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INTRODUCTION

For any given State, healthcare regulation is of critical importance to ensuring a healthcare system that is qualitative, timely and accessible. It is also true however that states may do their planning in terms of healthcare delivery, however successful implementation of these plans is also largely dependent on their macro environments which affect the medical regulatory environment of each state either directly or indirectly. Some of these factors include the scarcity of health personnel mostly due to the Brain Drain, general inequitable distribution of healthcare personnel, etc. These are some of the unique challenges facing the African Continent and no single state can successfully address these on their own. This makes important the need to ensure a central medium through which medical regulatory authorities could share information of these and related matters, devise mechanisms to uniformly address issues of common concern, even to the point of influencing policy positions taken at ministerial (political) level for the benefit of the Continent.

It was against this backdrop that in 1996, representatives of the Medical Councils/Boards of Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe; met to discuss the above stated issues and other related matters. This meeting agreed that there was indeed a need to form an association of medical councils of southern African states. Subsequent annual meetings followed this meeting and in each of these meetings, the association has deliberated upon and put in place mechanisms to ensure an integrated process of medical regulation.

At its annual meeting of 2007, the Association, cognizant of the interest that had been expressed by medical regulatory authorities outside of the SADC Region, resolved to change its name which at the time was AMCOSA [Association of Medical Councils of Southern Africa] given that it suggested exclusivity to only those medical councils/boards within the SADC Region and in view of its intended purpose of expanding its jurisdiction to the rest of the Continent. It was at this meeting that the Medical Council of Rwanda was adopted into membership and since then, a number

of other Councils outside SADC expressed the interest and desire to become members of AMCOS and therefore the name AMCOA [Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Africa]. **Ghana** and **Sierra Leone** became members in 2009.

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Africa [AMCOA] is to support medical regulatory authorities in Africa in the protection of the public interest by promoting high standards of medical education, registration and regulation, and facilitating the ongoing exchange of information among medical regulatory authorities.

ORGANISATIONAL GOALS

AMCOA exists with the purpose of pursuing the following main objects and purposes -

- to offer a forum for member bodies to liaise with each other in regard to the standards for registration of medical practitioners and, where applicable, other healthcare personnel;
- to promote liaison among member bodies in regard to the standards of education and training of health professionals registered with the respective medical councils;
- to offer a forum for member bodies to share views on relevant legislation relating to the control of healthcare professionals;
- to promote the adoption of shared and common views through communication with and recommendation to member bodies;
- to facilitate cooperation and collaboration among regulatory authorities, including establishing a network for the regular exchange of medical licensing and disciplinary information;
- to provide a forum for the development and sharing of new concepts and new approaches in the regulation of medical practice;
- to encourage and support research, policy analysis and policy development related to medical licensure and regulation;
- to serve as an information source to medical regulatory authorities, the public and national organizations; and
- to share views and exchange information on matters of common concern.



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