

AfriWon



AfriWon is the WONCA Africa Region Working group for young and future general practitioners/family physicians (GPs/FPs). It was launched, June 2013 at the WONCA World conference in Prague. Since then, it has witnessed two successive Executive Committees. The first Executive Committee was led by Dr Kayode Alao (Nigeria) from 2013 – 2016.

Executive Committee members

The current Chair is Dr Joy Mugambi (Kenya), who took over leadership shortly after the 21st World WONCA Conference at Rio, November, 2016.

Other executive members are:

Dr Kayode Alao (Nigeria) – Ex-Officio.
Dr Aramide Olateju (Nigeria) – Vice Chair (West African Region)
Dr Owen Eales (South Africa) – Vice Chair (South African Region)
Dr Boateng-Ayisi Kwame (Ghana) – General Secretary
Dr Ore Makinde (Nigeria) – Assistant General Secretary
Dr Priscilla Vandyck (Ghana) – Financial Secretary
Dr Kenneth Yakubu (Nigeria) – Image and Education Theme Group Lead
Dr Miriam Miima (Kenya) – Research Theme Group Lead
Dr Honore Faton (Benin) – Beyond Africa Theme Group Lead
Dr Rene Kabera (Rwanda) – Exchange Theme Group Lead

AfriWon National Representatives:

These represent the interests and activities of AfriWon at the various young doctor movements of their countries. The aim is to offer AfriWon as a regional platform for collaborative efforts aimed at promoting family medicine in the region. The Representatives include the following:

Dr Abdulraheem AbdulRasheed – Nigeria
Dr Nthusi-Nthula – Kenya
Dr Modai Mnenula – Malawi
Dr Emanuel Ati – Ghana
Dr Nancy Matillya – Tanzania
Dr Lillian Mukisa – Uganda
Dr Cherifa Sururu - Zimbabwe

Objectives

The main objective of AfriWon is to organise young and future GPs/FPs through:

- Providing a forum in support for trainees and young GPs/FPs in Africa.
- Developing family medicine (FM) and primary health care (PHC) in Africa in service, training and research amongst young doctors.
- Establishing a communication network between African FM trainees and young GPs/FPs and identifying their concerns, doubts and needs and helping to address them.
- Encouraging a global and youthful African perspective, with global exposure and leadership development.

Alongside our objectives, the following are 2016-2018 strategic themes that will guide our activities for the next two years:

1. Membership growth
2. Advocacy for young African family physicians
3. Communication and Publicity
4. Research capacity building
5. Exchange Collaboration
6. Resources Mobilisation/Financing

Activities:

Key AfriWon activities are as follows:

- A current membership drive is ongoing through this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/lp5x42Ygn0CNz98s2> The aim is to have a complete database for young FPs and FM trainees in Africa.
- While the above link is for young FPs and FM trainees in Africa, engagement with interested stakeholders (e.g. Medical officers, Medical students, Nurses, Pharmacists etc) will continue on our Telegram and Twitter accounts.
- Our Facebook account provides an avenue for interaction and collaboration among young FPs and FM trainees within Africa and beyond. It is also an avenue to engage with members of other YDMs as well as Senior FPs
- We are interested in developing country-based AfriWon membership, structures and activities across Africa. This will include building National structures aimed at promoting the activities of the Theme groups in the various African countries. Indeed, this will take our vision closer to the young African FPs and Trainees.
- We are also working at fostering a collaborative relationship between AfriWon and its parent body- WONCA Africa. This collaboration will also include WONCA Member Organisations in all African countries.
- We also have begun promoting Young Family Doctor Exchanges within Africa. This will include intra-country Exchanges as well as intra-regional and international exchanges.
- The first official AfriWon Exchange will hold on the 16th of August, 2017 while our second pre-conference (#AfriWon2017) will hold on the 17th of August, 2017 at Pretoria, South Africa. Details are available at the program website: <http://www.afriwon2017.org/>

Articles from AfriWon Research Theme Group:

Young Doctors' Movements: motives for membership among aspiring and young family physicians.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4408696/>

We can be contacted through our accounts as follows:

Telegram: https://t.me/joinchat/D_MXKT72jH_Jf09YkE7mYQ

Twitter: @theRealAfriWon.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/afriwon>

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