

IEA Africa Region Councillor's Plan of Action

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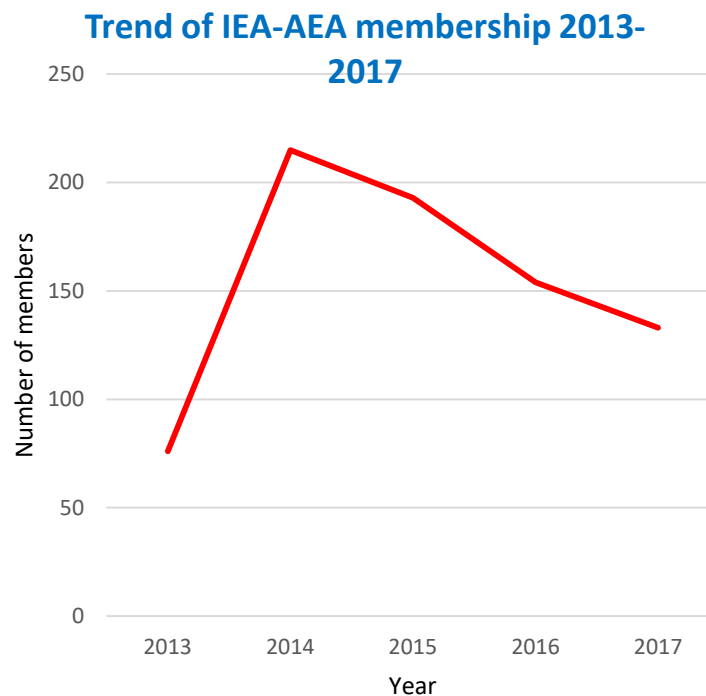
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Regional Councilor-IEA Africa Region

1. Background information:

- IEA-AEA formed in 2011 at WCE

- Interest waning due to:
 - lack of coherence and consistency in activities at IEA-AEA level
 - Inability to participate fully at WCE and other IEA activities
 - Funding issues



2. Current activities:

1. Active involvement of members in infectious disease control
2. Two out of the three existing national epidemiological associations currently active
 - a. EPiSON, CaSE
 - b. SACEA – *lull in activities*
 - c. Only EPiSON had regular conferences and meetings
3. African Journal of Epidemiology (three editions produced within 2012-2017 period)
4. Sup-optimal engagement with regional bodies
 - a. *WHO, AU, AFENET, INCLen-Africa, African Schools of Public Health*
5. Regional conference held in Malawi, 2016

| Strategic Objective | Component Objectives | Performance Indicators |
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| 1. <u>Increasing awareness and visibility</u> | Improve existing and initiate new engagement with national, regional and external bodies based on IEA principles | Number of national, regional and external bodies with MOUs with IEA-AEA |
| 2. <u>Increase membership of IEA in Africa</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formation of new national epidemiological associations at rate of 1/year 2. Initiate stronger member-association interactions through innovative web-based approaches 3. Initiate innovative membership drive within epidemiologist producing schools, departments and organizations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of national associations formed 2. Number of members utilizing launched programmes 3. Number of members joining from such membership drives |

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| <p><u>3. Improve the use of sound epidemiological methods in Africa</u></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the African Journal of Epidemiology 2. Host at least one education based programme/year 3. Produce reference documents on training and use of epidemiological methods in Africa 4. Host at least one regional conference every 3 years | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of editions/year 2. Impact factor of AJE 3. Number of reference documents produced 4. Number of countries and members attending conferences |
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4. **Issues of concern (for discussion at Council meeting):**

- Africa is the **only continent** that has never held the WCE
 - Other worldwide organizations do give concession by zoning at least one world conference to Africa and allow Africa countries to bid competitively amongst themselves for this opportunity; e.g., WCTOH
 - This will rejuvenate members interest in IEA at the African level
 - There is immense opportunity open to IEA for collaboration by having the WCE for the first time in Africa where the use of epidemiological methods to understand and solve problems is most needed