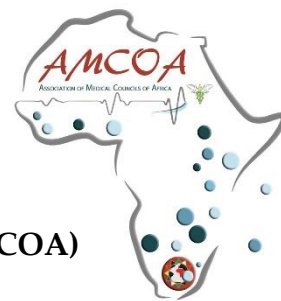


**CONFERENCE STATEMENT
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL COUNCILS OF AFRICA (AMCOA)
ON
TEAM BASED CARE AND REGULATION FOR ATTAINMENT
OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
DURING IT'S 25TH ANNUAL AMCOA CONFERENCE**



WE the participants from the **twenty (21) AMCOA** member states and **six (6) associate members**, represented by senior officials of respective health regulatory bodies, gathered at the 25th Annual AMCOA Conference held at the **Marriot Hotel in the Kigali of the Republic of Rwanda** from **4th to 7th September, 2023**; affirm the urgent need to re-align our regulatory priorities towards facilitating and preparing for the growth and development of the health workforce towards ensuring that they effectively contribute towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) within the African Continent, by the year 2030.

HAVING shared widely on various issues concerning the health worker there is consensus among members present that:

1. There is urgent need to reform training, education, and practice of health care in the Continent towards increasing reciprocity and harmonization across our borders and inclusion of fit-for-purpose competencies into the core curricula for health workforce;
2. There is need to harmonize terms and conditions of service for health workers in order to minimize the effects of health workers migration and encourage equitable distribution of the health workforce across the Continent;
3. For the attainment of UHC, there is need for adoption of regulatory methods and tools that support implementation of UHC
4. The use of innovation and digital technology in healthcare within the Continent should be embraced, and effectively regulated to protect patient information and address security concerns;

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5. Incorporation of integrated regulation in regulatory frameworks to enhance coordination and patient centered care of healthcare.

THAT having agreed on the above matters, the Member States commit to:

1. Reforming training, education and practice for the future

- Develop a policy to support health curricular review and standardization of Core curricula for undergraduate training among the AMCOA Partner States by June 2024;

2. Health workforce Migration

- Establish a collaborative framework geared towards Improving the conditions of service and the work environment for healthcare workers and to tackle issues such as brain drain, equitable distribution, and skewed health worker migration

3. Regulation for the attainment of universal healthcare

- Regulatory bodies to adopt multifaceted regulatory approach to enable the attainment of UHC.

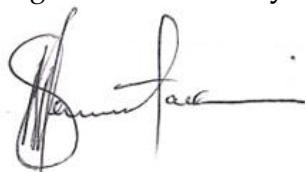
4. The use of Innovation and Digital Technology in Healthcare

- Develop a policy that will guide the use of innovation and digital technology in the training of health professionals and provision of healthcare to the citizens of our Partner States by December 2024.

5. Integrated Health Regulation

- Establish a collaborative framework for team-based regulation with an emphasis of stakeholder engagement for sustainable health regulation

Signed on this 7th day of September, 2023 by the undersigned:



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