



**ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA**

---

**PROTOCOL ON  
REGULATION, REGISTRATION, STANDARDS & TRAINING  
AS THEY IMPACT ON THE  
HEALTH RELATED MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**SIGNED AT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL MEETING**

**ON  
30 JUNE 2011**

**WHEREAS** the members of the Association of Medical Regulatory Councils of Africa met in Ghana for their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and General Meeting and deliberated on the theme: "Achieving the Health Related Millennium Development Goals, the role of regulatory bodies"; **AND**

**WHEREAS** the members observed inadequacies of the current governing laws thereby hampering best practices, namely:

- limited capacity of the various secretariat support functions of Councils/Boards;
- inadequate monitoring systems of Regulatory Bodies;
- slow pace of progress towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by member countries of AMCOA as published in the World Health Organisation report of the year 2010.

**RECOGNISING** that Regulatory Bodies have a major role to play in enabling their countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AGREED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF AMCOA AS FOLLOWS:-**

### 1. REGULATION

Regulatory bodies, whilst initiating the process of amendment of their laws, should seek administrative directives in areas considered to be weak in their current laws thus reducing their regulatory capacity for improved effectiveness and in that way; better equip themselves to contribute towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Capacity building for Council Secretariat functions in the membership of AMCOA should be given paramount importance with clear organograms according to expected establishments with clear job descriptions.

### 2. TRAINING

Regulatory bodies should urgently review the guidelines for accreditation of new as well as existing medical and dental schools and inspection of facilities to reflect emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals.

### 3. REGISTRATION

Regulatory bodies should strengthen their respective registration policies and procedures to ensure proper assessment of professionals.


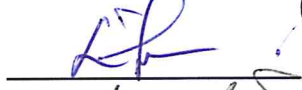
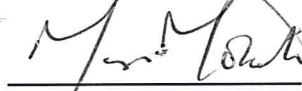

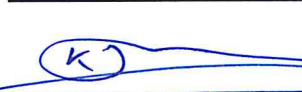
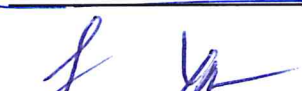






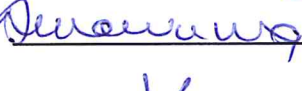
### 4. STANDARDS

Regulatory bodies should ensure that guidelines for set standards are reviewed to reflect the importance of the Millennium Development Goals.

5.  
ENABLING FRAMEWORK

All member countries of AMCOA that are signatories to this protocol agree to formulate and put in place necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of the principles enshrined in this protocol.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT HOLY TRINITY SPA & HOTEL FARM, SOGAKOPE, GHANA ON THIS THE 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June 2011.

Country	Name & Designation	Signature
Ghana	<u>DR KUFU OSAE ADABEY - Chairman</u>	
Kenya	<u>DR. ELLY NYAMU OPOI - member</u>	
Lesotho	<u>DR. MASI MOKOTI - President</u> <u>LESOTHO MEDICAL DENTAL COUNCIL</u>	
Malawi	<u>DR Grace Malenga</u> <u>Chair</u>	
Mauritius	<u>Dr BOODHOO K.S.S. Chairman</u>	
Namibia	<u>Dr Adolf Kaura</u>	
Rwanda	<u>Dr Eugene Ntombi</u> <u>(Vice - chair)</u>	
Sierra Leone	<u>DR SAMUEL THELLE</u> <u>REGISTRAR</u>	
South Africa	<u>M.S. MOKGOKWANE (PRESIDENT)</u>	
Swaziland	<u>Dr VU Magozule (Chairman)</u>	
Tanzania	<u>Prof Philip Buzi</u>	
Uganda	<u>PROF. MEDI KAWUMA</u>	
Zambia	<u>PROFESSOR YAKOB MULLA</u> <u>CHAIRMAN</u>	
Zimbabwe	<u>DR FRANCIS M. CHWORA</u> <u>Vice Chairman (MOPCOZ)</u>	