

MEETING OF AFRICAN HEALTH ECONOMISTS

Time: 07:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Date: Tuesday 12th July 2005

Venue:

This is an invitation to all African health economists and health economists living and working on a full-time basis in Africa, to come and hear about an exciting new initiative and to contribute their views and ideas on how to strengthen health economics within Africa. Your inputs to this consultative meeting will be greatly appreciated, and we know that the early start to the day will be well worth the effort !

Background

The African Health Economists Advisory Committee (AHEAC) was constituted by the Regional Director, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa last year. Its membership consists of 10 distinguished health economists, from Africa, drawn from national universities (and research institutions) and non-governmental research institutions.

The purpose of AHEAC is to advise the Regional Director on how to strengthen WHO Member States' health economics capacities for generating and using health economics evidence in decision-making. Its terms of reference touches on strategic planning, advocacy, resource mobilization, training, research, dissemination, utilization of evidence, forging of partnerships and any other related matters.

The First Session of the AHEAC took place from 23 to 25 November at the WHO Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville, Congo. During that meeting the Committee developed a ten year 'Strategic Health Economics Plan for the WHO African Region: 2006-2015.' That plan has been proposed for discussion at the 56th WHO Regional Committee (of 46 Ministers of Health) for Africa.

Purpose of the meeting of health economists working in Africa

1. Briefing by Dr Chris Atim, the Chairman of the African Health Economics Advisory Committee (AHEAC), on the AHEAC terms of reference and highlights of the objectives and targets of the draft 'Strategic Health Economics Plan for the WHO African Region: 2006-2015.'
2. Brainstorming on how resources could be mobilized to implement the Strategic Health Economics Plan.
3. Discussion of how to enhance networking and collaboration between the health economists based in Africa.