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East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians

A college of the ECSA College of Health Sciences

Strategic plan 2015-2020





Vision:

Healthy communities through access to well-trained physicians

Mission:

To improve standards of healthcare throughout the region by providing specialist training for physicians committed to lifelong learning

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians (ECSACOP) aims to improve access to well-trained physicians across the region by establishing a network of dedicated training centres and implementing an internationally recognised postgraduate medical qualification.

The college will ultimately improve health outcomes for the region's >200 million inhabitants, with a focus on expanding healthcare provision in centres serving the rural population.

Aim 1

We will work in partnership with governments, universities and healthcare providers to expand and improve postgraduate training and provision of quality healthcare.

Goals

- Expand the current annual output from internal medicine postgraduate training programmes in the region by 50% by 2025, doubling capacity by 2030.
- Develop a core, common curriculum in internal medicine across the region, training that is formally recognised by all relevant accrediting, government and regulatory bodies.
- Develop a high-quality assessment and examination programme, involving all relevant stakeholders. >>>

- Identify, support and accredit training centres and trainers to deliver the curriculum.
- Implement continuous quality improvement of programmes, building on learning and experience as well as harnessing new innovations.

Aim 2

We will be a voice for the patient and the profession, recognised as a regional leader in advocating for healthcare improvement and disease prevention.

Goals

- Build relationships with governments, healthcare providers and training institutions to advocate on access to well-trained physicians, workforce planning and healthcare financing.

Aim 3

We will support physicians' lifelong learning and career development.

Goals

- Develop a programme of high-quality continuing professional development (CPD) for physicians, using innovative models of delivery to facilitate access for all.
- Become a centre for sharing information and knowledge to improve health and wellbeing.
- Establish partnerships with the public, charitable and private sectors where innovative approaches are being used to deliver lifelong learning.
- Support physicians delivering postgraduate training with professional development, leadership training and mentoring.

Aim 4

We will establish an internationally recognised and financially sustainable college.

Goals

- Establish a secretariat for the college, with strong, transparent finance and fundraising systems and a focus on sustainability at its core.
- Build relationships with international partners and funders.