



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS**

**THE FIRST NATIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' EDUCATION & TRAINING,  
AND HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE**

**VENUE: IMPERIAL RESORT BEACH HOTEL, ENTEBBE**

**DATES: 27<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**DIRECTORATE OF HTVET**

**2022**

## **THE 1<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' EDUCATION & TRAINING, AND HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE (NHPET & HC)-2022**

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) through the Health Education and Training department has adapted an annual event of holding a **National Health Professionals' Education & Training, and Health Care Conference (NHPET & HC)**.

The conference will take place at Imperial Hotels in Entebbe-Uganda. The conference is from 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

### **The theme for the conference is**

*“A Country with Health Professionals who are Life-Long Learners and Always Ready to confront any Health Condition/ Disease”*. The discussions will focus on the following sub-themes;

- Innovations in Health Education, Training, Assessment and Clinical Practice
- Collaboration as a Key Strategy to Improve Training and Involvement to the World of Work
- Effects of Covid-19 on Health Education and Clinical Practice
- Leadership, Governance, and Regulation in Healthcare and Health Professionals' Education and Training

### **Guest of Honour**

- The first lady and Minister for Education and Sports

### **Delegates**

Keynotes speakers from are Pro.Joachim Osur the AMREF Regional Director, Pro.Pemba Senga from Tanzania and Prof.Kangethe Simon from Moi University.

Speakers and Presenters have been selected from the relevant fields e.g MoES, MoH, Private Paterns among others.

## **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

The Government of Ugandan is highly committed to improvement of access, quality, efficiency, effectiveness and good governance for education and training of health professionals (Medical Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Allied Health and Pharmacists) as evidenced by the various laws, strategies and frameworks that have been endorsed over the past years. These include the 2008 BTVET Act, the BTVET Strategic Plan 2012-2021 and the Health Policy. Despite the availability of these policies and

initiatives to improve Health professional education and training, a number of challenges still persist in the areas of access, quality, governance, clinical and internship rotation/attachments and regulation.

Some of the main weaknesses relates to understaffing and inappropriate human resource for health professional education and training, inadequate and absolute equipment and facilities for training, unmotivated preceptors and mentors, delayed reviews and design of training curricula, inappropriate definition of demands for a skilled workforce for health sector; and emerging serious and very infection diseases. Furthermore, the Health Education and Training subsector typically receives insufficient funding to effectively achieve its goals. These issues need to be discussed and consequently, solutions be made for improvement which will in turn support the social economic development of the country.

In 2019, the Cabinet approved a demand driven TVET policy with five policy objectives including: Promote economic relevancy of TVET; Improve access and employability of TVET; Improve Quality of TVET systems; Promote sustainable TVET financing; and Ensure effectiveness in TVET management and Organization. In the same effort, Ministry of Education and Sports is in the process of developing a higher education Policy.

All these have positive bearing on Health Professional education and Training and the Ministry of Education and Sport is committed to their implementation. Recently in a mini restructuring of Higher TVET directorate, Government established a fully-fledged department of Health Education and Training (HET). The HET department is mandated to provide quality and relevant skills training for health professionals in Uganda.

It's important, for all stakeholders to understand and work in support of fulfilling the above mandate. It is in this context that the department is organizing the first ever

National Health Professional Education & Training and Health Care Conference as an avenue of creating awareness, sensitizing key stakeholders of their roles and responsibilities, sharing best practices and laying strategies to achieve the health human capital agenda.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT**

The objectives of the first **National Health Professionals' Education & Training, and Health Care Conference** include;

1. Creating awareness of the TVET policy and existence and functions of the new Health Education and Training department among Key stakeholders and the general public.
2. Providing a platform for Key stakeholders (including local and international Health facility representatives, public actors, Medical Schools and Health Training institutions and other critical stakeholders) to share experiences and demand competent Health workers with regards to skills needs, curriculum, effective training, and proper service delivery and hence economic development.
3. Sharing lessons/experiences on mechanisms for financing Health professional development
4. Discussing National progress on Health professional development
5. Show case of various skills, products and tools and equipment that are being utilized in Health facilities and Health education and training institutions

## **METHODOLOGY**

There will be two event folds;

- 1) *The Conference*; This will bring together key stakeholders from public and private of Health professional Education and Training, public and private providers of Health Services, development partners, Health professional educators and students. The conference will have different sessions facilitated by different speakers drawn nationally, regionally or international. The modality of the sessions will be presentations and panel discussions. Participation in the

conference will be by invitation. Invitations will be extended to MDAs, Development partners, Private sector companies, Business membership organizations, association and federations, training providers and trainees.

- 2) *The Exhibition*; There will be exhibition by different Health service providers and trainers, and the private sector companies, shall set up booths where demonstrations will be held and short skills impartation will as well take place.

### **COORDINATION AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE**

This activity has been under the of the PS MoES with support of the Direction of Director HTVET and Coordinated by the C/HET.

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE and SUPPORT**

The National Organizing Committee (NOC) included members from the different organizing agencies; representation from MOES, Association of Principals of Health Training Institutions, UNMEB, UAHEB, UAHPC, UNMC, some business fraternity.

#### **Collaborative bodies**

Seed Global Health, AMREF, UNFPA

### **PARTICIPANTS**

About 200 participants are expected to attend the conference from Health Training Institutions, Health Care Service Providers, Private and bussiness fraternity among

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