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Panel Presentation:

**Web-based health communities
What's behind the hype?**

Knowledge generation and sharing by AEMRN
through innovative means

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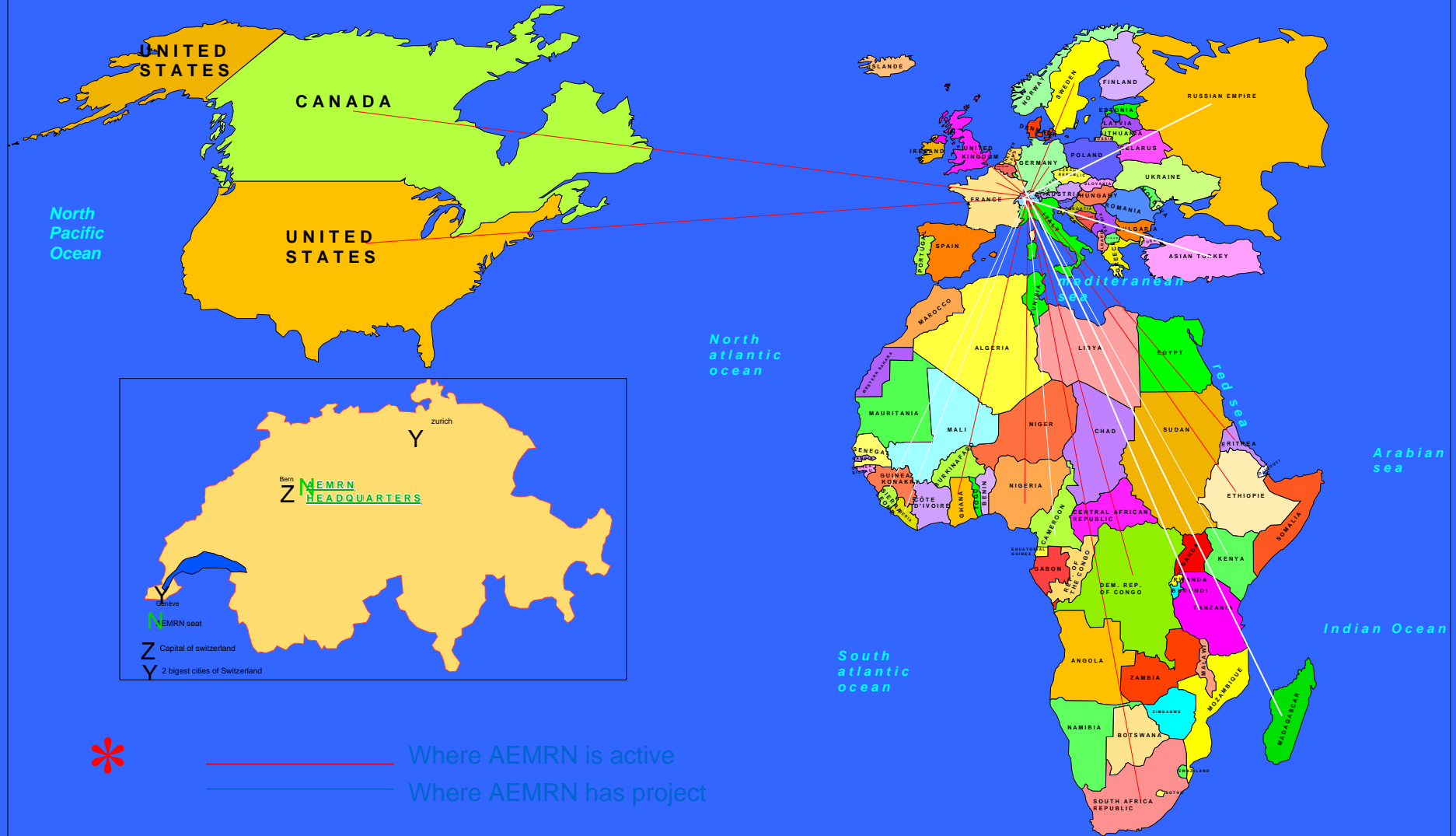


Background and vision of AEMRN

- The Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) is non-governmental and not for profit organisation with a strong vision of helping to improve the quality of life for people from low-income countries.
- AEMRN serve as a knowledge network wherein active professionals from disciplines such as education, health, finance, engineering, international, non-governmental and faith-based organizations and civil society, can interact through virtual discussions to promote the exchange of skills, experience and expertise for addressing challenging issues in low-income countries.
- Initiate new and reinforce old bridges of collaboration between south-south and north-south countries.
- Build upon **collaborations** for the initiation and promotion of Research in these resource constrained settings.

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Innovative Methods

- Regular virtual educational sessions are offered to enable our proactive community benefit from the knowledge and experience of experts around the world.
- We use simple low resolution technology to link individuals across countries willing to learn from each other and share their knowledge so that together we can address our challenges and improve the work that we do in our communities based evidence .
- AEMRN members strive to contribute their knowledge and experience to improve the quality of their work so that the people they interact with benefit from improved performance irrespective of race, creed, beliefs, faith and social affiliation

The Community of AEMRN Networking and Information Sharing Forum

- The community of Afro-European Medical and Research Network was created by AEMRN members in collaboration with colleagues at the World Health Organisation, Geneva to among many aims, bridge the knowledge gap between south and northern countries as well as between south to southern countries.
- Promote exchange of information, knowledge, skills and expertise for the benefit of their local settings through information and communications technology (ICT).
- Empower AEMRN members to think locally and act globally.
- With such advanced innovative ICT approaches, the world is fast becoming a global village.



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Outcomes

- At the moment we have a total of about 251 registered members from 45 countries in all the continents & interact online daily sharing knowledge
- Discuss current health and issues with these colleagues around the world faster and at little cost.
- Motivate health workers in the low-income countries and improve their continuous professional development.
- We have held over 40 such webconferences including online training sessions.

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- I am Ngendahayo Jean Chrysostome from Rwanda, director and founder of AFRIKARITA.
- AFRIKARITA with main office in Switzerland aims to facilitate exchange and sharing of knowledge between students at Universities in Africa and Europe in various disciplines.

Design and Evaluation Methods

- Forum holds regular discussions, consultations and web conferences on diverse public health topics.
- Live sessions are recorded and available for follow up discussion.
- Surveys to evaluate the programme.

Conclusion

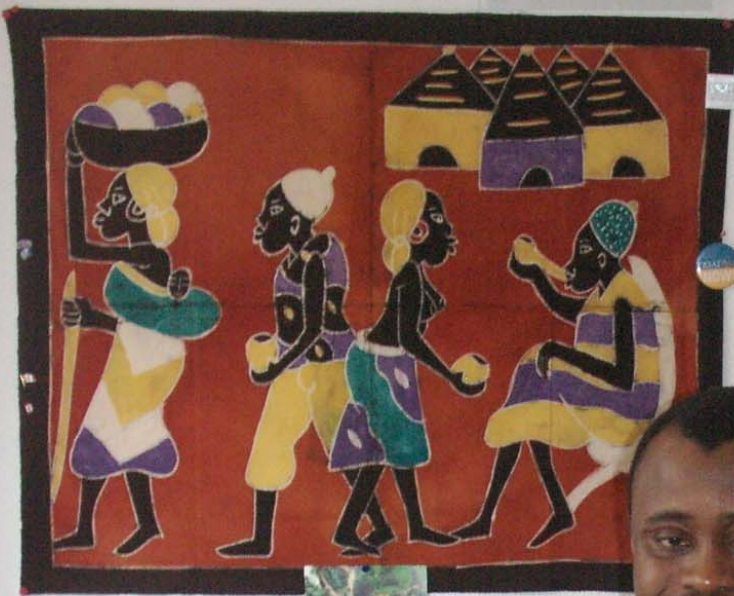
- Our experience confirms that information sharing through innovative approaches, including north-south and south-south partnerships, can positively impact the health workforce development in countries with critical shortages of Health service providers.
- Promote continuous medical education and continuous professional development.

Challenges

- Internet connection and continuous power supply pose a great challenge.
- However web conferencing using Elluminate software is suited for low internet connectivity areas minimizing these.
- We are also exploring sources of alternative energy mainly solar, wind energy etc.

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