biometrically registered."

Group Leads from the Payers, Providers and the Ministry of Health present on the respective group deliberations on the root causes of challenges and suggested actionable solutions in enhancing the Payer-Provider Engagements Countrywide.

UAP OLD MUTUAL GROUP Medical Practice Manager Dr Elijah Matolo, gave a presentation on the Health Insurance actors view on the joint action plan. Ministry of Health Senior Economist Robina Mwenesi, gave a presentation on the Health Providers view on the joint action plan.

KHF Director, Dr. Walter Obita wrapped up the three-day workshop by outlining the way forward and gave a vote of thanks to participants and the stakeholders involved in making the workshop successful. Nakuru County Health Administrative Officer, Dominic G. Mburu gave the closing remarks and closed the workshop.



Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Center (SPARC) Acting Director, Oludare Bodunrin

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Group discussions during this validation workshop.



National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) Manager UHC, Gilbert Osoro



Payer - Provider participants and the stakeholders

KHF Members' Meeting

October / 21st / 2021

The Key highlight during this forum was a presentation by The End Fund on driving a sustainable and locally driven movement to end Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). KHF and The End Fund had partnered to create awareness about NTDs and their devastating impact to communities and to galvanize support for the newly formed African Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTD) Leadership Initiative.

This meeting was moderated by KHF Director Dr. Daniella Munene and KHF CEO Dr. Anastasia Nyalita. Dr. Daniella made the introductory remarks and welcomed all the members for attending this meeting both physically and virtually.

During the meeting, Hydroliq Pure Water Solutions through Janst Healthcare International Limited, made a presentation which was led by Janst Healthcare Product Manager, Liz Nyokabi.

Multi Stakeholder Partnerships (MSP) also made a presentation which was led by MSP Partner Program Coordinator, David Owino regarding the Advocacy for the Unregulated Healthcare Professionals.

Head, Kenya National Public Health Institute, Dr. Sultani Matendechero gave an overview of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Sector in Kenya and The Ministry of Health response regarding this matter. He explained how the NTDs fit within the Kenya National Public Health Institute.

Kakamega County First Lady, Her Excellency Mrs. Priscillah Ambetsa Oparanya explained the Role of Government in the control and elimination of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). She also spoke about the Kakamega Country experience in terms of combating the NTDs.

Bungoma County First Lady Caroline Wangamati made a passionate appeal to all of us; Private Sector, Public Sector, Government and various organizations to do more towards elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

KHF Chair, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe took the initiative and welcomed MOH Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr. Rashid Abdi Aman. He made a key note speech on Neglected Tropical Diseases and explaining the role of the Ministry of Health in terms of combating the NTDs.



MOH Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr. Rashid Abdi Aman

“Together, the Kenyan Government, County Government, Private Sector and our International Colleagues; together, we can end NTDs!”



Bungoma County First Lady, Her Excellency Caroline Wangamati



Kakamega County First Lady, Her Excellency Mrs. Priscillah Ambetsa Oparanya



The Health Sector players from the Private Sector, Public Sector, Development Partner Groups, Partners, Stakeholders and all KHF Members were thanked for attending this forum.



KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita, MOH Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr. Rashid Abdi Aman and KHF Chair, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe

The End Fund made a presentation led by The End Fund Vice President, Programs, Dr. Carol Karutu stating why African participation and leadership matters to tackle NTDs. She emphasized that they have made a progress of 35 million NTD treatments in Kenya by stating, “Together, the Kenyan Government, County Government, Private Sector and our International Colleagues; together, we can end NTDs!”.

She concluded their session by initiating an interactive session with the KHF Members regarding “Where do we go from here and What part can you play as a Kenyan leader?” in terms of combating the NTDs.

During the final sessions of this forum, KHF sought to chart the way forward for the remaining part of 2021 along the 6 Committees namely; Healthcare Financing (HCF), Healthcare Regulations, Quality and Standards(HR & QS), Supply Chain(SC), Public Private Partnerships(PPP), Human Resources for Health(HRH) and ICT and Mobile Health(ICT) with their Chairs and Vice Chairs representatives; John Kamau, Eunice Wanjiku, Oduor Otieno and Vinod Guptan.

KHF Vice Chair, Dr. Elizabeth Wala concluded the Members’ Meeting with a vote of thanks to all Health Sector players from the Private Sector, Public Sector, Development Partner Groups, Partners and Stakeholders and all KHF Members for attending this Forum.



The End Fund Vice President, Programs, Dr. Carol Karutu



KHF Vice Chair, Dr. Elizabeth Wala

November Highlights

Board training session on Corporate Governance

November / 1st / 2021

The Health Sector Board of Kenya Private Sector Alliance – Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) had a series of a week-long Board training session on Corporate Governance at Lake Naivasha Resort.

The session on Corporate Governance for the Board Members focused on various areas among which include; good governance for Health Sector, essential Board practices, roles and responsibilities of the Board Members with a view of building an exceptional and enlightened Board that anticipates plans and sees opportunities for the growth of the organization.



KHF Board, Committee Leaders and KEPSA Representatives



The Training Session on Corporate Governance

KCB Group Power Talk Engagement Session with the Private Sector

November / 3rd / 2021

KCB Group Power Talk Series had an engagement session with MOH PS, Susan Mochache, KHF Chair, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe and AHB Chair, Dr Amit N. Thakker to discuss opportunities for stakeholders in the Private Health Sector in exploring practical solutions in transforming the delivery, affordability and quality of healthcare in the country.

This provided a great opportunity for the Government and the Private Sector to engage on lessons drawn from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deliberations carried out addressed expectations of the Healthcare Practitioners and the Industry regarding the COVID-19 containment measures; and the key synergies that the Private Health Sector expects from the Government.



Panelists Discussion during the KCB Group Power Talk Series.

Board and Committee Leaders training session on Advocacy

November / 4th / 2021

The Health Sector Board of Kenya Private Sector Alliance - Kenya Healthcare Federation Board and Committee leaders led by the Chairperson, Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe and CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita participated in a one day Policy Advocacy Training at the Lake Naivasha Resort. This was part of the KEPSA sponsored week-long series of capacity building training sessions for the leaders towards building effective leadership.

Some of the priority policy advocacy initiatives identified during the session include: Healthcare Financing, Pricing of Healthcare Services in the country, National clinical audit reports, data interoperability, duplication in regulations, Healthcare taxation regime, and E-Health policies among others.

Dr. Kanyenje Gakombe in his closing remarks thanked the trainers for the empowering sessions towards boosting their advocacy skills. He further appreciated the leaders for availing themselves for such an important sessions that has empowered them towards delivery of the members' expectations.



KHF Board, Committee Leaders and KEPSA Representatives



The Training Session on policy advocacy

The 6th Senate Speaker's Round-table Meeting

November / 13th / 2021

Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) hosted the 6th Senate Speaker's Round-table meeting in Naivasha where the business community and the members of Parliament took stock of the joint legislative agenda and achievements over the last five years.

The theme of this year's event was Economic Recovery During and Post COVID-19: Strategies and Opportunities in Building A Better Future Together.

The Senate Speaker's Round-table is a high level Public Private Dialogue platform between the business community and the Senate that facilitates a joint review of the policy and legislative environment in the country, identifies crucial legislation to Private Sector that need to be reviewed or fast-tracked, and addresses any gaps that require new legislative intervention based on the country's and Private Sector development priorities.

The Panel Discussion involved around Regulatory reforms and processes for community healthcare workers to supplement efforts to combat COVID-19.



Panelists Discussion during the 6th Senate Speaker's Round-table Meeting



Participants during the 6th Senate Speaker's Round-table Meeting

The 7th Annual Devolution Conference

November / 23rd - 26th / 2021

The 7th Annual Devolution Conference commenced on 23rd November 2021 at Makueni Boys High School, Makueni County under the theme; Multi – Level Governance for Climate Action.

The Health Sector was well represented by Ministry of Health, Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr. Mercy Mwangangi and the KHF Delegation led by KHF, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita.

The First Health Breakout Session under the sub theme; Climate Change and Health at the County level: Burden, Impact, Interventions and Lessons Learnt was chaired by Governor of Kisumu County, Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o with the objective of critically examining the impact of climate change on health in Kenya's devolved context.



Tech Care for All, East Africa, Sales & Marketing, Edith Gitau, KHF, CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita and MOH, CAS, Dr. Mercy Mwangangi.



The First Health Breakout Session Panelists on climate change and health at the County level.

The Second Health Breakout session was on Building Resilience and Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19. This session was chaired by H.E Dr. Alfred Mutua and moderated by Communication Practitioner, Ms. Carol Nderi with the aim of reflecting on the gains and lessons learned to inform the country's preparedness to handle future pandemics.

The KHF delegation included;

1. Tech Care for All East Africa, Sales and Marketing, Edith Gitau
2. PharmAccess Foundation, Regional Director, Millicent Olulo Orera
3. MSP Advocacy Champion, Bittah Adhiambo
4. MSP Advocacy Champion, Malkia Moraa Abuga

The Multi-Stakeholders Partnership (MSP), a consortium made up of Malteser International, AMREF Health Africa in Kenya, Kenya Healthcare Federation and Unitely was one of the exhibitors at this year's Devolution Conference. The MSP delegation reached out to the various counties that were also exhibiting with the focus on unregulated carders across the country.



The Second Health Breakout Session Panelists on Building Resilience and Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19.



PharmAccess Foundation, Regional Director, Millicent Olulo and KHF CEO, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita



MSP Delegation Team led by Malteser International Regional Partnerships Coordinator, David Magina.



Participants and various stakeholders during the 7th Annual Devolution Conference

Ongoing Projects

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