

Ambassadors Consultation

4th August, 2016, ICMR Hqrs, New Delhi

A consultation with Ambassadors and High Commissioners of partnering African nations was held on August 4, 2016 at ICMR to discuss unique national perspectives and priorities with respect to the planning of India Africa Health Sciences Meet and to help identify and engage all relevant stakeholders across government, industry, academia and civil society to ensure a successful outcome from the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to help build, strengthen and enhance India-Africa health science collaborations for addressing diseases of common concern and achieving shared health goals across the spectrum of public health, capacity building, disease research and industrial collaborations. We hope to do this by first understanding current capacities, needs and opportunities; then working together to identify key areas of focus and prioritize diseases of common concern; and finally sketching the frameworks for collaborative projects.

The meeting played a pivotal role in defining the broad contours and overall strategy for innovative India Africa health science collaborations that will help raise the efficacy and proficiency of Africa and India's health research institutions, laboratories, universities, human resources, and policies to jointly addressing the growing burden of disease in the two regions.

Ambassadors and High Commissioners of Botswana, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Republic of the Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo, Embassy of Equatorial Guinea participated in the discussions.