



COMS-A

**CONSORTIUM OF MEDICAL
SCHOOLS-AFRICA (COMS-A)**
Uniting Africa's Medical Schools for a
Healthier Future

Launched

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Secretariat

University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), Rwanda

About COMS-A

The Consortium of Medical Schools-Africa (COMS-A) is an African-led alliance of accredited medical schools committed to transforming health professions education across the continent. Launched during the Advancing Medical Education in Africa Conference, COMS-A responds to the urgent need for collaboration, innovation, and equity in medical training and research.

COMS-A provides a unified platform to:

- Standardize medical education across regions
- Advance research and social accountability
- Strengthen leadership pipelines
- Align policy and regulation
- Enhance collaboration across Africa

Why COMS-A Matters



Africa carries **25%**
of the global disease burden



Less than **3%**
of the global health workforce is
trained in Africa



<2 doctors per **10,000**
people in many African countries



Over **450**
medical schools face gaps in faculty,
infrastructure, and curricula

COMS-A Members representation

- 115 Member Schools
- 31 African Countries



Register as a New Member



Our Vision

To become the leading Pan-African representative body for medical schools, driving excellence in education, sustainable healthcare research, and equitable health systems.



Our Mission

To promote social accountability, ethical leadership, and innovation in medical education through regional and global partnerships.



Strategic Focus Areas

- Standardized, Quality Medical Education
- Community-Responsive Training & Social Accountability
- Faculty & Leadership Development
- Research, Innovation & Digital Learning
- Regional & Global Advocacy

COMS-A Executive Committee

- **President:** Prof. Lionel Green-Thompson, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Vice President & Chair, Audit and Compliance Committee:** Prof. Yvonne Akotoa Dei-Adomakoh, University of Ghana, Ghana
- **Secretary General & Chair, Advocacy and Partnerships:** Prof. Abebe Bekele, University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda
- **Deputy Secretary General:** Dr. Salma Abdi Mahmoud, The State University of Zanzibar, Tanzania
- **Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee:** Dr. Angela Frank-Briggs, College of Health Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- **Chair, Leadership & Professional Development Committee:** Prof. Lukoye Atwoli, Aga Khan University, Kenya
- **Chair, Research and Innovations Committee:** Prof. Titus Ibekwe, University of Abuja, Nigeria
- **Chair, Education and Curriculum Committee:** Prof. Simeon Pierre Choukem, University of Dschang, Cameroon

Become a Member of COMS-A

COMS-A welcomes all accredited African medical schools and allied health institutions committed to advancing health professions education.

Who Can Join?

- Accredited public or private medical schools
- Allied health institutions linked to medical education
- Medical councils, student bodies, and professional societies
- Distinguished retired medical educators

How to Join

- Complete the online registration form
- Upload proof of accreditation
- Receive onboarding details from the Secretariat

Apply
today



Member Benefits

- **Unified Voice** - Shape continental health education agendas
- **Shared Research & Resources** - Strengthen innovation and best practice exchange
- **Faculty Development** - Access training and mentoring programs
- **Policy Influence** - Participate in advocacy and regulatory reform
- **Networking** - Collaborate with regional peers and partners
- **Governance** - Full members vote in COMS-A decisions
- **Exchange Programs** - Support for students and faculty mobility

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Membership Categories

- **Full Member:** Accredited institutions awarding medical degrees
- **Affiliate Member:** Medical councils, associations, student bodies
- **Associate Member:** Allied health schools without MD programs
- **Honorary Member:** Retired or meritorious medical educators

All members agree to uphold COMS-A's Constitution and actively engage in its mission.



Launch Faculty Development & Leadership Academies



Create Africa-wide Medical Education Data Platform



Establish Women in Medical Education Leadership Forum



Host MedEd Africa Conference 2026



Expand to 200+ Member Schools



Scale Digital Learning & Research Hubs

2025-2026
Priorities

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Our Network Across Africa

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Join a Pan-African Movement

Be part of a united force advancing medical education and health equity across Africa.