

HIV Capacity Building Partners Summit



"Scaling up effective capacity building innovations for sustainable HIV Response in Eastern and Southern Africa"

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Background

Sub-Saharan Africa still remains the epicenter of the global HIV and AIDS epidemic leading to intensified effort to expand access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. With only five years remaining towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), there is a clear need for scaling-up quality and effective HIV interventions if MDGs number 4, 5 and 6 are to be met. These efforts call for renewed commitment to developing the requisite capacity to develop and implement effective HIV interventions in the Eastern and Southern Africa region. However, while there has been some focus on capacity building, there is lack of common understanding of best practices and cost effective approaches as well as lack of consensus on how to define and measure results of capacity building initiatives in the region. It is against this background that a group of regional partners in the area of HIV capacity building has organised a Regional Summit in March 2011 to build consensus and define concrete actions on how partners in the region shall work together to develop the necessary capacity required for scaling-up HIV response in the region.



Participation for organizations:

Organizations wishing to participate are required to take a survey by following this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P9VXNHW> or go to the summit website at www.hivcapacityforum.org Results of the survey will be used to shortlist organizations that will be partly sponsored to attend the summit and share their best practices. The results of the survey will also be compiled into a report to assist stakeholders understand fully the situation of HIV capacity building in the region. A copy of the report will be given to the participants at the summit.

Purpose of the Summit:

To take stock of progress, achievements and lessons in HIV capacity building, share best practices, innovations and lessons in critical areas affecting capacity building for effective HIV response in the region. The summit will further build consensus on a joint plan of action to secure a medium to long term policy and programme action that will strengthen and streamline investments in HIV capacity building efforts.

Network of African People Living with HIV and AIDS for Southern Africa Region (NAPSAR+), Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN), The Southern African Development Community (SADC), Southern Africa AIDS Information Dissemination Service (SAFAIDS) and The Southern African AIDS Trust (SAT).

Who should attend the summit?

Donors of capacity building activities, Government agencies and NGOs working in the area of HIV and AIDS as well as research organizations and the academia willing to share their research findings.

Conference organizers:

The Summit is jointly organized by partners currently implementing HIV capacity building initiatives in Eastern and Southern Africa region. These include African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF), African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet), The Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organisations (EANNASO), Great Lakes Initiative on AIDS (GLIA), Health Economic and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI),

Call for abstracts:

Details on specific themes/ tracts and submission procedure can be found at www.hivcapacityforum.org/abstracts Participation is open to both organizations and individuals involved in capacity building for effective HIV response in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Participation for individuals:

Individuals interested in attending the summit are requested to fill the registration form found at www.hivcapacityforum.org/registration Remember that participation in the summit is by invitation only and therefore your timely registration is important. A response will be sent within 48 hours after receiving your registration. The final list of participants will be selected from the registration list and database of partners.

If you have any questions about the registration process, contact the Summit Secretariat at

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