



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IACD Country Correspondents Representing the Region of Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 12:00EAT / 10:00BST / 09:00GMT**

Attendees: Daniel Muia (chair) Benard Ndiege, Taraneh Afnan-Holmes, Wanja Kiongo, Gariba Murtala, Joelle Rabot-Honore, Catherine Wanjohi, Stelah Masese, Joshua Umahi

Apologies: Janine Ward

### **1 Catch up**

- Daniel Muia (Kenya, IACD Director for Sub-Saharan Africa) – he is working from home. He hopes we can all attend the unconference sessions
- Gariba Murtala (Ghana) – Covid-19 situation is okay, 10,074 recoveries, 3k active cases right now, so this situation has calmed down. Still have restrictions and still having new cases – nothing more than 100 participants per gathering. Offices are running, students in their final years of technical universities and more are in school now in person. Those in the final year of junior high and senior high are back in school – the gov't has provided three facemasks per student.
- Benard Ndiege (Tanzania) - Ministry of Health, CD, and Gender. Works at university that offers qualifications in CD, he's been working there for more than 11 years.
- Taraneh (Cape Town, South Africa) – number of Covid-19 cases is increasing each day substantially – 4k new cases yesterday alone. However, the recovery rate is good, and relatively speaking, not so many deaths. She's encouraged by people overcoming boundaries and working together – it's great to see what's coming forward spontaneously. Community projects, like a community kitchen open six days a week, are being organized and are planned to continue beyond the pandemic
- Wanja (Kenya) Exams are still being held and students are expected to go back to school in September
- Joelle (Mauritius) – working with ENL Foundation – main purpose to work with communities in Mauritius. Covid-19, they have been out of lockdown since beginning of June with no new cases reported since the beginning of June. The lockdown is lifting in stages – financial and economic activity has re-started. Children will be back in schools on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. They are in stage 3 of leaving the lockdown. The first reported cases were in March with at 340, and 326 have recovered. She noted that people from civil societies and NGOs are working together to create a Covid-19 survey to see about the economic impact of Covid-19. Communities are finding that they are resilient.
- Stelah (Kenya) – we should all be in Kenya right now! She's hoping we can all make it next year – she is the membership secretary for ACDPK

## **2 Profiling survey**

- Joelle noted it was amazing to see the results from so many people in the IACD network – there is a lot of experience we can draw on from our members. Setting up different activities and exchanges was a big theme – she identified training as an important area for IACD to explore
- Taraneh suggested establishing 2-3 core special interest groups for people to be a member of – it's good to have the global group, but special interest groups would be good too
- Daniel noted the importance of taking these results forward. Youth empowerment was a strong interest that came through, along with issues of women's empowerment and gender
- Benard – talking about organizing programs, we should have learning programs for country correspondents and members – training people in different aspects of CD. This is a good way for members to exchange knowledge and experiences, and also address concerns coming from their regions
- Wanja -- we could organize a topic every month for learning and education – like ABCD (people want to learn about this)
- Catherine thanked Daniel for his report – good to see what we're doing right and even better to learn about what more we can do. Skills-sharing came through as a big theme, especially around the topic of inclusivity.
- Daniel noted we need to move more toward training and programs, this came through clearly in the survey. Clara from Nigeria offered to give the first webinar on youth empowerment in early July, which will be – a capacity-building master class on youth empowerment. Date to be confirmed by AGM on 30th June 2020.

## **3 Regional conference**

- The first regional conference will be in September 2021 – possibly we can jump into the (un)conference that's taking place during the next 48 hours online – registration is ongoing – with 1600 participants registered so far
- Daniel encouraged us all to participate in the (un)conference to support our IACD – and he will send the link to all – this event starts tomorrow (tonight for us)

## **4 Members call-up for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

- This call will take place just before the AGM and it will be for members to catch up and take stock as a region. The report will be shared with those on the call as well so they can make their suggestions
- Let's all encourage members in our countries to attend this event
- Taraneh asked if there was a theme? No, this will just be to catch up and go over the survey – so we're asking people what issues they want to go over. Taraneh suggested all the CCs think over the next few days about what they'd like to discuss
- Polling questions through Zoom tech? We can ask questions and get live feedback so that there is a practical way of contributing their thoughts
- Joelle suggested having a small session for specific countries – each CC can share what is happening with CD in their country. It's a good opportunity to hear about what's happening in other countries and learn from each other strategies and practices. So maybe everytime all the members in the region meet, the CC could present a 10-minute update on their country.

- Daniel noted it's important to talk about community development along with Covid-19 (just to make sure the focus isn't totally on Covid-19)
- Daniel suggested to continue to mobilize the membership to get them to this meeting

#### **5 IACD AGM**

- This is on Saturday at 15:00 in Kenya, 13:00 in Nigeria, and in 14:00 in Central Africa
- The details for the AGM will all be sent out to the membership
- It's important to get a lot of members there to meet our quorum and carry out our statutory duties – Daniel encouraged everyone to attend and make their voices heard
- Daniel had informed the members of the ACDPK to attend the IACD AGM as well

#### **6 AOB**

- Catherine noted in the chat, "Thanks everyone for very valuable deliberations and resolves. Thanks Daniel and Mere for the leadership."  
On behalf of the President, Catherine welcomed all to the AGM and encourage everyone in her region to make their voices heard in IACD

#### **7 Date of next meeting**

- Last Tuesday of every month should be the meeting for the Sub-Saharan Africa Country Correspondents – next 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### **8 Adjourned**

- 11:07am