# "A College without Walls"

# **ECSACOP's Virtual Learning Environment**

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians



# AFRICA

**25%** of the world's disease burden

**1.7%** of the world's health worker population

**1%** of the world's financial resources in health







## The ECSA landscape (2017)

Country	Tanzania	Kenya	Uganda	Malawi	Zambia	Zimbabwe
Number of Physicians	176	296	167	8	60	69
Annual output	5	23	18	4	7	8
Population (Millions)	49	44	38	16	15	15
Target number of Physicians (5/100,000)	2450	2200	1900	800	750	750
Time to target No. (yrs)	245	100	100	200	100	100
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- Uganda currently has approx.
  200 registered Physicians for an estimated population of over 41 million people
- The Medical Schools offering post graduate training in Internal Medicine in Uganda currently produce 25 Physicians per year
- On current trends, it would take 200 years to reach a desired minimum of 5 Physicians per 100,000





### **Urgent need for new approaches**

- 1. Inadequate numbers of Physicians for the population in the ECSA region
- 2. Inadequate annual outputs of trained Physicians
- 3. Rising burden of disease
- 4. Urban/rural disparity in the distribution of Physicians
- 5. Differing standards of medical education



### What is ECSACOP

- A constituent college of the ECSA College of Health Sciences
- The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians (ECSACOP) aims to improve access to well-trained physicians across the region by establishing a network of training centers and implementing an internationally recognized postgraduate medical qualification.



### ECSACOP- "College without Walls"

### Improving health outcomes across the region

#### Vision:

Healthy communities through access to well-trained physicians

#### Mission:

To improve standards of healthcare throughout the region by providing specialist training for physicians committed to lifelong learning



### Physicians training in Africa





### "A Virtual College is born"

- A College without walls
- Training across borders
- Harmonized training under one curriculum
  - Training Resources for Trainees
  - Training Resources for Trainers
  - Monitoring Assessments from all sites
  - Feedback from Trainees and Trainers from all sites



## The ECSACOP Virtual Learning Environment

- A software system designed to facilitate the management of training
- Course administration and management
- Deliver a range of learning material in varied formats
- Track learner's progress
- Enable learners to track their own progress
- Trainer support and peer group support (across borders)





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