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## Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) 2018 Conference Program

**Conference Theme: AEMRN Experience Sharing Conference for Projects**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**

**Place: United Nations Palais des Nations Geneva, Building E, 1st Floor, Room XXVII**

Session Day/Time	Session Type	Presentation Title	Presenter
<b>Day 1: Thursday December 6, 2018</b> <b>Time: 13:30 – 17:30</b> <b>Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Lans Gberie</b> <b>Sierra Leone Ambassador to Switzerland and Representative of Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations in Geneva</b>			
Introductions/ Housekeeping		Welcome – AEMRN Secretariat Introduction of Chairman Remarks from Chairman  Vision of AEMRN	<b>Dr. Dan Quansah</b> , Secretary General AEMRN <b>Ms. Doreen Bieri</b> , PRO AEMRN <b>H.E. Ambassador Dr. Lans Gberie</b> , Sierra Leone Ambassador to Switzerland and Representative, the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations in Geneva <b>Dr. Charles. Senessie</b> , President AEMRN

Session 1 13:30 – 13:45	Keynote Address	Keynote address	<b>H.E. Ambassador Dr. Lans Gberie</b> Sierra Leone Ambassador to Switzerland and Representative, the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations in Geneva
13:45 - 15:45 Plenary session – Setting the Stage for the conference	Updates on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) from WHO program perspectives	<b>Dr Shams B. Syed</b> - Coordinator Quality Systems and Resilience Unit (QSR) Department of Service Delivery & Safety (SDS)   Health Systems & Innovations Cluster (HIS), World Health Organization (WHO) HQ Geneva	
	Presentation: Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI), Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TICS) and Research for Life (R4L) programs	<b>Dr. Elangi Botoy Ituku</b> , Industrial Property information Officer Division of access to information and knowledge WIPO Innovation Support Centre World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva	
	Remarks from UNAIDS	<b>Mr. Pradeep Kakkattil</b> Director of Innovation, the Office of Executive Director Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	
	Presentation from United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) Headquarters Geneva on Diaspora contribution to development	<b>Mr. Nawar and Team, IOM HQ</b> - Migration and Health Department	
	Strengthening Sierra Leone National Health Care Capacity through Diaspora Engagement – Case presentation and experience sharing of UHC in Kabala and other towns and villages Koinadudu District Northern Sierra Leone as well as Kailahun Eastern Sierra Leone	<b>Dr. Abdul Karim Sillah</b> , Consultant Surgeon, Birmingham, UK <b>Dr. Abdul Bangura, Consultant Surgeon, Atlanta, USA</b> <b>Dr. Sarah Francis</b> , Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Manchester, UK <b>Dr. Karifala Tarawali</b> , Consultant Dental Surgeon, UK <b>Rep. Government of Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS)</b> <b>Rep. IOM Sierra Leone</b> <b>Rep. Government of Sierra Leone Office of Diaspora Affairs (ODA)</b>	

	A Paradigm Shift: Transitioning from a medical model of disabilities in school to a Social Approach	<b>Dr. Christian Sesay</b> , Consultant & Executive Director, Center for the Promotion of Inclusive Education (CPIE) in Africa
	New Technologies for Surveillance and Control of Ebola, Malaria and Dengue"	<b>Prof. Thomas M. Kollars</b> President and Chief Scientific Officer MEVLABS, Inc., Georgia , USA

**Coffee Break - 15:50 – 16:10**

Session 2 16 :15 – 17 :30 Round Tables	Global Health	Rethinking Global Health Diplomacy in a Changing World Order: Can Innovative Soft-Power Development Diplomacy of the ‘Emerging Powers’ enhance Health Status and Boost Health Sector Development in Africa?	<b>Professor Franklyn Lisk</b> , Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, Africa Lead, Global Research Priority – International Development University of Warwick, Coventry, UK
		Health Care Challenges and Opportunities: The case of Chienge Constituency, Luapula Province - Zambia	<b>Hon. Given Katuta</b> MP National Assembly of Zambia Chienge Constituency, Zambia
		Cervical Cancer Screening: A Community Based Intervention Model	<b>Prof. Muriel Harris</b> Director PhD Program Dept. of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville, USA <b>AEMRN Consultant, Projects’ Monitoring and Evaluation</b>
		Placing Health Literacy at core of Health Promotion	<b>Ms. Marianne Schoerling-Ajayi</b> International Consultant, Austria and Geneva Switzerland
	Closing	Day’s Round Up	<b>Dr. Adebisi Adebayo</b> , AEMRN Director Gender and Children Affairs

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<p><b>Day 2: Friday December 7</b>  <b>Time: 09:30 – 12:00</b>  <b>Chairperson: Professor Franklyn Lisk</b> Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, Africa Lead, Global Research Priority – International Development  University of Warwick, Coventry, UK</p>			
<i>Introductions/ Housekeeping</i>		Welcome – AEMRN Secretariat	<b>Dr. Charles Senessie</b>
		Introduction of Chairperson	<b>Dr. Dan Quansah, Secretary General AEMRN</b>
<i>Session 1 09:30 – 12:00</i>	Plenary session	Evaluating Public Health Programs: The Elephant in the Room	<b>Prof. Muriel Harris</b> Director PhD Program Dept. of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville, USA <b>AEMRN Consultant, Projects' Monitoring and Evaluation</b>
	Improving Access to Education: Community School Services	Undertaking a Primary School Project in Moyamba District Sierra Leone: Lessons Learnt so far	<b>Ms. Rachel Panda and Rev. Melissa. Khyne-Sam</b> Serve United, London UK and Sierra Leone
		School Health Services in Southern Sierra Leone – Update	<b>Mr. Hamidu Mansaray, CEO</b> Omans and Sons Charity Association Switzerland & Sierra Leone
	Reproductive and Maternal and Child Health Services and Research	Challenges facing the Implementation of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Mbengwi - Momo Division, North West Province Cameroon	<b>Ms. Doreen Bieri</b> , Founder and President Cho Ngafor's Vocational Foundation (CNV) Foundation Cameroon & Switzerland
		Mainstreaming efforts towards ending Female Genital Mutation by 2030	<b>Dr. Adebisi Adebayo, Coordinator</b> Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices (IAC) Geneva Switzerland

	Communicable Diseases	Hepatitis Awareness Raising in UK and Sierra Leone	<b>Ms. Zainab Conteh, Founder and CEO</b> Organisation of We Give All – Combating Hepatitis and Liver Cancer, UK & Sierra Leone <b>Ms. Miata Kpakra, Deputy CEO</b> of We Give All Organisation
	Non-Communicable and Chronic diseases	Diabetes Mellitus Awareness Raising in UK and Sierra Leone	<b>Ms. Salome Hydes and Ms. Nima Conteh</b> Friends of Diabetes International UK and Sierra Leone
	Improving Access to Health Care	AEMRN Zambia mobile clinics experience sharing	<b>Ms. Caroline Ambali</b> Secretary General, AEMRN Zambia
		Initiatives of TOSHPA in Sierra Leone and UK	<b>Ms. Natasha Banya</b> , Deputy-Chair the Organisation of Sierra Leonean Health Professionals Abroad (TOSHPA), London United Kingdom & Sierra Leone
		Girl Child Empowerment	Ms. Aminata Wurie, President Posterity Thinkers, UK
		Nyalenda Schnellli Development Group (NASCED) Women Empowerment Project in Kisumu Nyalenda, Kenya	Ms. Beatrice Schnellli Okello, CEO NASCED, Switzerland & Kisumu Kenya

**Lunch break with Sandwich 12:00 – 13:30**

Afternoon session 13:45 – 16:00			
<b>Chairperson: Prof. Muriel Harris, Director PhD Program</b>			
<b>Dept. of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences</b>			
<b>School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville, USA</b>			
Session 2	Plenary session	Update on the Kazakhstan Global Conference on Primary Health Care (PHC)	<b>Ms. Joanna Koch</b> Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP) Kitale Kenya and Geneva Switzerland
13:35-16:00	Health Promotion	Remarks on Environmental Preservation projects	<b>Rep.</b> from A Rocha International, a Christian Environmental Preservation organisation, Gland Switzerland

	Continuous Medical Education (CME) and continuous prof. development (CPD)	Public Health Training Courses at Geneva Foundation of Medical Education and Research (GFMER)	<b>Dr. Meena Nathan Cherian</b> (Former WHO Lead of EESC programme) Hon. Prof. Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, WHO Collaborating Centre, Western University, Ontario, Canada
	Closing Session	Day's Round Up and plan for 2019 Conference and Networking	<b>Dr. Charles Senessie</b> , President AEMRN