

Concept Note

The 12th East Africa Healthcare Federation Conference and Pharmatec East Africa Exhibition, Dar es Salaam, August 29th -31st 2024

Background

Since its inception on May 3rd, 2012 in Kampala, Uganda, the East Africa Healthcare Federation (EAHF) has grown from the initial three founding members to seven-member country Federations/Associations. The Federation's annual conferences in member states brings together health care stakeholders from all over the region and beyond. EAHF is presently formed by APHFTA-Tanzania Private Health Sector, Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF), Uganda Healthcare Federation (UHF), Rwanda Healthcare Federation (RHF), Burundi Private Health Sector, the South Sudan Private Health Practitioners Association, Ethiopia Private Healthcare Federation, and the incoming DRC Congo Private Health Sector Association (In formation). EAHF unifies East Africa Private Healthcare Players at the East African Community level. Healthcare stakeholders from all the East African States meet at the EAHF Conference to discuss the health business agenda, and big business transactions take place at the event.



Why East Africa Healthcare Federation?

Since the re-formation of the East African Community, the now seven member states have pushed the agenda on integration. The way forward is to form an East African Federation with greater coordination of the various sectors, notably in education, custom unions, and trade through the East

African Community (EAC), as well as established regional bodies.

Since its formation in 2012, the EAHF has established itself as the lead for healthcare services within the private health sector in the region. The federation provides a platform for sharing experience and dialogue among its members and with the regional governments at country and EAC level. Its a media for stimulating positive change in the health sector through a coordinated effort of all the member states at the same pace, without leaving any member state at a disadvantaged position. One of the federation's mandate is to open regional and international healthcare markets for the EAC member states. The Federation is propelling the development of the health sector in each of the member states and in the whole of Eastern African Region.

The stakeholders of the health sector now have a platform to share ideas and advocate for their business agenda. This is in line with the spirit of the East African states integration, and with the East African policies. Public Private Partnerships in health have been adopted by the partner states as an important ingredient in the development of a sustainable health sector in the East African Region.

The 2024 EAHF Conference

It is in this spirit that APHFTA is hosting the **12th East African Healthcare Federation Conference and Pharmatec East Africa Exhibition in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 29th – 31st August, 2024.** Renowned professionals from East Africa and beyond will participate. Scientific papers on health care policies and regulations will be presented and discussed. Regional healthcare experiences will be shared at the Conference. Representatives from all the East African Healthcare Federations/organizations and a broad spectrum of other healthcare related institutions from the Region will also actively participate. The conference will provide an opportunity for networking and strengthening partnerships in health. Business-to-business meetings with investors in healthcare will also feature at the Conference.

This year's theme is: **Multisectoral Health Response to Building Capacity for Managing Medical Referrals and Establishing Foundation for Quality Affordable UHC.**

Sub Theme:

- **The Potential for medical referrals within the East African Region and Africa at large**
- **Exploring advances in the medical technologies in the East Africa Region and Africa Union member states**
- **Investments in healthcare in the African Region**
- **Country and Regional Response to Medical Emergencies- the Multisectoral Approach**

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE is to promote the business of health in East African and the African Continent at large by bringing together the Healthcare stakeholders from the East African region and beyond to actively participate in knowledge sharing, propagate new advances in the healthcare industry and enhance partnerships.



THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE is a strengthened Health Agenda towards achievement of the Universal Health Coverage Agenda, through a flourishing private health sector.

See you all at the Conference! Karibu Sana!



Secretary, the Organizing Committee

Dar es Salaam

