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A Synergizer for Global Health Excellence

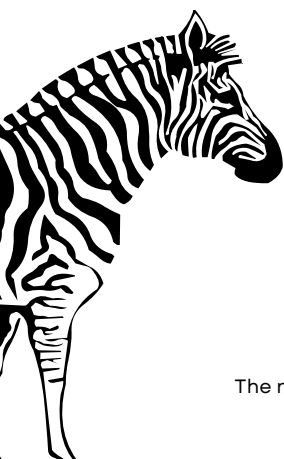


4th GACOPA International
Delegates Conference

Botswana 2024

Tlotlo Hotel and Conference Centre, Gaborone

AUGUST 26 - 29

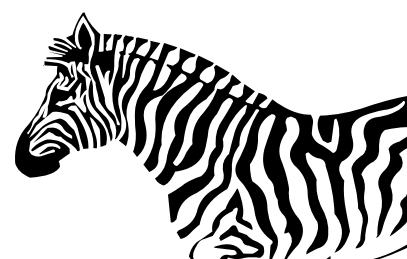


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FOREWORD

The Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates (**GACOPA**) is a global organization with a worldwide membership from national associations, societies, international organizations, private organizations, and individual practitioners. It includes qualified practicing Clinical Officers, Clinical Associates, Physician Assistants and Associates, Assistant Medical Officers, Health Extension Officers, Health Officers, Sub Assistant Community Medical Officers, and Analogues.

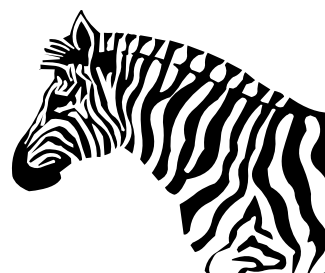
Its headquarters are in Ghana (Registration Number **CG261482018**). GACOPA (the Association) has grown to cover 28 countries worldwide.

Discussions in forming this global Association of Clinical Officers, Physician Assistants, and Analogues began in 2009 and bore fruit in 2018. It is currently hosted in Accra, Ghana.

Clinical Officers, the core of its membership, exist with different names worldwide. GACOPA works to bring them together. They form a core group of Clinicians who have been the backbone of healthcare in numerous countries. They, however, lack WHO recognition and common terminology. GACOPA bring together this critical mass to ensure they garner recognition for their valuable input to health systems and to seek a common nomenclature.



Following the registration of this international body on December 27, 2018, a vibrant team that got elected began serious sensitization with the 2nd GACOPA international Delegates Conference announced to take place in Rwanda.



GACOPA LEADERSHIP



Austin Oduor Otieno
GACOPA President,
(Kenya)



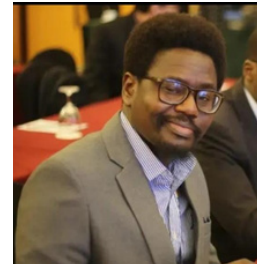
Antony Arkoh
GACOPA Vice President
(Ghana)



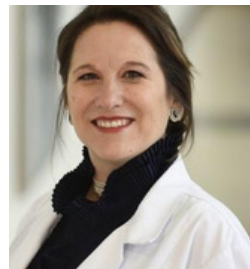
Lawrence Kargbo
GACOPA Vice President
(Sierra Leone)



Joel Padi
GACOPA Secretary General
(Ghana)



Chris Onditi
Organizing Director



Ericka Stoor Burning
Gender Secretary (USA)



Shanon Widerrick
International Executive Director
(Australia & Oceania)

Board members



Bishop Dr Charles Abban
Ghana



Prof Marie Meckel
USA

Other International Executive Members

1. **Mustafa Majid** - Malaysia
2. **Annet Caara Namugosa**- Uganda
3. **Solomon D Chomba** - Malawi
4. **Theophilus Hamphaye** - Liberia
5. **Ken Ochoggia** - Kenya
6. **Viola Mujjukizi** - Uganda
7. **Emmanuel Dickson Tuffour** - Ghana
8. **Raymond Morbu** -Ghana

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Delegates,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference in Gaborone, Botswana. We have gathered from different parts of the world to share our knowledge and experiences in the field of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates. Our goal is to work together to improve global health.



This year's theme, *"Universalizing the Practice of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates - A Synergizer for Global Health Excellence,"* highlights our commitment to making our professions stronger and more recognized globally. I hope this conference inspires new ideas and collaborations that will benefit healthcare systems everywhere.

Thank you for joining us, and I look forward to the discussions and connections we will make during this event.

Sincerely,

Austin Oduor Otieno
President, GACOPA



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Colleagues and Delegates,

Welcome to the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference. It is an honor to have you here as we work together to promote the roles of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates around the world.



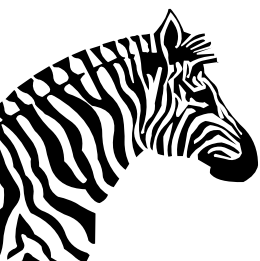
Our theme, *"Universalizing the Practice of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates - A Synergizer for Global Health Excellence,"* is a reminder of our shared mission to improve healthcare by collaborating and sharing knowledge. This conference is an opportunity to learn from each other and to strengthen our professions.

Thank you for being here and for your commitment to making a difference in healthcare. I hope you have a productive and inspiring time at the conference.

Best Regards,

Joel T. K. Padi

Secretary General, GACOPA



MESSAGE FROM ORGANIZING DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates (GACOPA), I am delighted to welcome you to the 4th International Conference, taking place from August 26th to 29th, 2024, at the Tlotlo Hotel in Gaborone, Botswana.



We are honored to work hand in hand with MOH And partner with WHO Botswana in this significant event, where healthcare professionals from around the world will gather to share insights, foster collaborations, and advance our shared mission of improving global health. Your presence here is a testament to our collective commitment to excellence in healthcare.

We look forward to your valuable contributions and to an enriching and productive conference.

Warm Regards,
Chris Onditi
Organizing Director, GACOPA



ABOUT GACOPA



Brief History

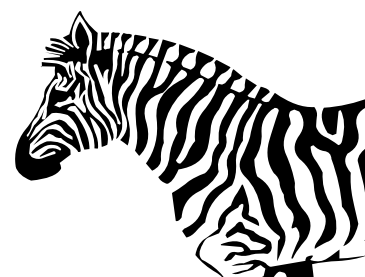
The Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates (GACOPA) was established to bring together Clinical Officers, Physician Associates, and similar healthcare professionals from around the world. Since its inception, GACOPA has grown into a global organization with members from many countries. Our aim is to unify these professions and enhance their recognition in global healthcare systems.

Mission

Our mission is to advocate for the recognition, regulation, and advancement of Clinical Officers, Physician Associates, and analogous cadres globally. We promote collaboration and excellence in healthcare delivery.

Vision

Our vision is to see a world where Clinical Officers and Physician Associates are fully recognized and integrated into healthcare systems, contributing significantly to global health outcomes.





MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

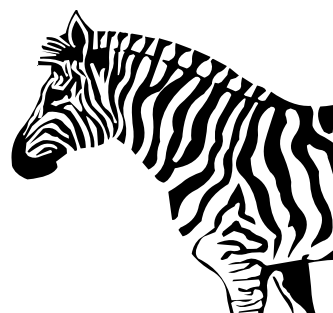
Organizing Committee:

- Austin Oduor - CO- Chair - Kenya ,
- Thabo Sebetso - CO Chair Botswana
- Anthony Arkoh - Member , Ghana
- Mofenyi Maripe - Member ,Botswana
- Chris Onditi - Member ,Kenya
- Benard Mabotseng - Member Botswana
- Joel Padi - Member ,Ghana
- Conference Scientific Chair - Prof Daudi Mavura - Tanzania

Special Thanks To:

- Ministry of Health
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Boitekanelo College
- Biopharma Limited
- Botho University

Thank you for your support and partnership in making this conference a success.



BOTSWANA CLINICAL OFFICERS UNION

Vice President's Remarks

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Botswana Clinical Officers Union, I extend a warm welcome to all of you attending the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference in Gaborone, Botswana. We are honored to host this significant event and to be part of the global effort to advance the roles of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates.

In Botswana, Clinical Officers play a crucial role in delivering healthcare services, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Our union is dedicated to supporting and advocating for the professional development and recognition of Clinical Officers within our healthcare system. We believe that by working together, we can enhance the quality of healthcare not only in Botswana but across the globe.



I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities this conference offers to share your experiences, learn from others, and forge new partnerships. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on global health.

Best Regards,

Thabo Sebetso

Vice President, Botswana Clinical Officers Union



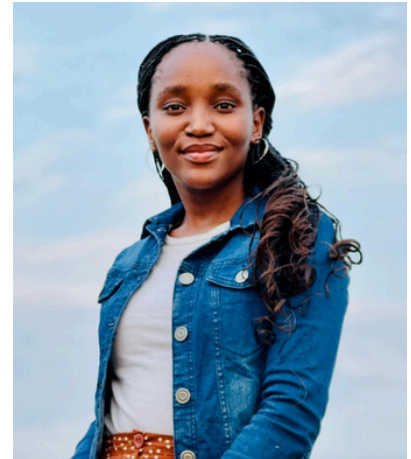
ABOUT BOTSWANA CLINICAL OFFICERS UNION



Uyapo Maweni
President



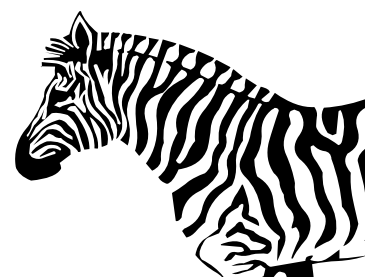
Thabo Sebesto
Vice President



Mofenyi Maripe
Secretary General

The Botswana Clinical Officers Union (BCOU) is a professional body that represents Clinical Officers in Botswana. Established to advocate for the rights, recognition, and professional development of Clinical Officers

BCOU works closely with the government and other stakeholders to ensure that Clinical Officers are supported and empowered to deliver high-quality healthcare services. The union is also involved in continuous professional development, ensuring that its members are well-equipped to meet the evolving demands of healthcare delivery.



BOITEKANELO COLLEGE PROFILE



Boitekanelo
College

Boitekanelo College, established in 2007, is a leading health care training institution in Botswana dedicated to the advancement of healthcare education.

Renowned for its commitment to excellence and innovation, the college offers a diverse range of programs that are specifically tailored to meet the needs of the healthcare industry, both locally and internationally.

Boitekanelo College aims to provide high-quality, industry-driven education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience required to excel in the healthcare sector. The college is committed to fostering a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, research, and the holistic development of students.

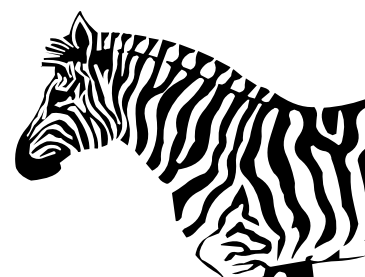
The core of healthcare education offers a variety of degree, diploma certificates and short learning programs across several disciplines, the programs are designed to be rigorous and aligned with current industry standards, ensuring that graduates are industry ready and well-prepared to enter the workforce and make a positive impact in their respective fields.



The college boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including modern laboratories, simulation labs, and well-equipped classrooms. Students have access to a range of resources that support their academic journey, including a comprehensive library, online learning platforms, and practical training opportunities in collaboration with healthcare institutions.

Boitekanelo College is dedicated to providing a vibrant and supportive learning environment. The college emphasizes student engagement, offering various extracurricular activities, clubs, and support services that contribute to the overall student experience and a well rounded learner. The college's focus on a safe and inclusive campus culture is key to fostering a sense of community among students.

Lastly BC continues to maintain strong ties with healthcare providers, the government of the Republic of Botswana , and international partners. These connections facilitate internships, clinical attachment, and collaborative research opportunities, ensuring that students gain real-world experience and are well-positioned for successful careers.



EXHIBITION SOCCER MATCH

Kick-off
2:30 PM

GACOPA XI Vs BOTSWANA XI



Referees - From the
Botswana Football
Association

GACOPA INTERNATIONAL LINE UP

1. Joel Padi - GK - Ghana
2. Dr Mavisi - Kenya
3. Thabang Sepiroa - South Africa
4. Anthony Arkoh - Ghana
5. Nehemiah Jones - Nigeria
6. Joseph Kamfwu - Zambia
7. Austin Olor - Kenya

SUBSTITUTES

1. Nandani Benson - Ghana
2. Emmanuel Wamawa - Kenya
3. Mike Amofa - Ghana

Team Manager - Reinhard Myeuko - Kenya
Coach - Tairu Fofana - Sierra Leone

GACOPA BOTSWANA 7 LINE UP

1. Benard Mabotseng - Goalkeeper
2. Pontsho Waniwa (Botswana)
3. Thabo Sebetso (C) Botswana
4. Eric Mogogoma (Botswana)
5. Collen Kentshitswe (Botswana)
6. Kopano Lekula (Botswana)
7. Johane Tlhalerwa (Botswana)

SUBSTITUTES

1. Substitute
2. Mosimanegape Tshegofatso (Botswana)
3. Uyapo Maweni (Botswana)

Team Manager : Thandie Bagwasi.
(Botswana)
Coach - Chris Onditi (Kenya)

Football Match Between GACOPA XI and Botswana XI

A fun and engaging way to build camaraderie and enjoy some friendly competition.

PROGRAM

4th GACOPA INTERNATIONAL & DELEGATES CONFERENCE

Theme



*Universalizing the Practice of Clinical Officers/Physician Associates -
A Synergizer for Global Health Excellence*



Venue Tlotlo Hotel and Conference Centre, Gaborone, Botswana

Welcome to the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference!

Join us in Gaborone for an unforgettable experience that blends professional development, cultural exchange, and global collaboration. This year, we are proud to host delegates from over 26 countries, including top leaders in the field of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates, who will engage in transformative discussions and networking opportunities. Let's unite our efforts and visions to advance global health excellence.

Monday, 26th August 2024

11:00 am - 5:00 am: Arrival and Registration

Our team is ready to welcome you to Botswana. Enjoy a smooth registration process, and feel free to connect with fellow delegates as you arrive.

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm GACOPA IEC Meeting and Meeting with Botswana Clinical Officers Union

An important meeting to set the tone for the conference, followed by strategic discussions with the Botswana Clinical Officers Union.

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm City Tour

Explore the beauty and culture of Gaborone on this guided tour, designed to offer you a taste of Botswana's rich heritage.



Tuesday, 27th August 2024

7:00 am Arrival of Delegates and Guests

Start your day with a warm welcome as we gather to commence the official proceedings of the conference.

8:00 am Welcome Address by Thabo Sebetso, Vice President, Botswana Clinical Officers Union

A heartfelt welcome from our hosts in Botswana, setting the stage for a productive and inspiring conference.

8:30 am Cultural Display

Experience the vibrant culture of Botswana through a traditional performance, celebrating our shared values and diversity.

9:00 am Official Opening of the Conference by the Chief Guest

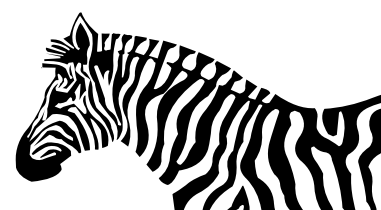
A momentous occasion as we officially launch the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference.

10:00 am Address by GACOPA President

GACOPA President shares insights on the journey ahead and the critical role of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates in global health.

10:15 am Keynote Address by Dr. Juliet Everlyn Btaraingaya, WHO Country Representative

A thought-provoking keynote from the WHO, emphasizing the global impact of our collective work.



Tuesday, 27th August 2024

10:45 am Introduction of Dignitaries and Invited Guests – Vice President of GACOPA

Acknowledging the esteemed guests and dignitaries who have joined us from around the world

11:05 am Remarks by The Chief Guest Rt. Hon. Gezi Tsitsi, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Zimbabwe

A reflection on the intersection of policy and practice in advancing healthcare.

11:25 am Remarks by Scott Smalley, President, IAPAE - "Collaboration between GACOPA/IAPAE and LOOP/ILO Advancement"

Exploring the possibilities of collaboration to enhance our professional community.

11:40 am Roll Call of Attending Countries and Their National Associations/Unions/Societies/Organizations – Joel Padi

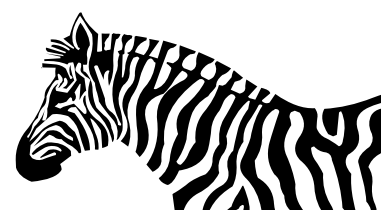
Celebrating our global network with a roll call of nations and organizations represented at the conference.

12:00 pm Remarks by Prof. Simon Kangethe, Chairman, Clinical Officers Council of Kenya

A spotlight on Kenya's leadership in clinical officer practice and education.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK

Enjoy a variety of local and international cuisines as you network with peers and colleagues.



Tuesday, 27th August 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Panel Discussion

Advancing the Role of PAs/COs/DAs in Primary Health Care Delivery

Moderator: Chris Onditi

Panelists: WHO Botswana, David Njeru (Kenya), Mofenyi Maripe (Botswana), Nalugwa Doreen (Uganda), Joseph Kamfwa (Zambia), Alice Mashizha (Zimbabwe), Melisa Mchaud- NCCPA (USA)

Dive deep into strategies for enhancing the role of clinical officers and physician associates in primary healthcare.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Panel Discussion

Standardizing Training and Certification for PAs/COs/DAs

Moderator: Antony Arkoh

Panelists: Scott Smalley (South Africa), Ibrahim Wako (Kenya), Neba Jones (Zambia), Dr. Malebo Keiponye-Kgologolo (Botswana), Tairu Fofanah (Sierra Leone), Solomon Chomba (Malawi) Jean Babalanda (Uganda), Sheila Mauldin - NCCPA (USA)

Addressing the critical need for standardized training to ensure consistency and quality across the profession.

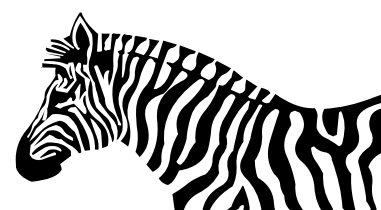
Wednesday, 28th August 2024

9:00 am – 9:10 am Introduction to Conference Day 2 – Joel Padi

Setting the agenda for another day of insightful discussions and presentations.

9:10 am – 9:45 am Keynote Address by Eng. David Ochola, Chair, Migori County Public Service Board – *"The Role of Public Service Boards in Enhancing Health Service Delivery"*

Bridging the GAP between employers and employees " Enhancing Professional Excellence and job satisfaction in public sector



Wednesday, 28th August 2024

9:45 am – 10:15 am Abstract Presentation by Sylvester Ogutu – *"Innovative Approaches in Clinical Officer Practice for Enhanced Patient Outcomes"*

A presentation on cutting-edge practices aimed at improving patient care.

10:15 am – 10:45 am Abstract Presentation by Scott Smalley – *"The Benefits and Limitations of Establishing the PA and PA Comparable Education and Profession Globally with Focus on Africa"*

Insights into the global challenges and opportunities for physician associates.

10:45 am – 11:15 am Presentation by Hon. Dr. Fred Mavisi

Relevance of Public Private Partnership in enhancing Health delivery system" - A case study on Vision impact project in Kenya

11:15 am – 12:15 pm The Legislative Health Assemblies Forum – Moderator: GACOPA President

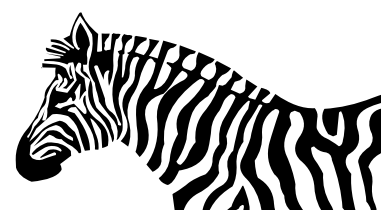
A unique forum for open dialogue and exchange of ideas among assembly leaders.

12:15 pm -12:30 pm Address by the Vice President on GACOPA Global Strategic Impact

Exploring GACOPA's vision for global impact and the strategic steps needed to achieve it.

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm LUNCH BREAK

Another opportunity to enjoy local flavors and engage in meaningful conversations.



Wednesday, 28th August 2024

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Abstract Presentation by Pauline Bichanga and Phyllis Kemunto – "Challenges and Opportunities in Enhancing Child Nutrition"

Enhancing Child Nutrition and Health outcomes through innovative intervention in Kisauni, Mombasa - Kenya.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Abstract Presentation by Pamela Wamalwa and Rose Wasike – "The Role of Clinical Officers in Maternal and Child Health: A Comparative Study".

An in-depth analysis of maternal and child health practices across different regions

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Abstract Presentation by Gladys Biwott – "Pain and Fever Management Among People Living with Sickle Cell Disease"

A focus on improving the quality of care for patients with sickle cell disease.

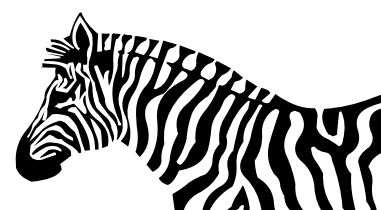
Thursday, 29th August 2024

9:00 am – 9:15 am Abstract Presentation by David Njeru – "Integrating Technology in Clinical Officer Practice: Prospects and Challenges"

Exploring the role of technology in modernizing clinical officer practice.

9:15 am – 9:45 am Keynote Address by Mrs Gomathi Sundar ,President India Association Of PAs – "The Role of Clinical Officers/Physician Associates in National Political Development"

Understanding the influence of clinical officers in the broader context of national development.



Thursday 29th August 2024

9:45 am – 10:45 am Panel Discussion

The Global Synergy Summit: Presidents and Chairs of CO/PA Associations/Societies

(Chair: GACOPA President) Moderated by Peterson Wachira, HSC (Kenya)

A high-level summit where leaders share strategies for global synergy and collaboration, including discussions on how GACOPA can run its activities effectively and ensure sustainability. Topics will include financial management, partnerships, and long-term planning.

10:45 am – 11:00 am Announcement of Abstract Winner by Conference Scientific Chair, Prof. Daudi R. Mavura (Tanzania)

Recognizing excellence with the announcement of the best abstract

11:00 am – 11:15 pm Announcement of the 5th and 6th GACOPA Conference Venues and a Video Presentation of the same

A sneak peek into the future of GACOPA with announcements of upcoming conferences.

11:15 am – 11:30 am Conference Resolutions

Concluding the conference with key resolutions that will guide our future actions

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Closing Remarks , Group Photo and Lunch

Final thoughts and reflections on the conference, followed by a celebratory lunch.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Football Match Between GACOPA XI and Botswana XI

A fun and engaging way to build camaraderie and enjoy some friendly competition.

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation

Celebrate the achievements and contributions of our community at the Gala Dinner, where awards will be presented to outstanding individuals and organizations.

Friday, 30th August 2024

Departure



KEY NOTE SPEAKERS / KEY GUESTS



Chief Guest
Dr. Edwin G. Dikoloti
Botswana Minister for Health
and President of the World
Health Assembly.



Key Guest
Dr Juliet Batiringaya
WHO Representative
Botswana



Key Guest
Mr Mike Dankwa Amofa
Deputy Director Health
Inspection and Accreditation,
Ghana



Key Guest
Hon Dr Robert Pukose
Chair of the Health Committee
- National Assembly , Kenya



Key Guest
Hon Tendai Pinduka
Member of Parliament,
Zimbabwe



Key Guest
Hon Vairet Nhari
Member of Parliament,
Zimbabwe



Keynote Speaker
Pono Moatlhodi
Deputy Speaker Parliament
of Botswana



Keynote Speaker
Mr. Scott Smalley
President, IAPAE,
South Africa



Keynote Speaker
Mrs. Gomathi Sundar
President, India Association
of Physician Associates,
India



Keynote Speaker
Prof. Charles Okiria
Chairman, Allied Health
Professions Council,
Uganda



Keynote Speaker
Prof. Simon Kangethe
Chairman, Clinical Officers
Council, Kenya



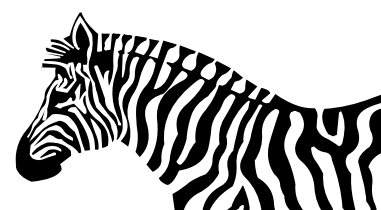
Keynote Speaker
Eng. David Ochola
Representing Public Service
Commissions and Boards,
Kenya



ABSTRACTS & KEY PRESENTATIONS

Accepted Abstracts

- Moses Nandwa: ***"Enhancing Scope of Practice and Regulatory Frameworks for Clinical Officers and PAs"***
- Scott Smalley: ***"The Benefits and Limitations of Establishing the PA and PA Comparable Education and Profession Globally with Focus in Africa"***
- Christine Kerandi: ***"Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices on Cervical Cancer Screening Among Healthcare Workers in Nyamira County"***
- Sylvester Ogutu: ***"Advancing the Role of Clinical Officers PAs in Primary Health Care (PHC)"***
- Pamela Wamalwa: ***"Knowledge of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Among Clinical Officers in Larger Nairobi West Kenya"***
- Charles Nandwa: ***"Enhancing Patient Care through Clinical Officers and PA Integration in Interprofessional Healthcare Teams"***
- David K. Njeru: ***"Decarbonization of Healthcare to Mitigate Climate Change - The Role of Clinicians"***
- Fredrick Juma: ***"Knowledge and Attitude of Primary Healthcare Workers on Diagnosis and Treatment of Leprosy in Homabay County Kenya"***
- Pauline Bichanga and Phyllis Kemunto: ***"Enhancing Child Nutrition and Health Outcomes through Innovative Interventions in Kisauni Mombasa Kenya"***
- Christine Kerandi: ***"Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices on Cervical Cancer Screening Among Healthcare Workers in Nyamira County"***



THE GLOBAL SYNERGY SUMMIT

Session Overview

Details of 'The Global Synergy Summit,' including the purpose of the session and its significance to the conference theme.



Session Chair
Austin Oduor
GACOPA President
(Kenya),



Co-Chair
Anthony Arkoh,
GACOPA Vice President
(Ghana)



Moderator
Peterson Wachira
KUCO Chairman (Kenya).

Featured Speakers

1. Neba Jones (COAZ President, Zambia)
2. Solomon Chomba (PAUM President, Malawi)
3. Scott Smalley (IAPAE President, South Africa)
4. Virtual Attendees: Innocent Wilson (TACOCA President, Tanzania),
5. Kyaterekera Paul (MCOP President, Uganda)
6. Alice Mashizha - Zimbabwe
7. Virtual Attendees



LEGISLATIVE HEALTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Forum Overview

Introduction to the Legislative Health Leadership Forum, its objectives, and its significance in shaping healthcare policies.



Session Chairperson
Rt. Hon. Gezi Tsitsi
Deputy Speaker, National Assembly of Zimbabwe.



Co Chairperson
Hon Dr Robert Pukose
Chair of the Health Committee
- National Assembly , Kenya



Moderator
George Gibore
General Secretary - KUCO
Kenya

Featured Speakers

1. Hon. Dr. Fred Mavisi (Kenya)
2. Hon. Martin Tobias Okello (Kenya)
3. Hon. Edward Ziro (Kenya)
4. Hon. Boniface Mabuka (Kenya)
5. Hon. Kabo Neale Schele (Botswana)
6. Hon. Tendai Pinduka (Zimbabwe)
7. Hon Vairet Nhari -Zimbabwe



AWARDS CATEGORIES

At the 4th GACOPA International Delegates Conference, four prestigious awards will be presented to recognize outstanding contributions in various fields. The awards are sponsored by Biopharma. Below are the categories:

1. The Outstanding Clinical Practitioner of the Year Award - 2024

Honors a Clinical Officer or Physician Associate who has demonstrated exceptional service and made a significant impact in their field during the year.

2. The Outstanding Clinical Practitioners Award in Excellence and Leadership

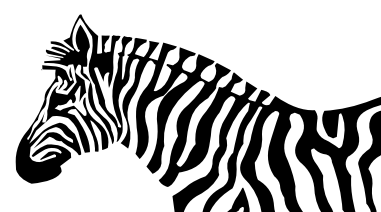
Recognizes a Clinical Officer or Physician Associate who has shown outstanding leadership and excellence in advancing the role and recognition of their profession.

3. The GACOPA President's Award

A special award given by the GACOPA President to an individual or organization that has made significant change in the field of clinical practice

4. Best Abstract Award

This award is presented to the author of the best abstract submission at the conference, recognizing exceptional research, innovation, and contribution to the field of Clinical Officers and Physician Associate

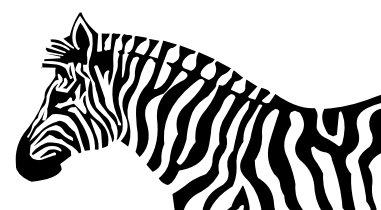


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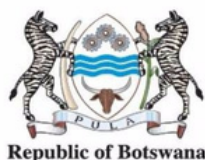
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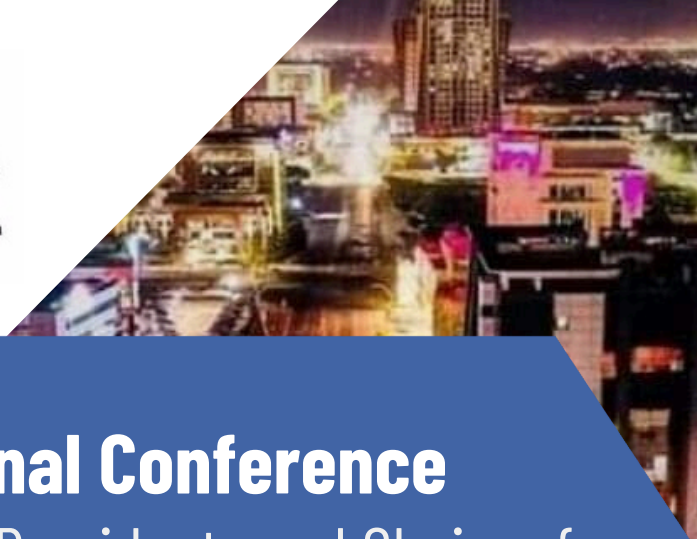
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