



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the IDRC newsletter. This newsletter serves as a platform for us to share our latest research, scientific breakthroughs, and collaborative efforts in the field of infectious diseases. In this first newsletter, we want to highlight the remarkable achievements of our research teams and acknowledge the invaluable support and partnership of our stakeholders. It is through these collaborative efforts that we can make significant strides in the fight against infectious diseases. I encourage you all to stay engaged with IDRC. Together, we can drive transformative change and make tangible differences in the lives of those affected by diseases. I am confident that our collective efforts will lead to a brighter future.



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IDRC HOSTS THE HLB-SIMPLE ALLIANCE MEETING



IDRC hosted the HLB-SIMPLE Alliance meeting, which brought together key stakeholders in the healthcare industry to deliberate on critical issues affecting the HLB-SIMPLE Alliance.

The meeting, held over three days at Speke Resort Munyonyo, was spearheaded by IDRC, NHLBI staff, and the alliance planning committee. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Fred Semitala of IDRC and Dr. Chris Longenecker, Director of Global Cardiovascular Health at University of Washington.

The main objective of the event was to discuss and highlight key strategies that would help to strengthen the HLB-SIMPLE Alliance. The event had presenters from different organizations who shared their experiences, successes, and challenges in investing in the HLB-SIMPLE Alliance.

The HLB-SIMPLE network investment is aimed at improving health outcomes for patients who suffer from complex diseases such as hypertension in low- and middle-income countries.



This alliance meeting presented a unique opportunity to address critical issues that may hinder the success of this investment, and to develop innovative solutions that are tailored to the specific challenges of the program.

The event featured informative presentations, engaging panel discussions, and interactive breakout sessions that allowed participants to share insights and exchange ideas on how to improve the HLB-SIMPLE network investment.

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The meeting highlighted the critical role that partnerships and collaborations play in advancing healthcare and improving health outcomes. By bringing together professionals from diverse fields, the meeting fostered a spirit of teamwork and collaboration that paved the way for new partnerships and joint initiatives.

The overall meeting goals were to identify areas of collaboration amongst awardees, determine how expertise, facilities, and other resources of the awardees and their collaborators can contribute to ongoing or new projects, data sharing, identifying opportunities for joint research involving awardees, present scientific progress and future plans and specifying objectives and goals for each of the symposia, workshops, On behalf of IDRC, Professor Moses R. Kanya, Executive Director, personally welcomed alliance members to this meeting.



IDRC was well-represented at the alliance conference, with excellent presentations on Integrated HIV and HTN Care in Uganda from Ms. Jane Kabami and Dr. Martin Muddu.

“A special thanks to all those who have supported the organization of this meeting; PULESA Uganda, PULESA USA, IDRC Uganda and the RCC team. I thank everyone who has put in a lot of effort in to organizing this meeting.”

“We adopted hypertension treatment protocol and we also procured medicines for hypertension and provided the medicines to patients at no cost to them. We chose to work with amlodipine as our first choice medicine in hypertension care. We had these medicines put in to the protocol which will help the health care providers with carrying out prescriptions.” Dr. Martin Muddu, IDRC, PULESA.



Director of Finance & Administration, Catherine Tugainyo and Executive Director, Professor Moses Kanya



With the alliance dinner, the Alliance Meeting also enjoyed a time of celebration. This event brought together leaders, researchers, and influencers from diverse parts of the HLB-SIMPLE Alliance to network, collaborate and celebrate achievements.

The ambiance at the venue was stunning and elegant, befitting the level of people present. It was a great opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals and exchange ideas on the latest industry trends, challenges, and opportunities. The atmosphere was electric, and the conversations were engaging.

One of the key highlights of the evening was the insightful keynote speech by Catherine Tugainyo, IDRC's Director of Finance and Administration. It was inspiring to listen to stories on overcoming challenges, grasping opportunities, and the importance of building strategic relationships to drive the alliance's growth.

Another thing that stood out during the dinner was the vibrant traditional dances performed that showcased the beauty of different cultures in Uganda, the quality of the food and drinks served. The IDRC team did an excellent job of ensuring everyone had an unforgettable dining experience. It was a great opportunity to try out new exotic dishes from different parts of Uganda and share culinary experiences with other guests.

The Alliance Dinner served as an excellent platform to forge new alliances, build meaningful relationships, and foster a spirit of collaboration for future business opportunities. Networking events like these are integral to building a robust professional network and staying on top of industry trends

The HLB-SIMPLE alliance meeting was a resounding success that brought together key players in the healthcare industry to exchange ideas, share experiences and develop innovative solutions that will ultimately strengthen the HLB-SIMPLE network investment. We appreciate the organizers and attendees for their efforts and input towards making this event a memorable one.



HLB-SIMPLE Alliance Dinner



*HLB-SIMPLE Alliance
Organizing Committee*

IDRC'S 14th Annual General Meeting

The Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration, which is a leading institution in the field of research on infectious diseases in Uganda, has recently held its 14th annual general meeting. The event saw the coming together of board members, senior management, and other stakeholders as they shared vital information regarding the institution's progress.

The annual general meeting was a platform where the Executive Director's report and the financial report were presented and discussed. The Executive Director, Professor Moses R. Kanya presented a comprehensive report detailing the institution's gains, challenges, and future plans.

The financial report, which was much anticipated, was also discussed in detail, highlighting the financial performance of the institution over the past year.



IDRC'S Annual General Meeting

“Our work is inspired by our study participants, partners and collaborators, funders, board of directors and dedicated staff. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is very important. We must hold it every year and of course there are specific things that are only done at the AGM.”

“Regarding the auditors’ opinion, the financial statements for 2022 were audited. The auditors expressed an unqualified opinion that means the financial position of IDRC was good. We do not have any worrying circumstances that would probably qualify our financials. This really implies that IDRC’s financial statements gave a fair view of the financial position.” Ms. Sylvia Irene Kamisha.



IDRC Board of Directors



The board members and senior management actively engaged in a stimulating discussion, providing critical feedback to the reports that were presented. It was an opportunity for all to identify the areas that need more attention and to commend the institution's remarkable performance. This annual general meeting was of prime importance to the institution as it provided a platform for stakeholders to deliberate on future strategies and map out a clear path to the future.

“On behalf of the board, I thank you for having us and holding yet another Annual General Meeting. I thank the senior management for their hard work, dedication and commitment to ensure that IDRC continues to succeed the way it has. You know very well that the board has its duties. Our job is to really be in control of the government structures but the senior management does all the work. To all the scientists and researchers, I give my congratulations. I am always proud to say I am part of IDRC. It is the only organisation in this country that is able to publish one paper in a very high functioning journal on a weekly to monthly basis. We are happy for all the successes and I know that there is more yet to come.” Chair of the board, Ms. Sabrina Kitaka.

It is vital to note that the progress that the Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration has been making towards a healthier future has been made possible by the collaboration between board members, senior management, and other stakeholders. The institution's commitment to research, advocacy, and support in the field of infectious diseases has made a significant difference in the lives of people in Uganda and the world at large.

The 14th annual general meeting of the Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration was a resounding success. The presentations, discussions, and feedback were well-received by all the stakeholders in attendance. Our commitment to research, advocacy, and support for infectious diseases are a clear indication of its dedication to improving public health.



Chair of the board, Sabrina Kitaka



Members attending the Annual General Meeting

UPCOMING EVENT: TEAM BUILDING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



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FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

COME AND JOIN THE MATCH

Date: Saturday 26th August 2023
Time: 09:00am
Venue: City High Football Pitch

ACTIVITIES >>> Sack race Skipping Dodge ball
Tag of war Musical chairs Barbecue

Join us for a thrilling team-building exercise! Lace-up your boots and get ready for a friendly football tournament on the 26th of August. This event promises to strengthen camaraderie, promote teamwork, and lead to endless fun on the field. Don't miss this opportunity to kick back, bond, and score team goals together. See you on the pitch!

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