



Royal African Society



## The role of the Diaspora in promoting healthcare in Africa

9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 9am-5pm

Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

The Royal African Society cordially invites you to a one-day conference aimed at exploring the role of the African Diaspora in promoting healthcare in Africa and how this can be strengthened. The conference aims to:

- 1) Provide a forum for the African Diaspora to voice their experiences and views of the African healthcare sector and the role they can play in supporting it.
- 2) Critically discuss case studies of African Diaspora engagement in the African healthcare sector, focusing on volunteer returnees and private contributions to healthcare and exploring lessons learnt for similar future initiatives.
- 3) Consider the policy and institutional environment required to support Diaspora engagement with the African healthcare sector, with the intention of identifying issues for future advocacy.

The findings and recommendations derived from the conference will be delivered to the appropriate ministers and government departments, with a view to impacting on policy change. Africa-UK is part of the Common Ground Initiative in association with the Royal African Society and AFFORD (African Foundation for Development). The Common Ground Initiative is an exciting programme with a £40 million fund supporting African development through UK-based small and Diaspora organisations. It is funded by Comic Relief.

Please RSVP to [RSVP@royalafriansociety.org](mailto:RSVP@royalafriansociety.org) to confirm your place.

**Please note that this conference is aimed at African Diaspora health workers and priority will be given to such participants.**

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