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Third AAAH Conference: Globalisation and its Implications for Health Care and Human Resources for Health

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The Asia-Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health (AAAH) is organising the 3rd AAAH conference in October 2008, in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The conference theme for this Conference will be "Globalisation and its Implications Of Health Care and Human Resources in Health".

The Conference aims to provide a platform for members of the alliance and global partners to exchange ideas and knowledge and to identify the opportunities and challenges to human resources in health in the current context of globalisation. It seeks to evolve an understanding of the critical and key contemporary implications of globalization for human resources for health and related aspects of health care. These ideas and implications would be addressed through context specific regional frameworks and the Conference would seek to provide policy oriented recommendations based on intersectoral strategies and pathways.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To follow up on HRH activities in member countries at the regional and global level after the 2nd conference held in 2007, and to review the progress the countries have made in reaching the objectives established in "The AAAH Workplan 2008-2009".
- To share experience generated from AAAH members, including WHO and other international agencies, platforms or alliance (eg. Global Health Workforce Alliance, GHWA) assisting the countries to address the globalization and its implications for health care and human resources for health.

PARTICIPATION

The participants will be drawn from 15 AAAH member countries, and a minimum of 3 participants per country are expected for each multi-stakeholder team which may include various interest groups such as the Ministry of Health, professionals, academia, government, non government organization, and the private sector. Resource persons from international agencies, other global or regional alliances and platforms, and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region that are considered as potential new members for AAAH will also be invited.

For non-AAAH countries, participation as observer(s) is possible subject to the approval from the AAAH Steering Committee.

Over 60 participants in total will attend the conference.

PROGRAMME THEMES

Globalisation and its implications of health care services and Human Resources in Health- A framework for Analysis

- Case Studies from the South

Structures of Global Governance, health care and HRH

- Changing roles of multilateral institutions and international NGOs in The Health Sector- Implications for the health workforce
- National Disease control programmes - Case Studies of Patterns of Funding and Technical-

Public Sector Reform, privatization and decentralization: Implications for human resources in health

- The weakening of Public Health Service Systems: Withdrawal of the State
- Privatisation and Changing ethos of care
- Corporatisation of Health Care
- Gender in care giving and receiving: Effects of Privatisation
- The changing role and place of traditional healers and practitioners in the Asia Pacific Region- Issues of Integration

Trade in Health services/migration

- Trade in Health Services- Health care outsourcing from developed countries and the implications on health service demands in the Asia & Pacific region.
- Medical tourism and health workforce management
- Gender and health workforce in the globalized Asia pacific
- Health workforce migration in the Asia & pacific region - scope of the problems and potential solutions
- Health Work force and Emergency Response to regional health catastrophes

Epidemiological & Demographic Transition: Coping with new challenges

- Double Burden of Disease- New Challenges for health work force
- Health Care for Chronic Ailments- Role of Health workers
- Emergency preparedness of health workers

Training and Education of the Health workforce

- Scaling up the education and production of health workers
- New model of communication and technology diffusion for continuing education of the workforce
- Changing institutions- is there a role for cross-country harmonization of workforce skills and their certification?
- Globalization and cross country health & medical education

Globalisation, Social Change and Health

- Eroding Social Cohesion- Implications for care of the elderly and the disabled
- Cultural aspects of globalization and changing perceptions and expectations of patients in health care
- Changing notions of Quality in care – Lay and Providers' perspectives

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Each case study should not exceed 5,000 words with an abstract of less than 600 words. The report should include the following sections:

1. The background
2. The conceptual framework
3. The story of the case or cases
4. The lessons learnt
5. Proposal for regional or global actions.

The papers will be reviewed by the technical committee of the AAAH.

DATES FOR SUBMISSION

The deadline for submission of abstract is 15 August 2008. The case will then be reviewed by the Conference's technical committee. Authors of selected abstracts will be asked to submit full papers and will be invited and funded to present their cases at the Sri Lanka AAAH Conference. All contributors will be informed of the decision by 31 August 2008.

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