



WPA 2007 Nairobi

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Information about the Congress

A. WPA 2007 Nairobi - Information

International Psychiatrists on African Safari

Africa faces many challenges relating to the development of her vast natural potentials. Meeting those challenges requires that her equally vast human resource is empowered to optimize and utilize their talents and abilities.

Theme: "Mental Health In Development"

Sub-Themes:

1. Provision of mental healthcare in low resourced countries: challenges and opportunities
2. Mental health within general health services: peculiarities and needs
3. Mental health economics and policies
4. HIV, the brain, and development
5. Mental health workforce
6. Psychopathology, disability, and wellbeing

The main theme of this conference, "Mental Health in Development", has been chosen to highlight the link between meeting the challenges of development in Africa and ensuring optimal mental health for Africans. This link has many strands: from preventing mental disorders, providing care for those with such disorders in a culturally sensitive and non-stigmatizing environment, to developing adequate policy for the care of both the general population and special populations. The multi-disciplinary nature of these challenges means that as well as patients and their relatives, many relevant professions within mental health and social services are involved. The sub-themes of our conference are designed to reflect this broadness of this remit.

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C. Strategy

The strategy for WPA 2007 Nairobi aims to target both international and local psychiatrists, pharmaceutical companies and other interested parties. WPA 2007 Nairobi provides the ideal platform for well over 500 participants from the African region and around the world to learn more about the advances in psychiatry, communicate on different topics and learn about new pharmaceutical products.

Regardless of whether you would like to register as a participant, become an exhibitor or would simply be interested in sponsoring certain areas of the meeting, please visit the WPA 2007 Nairobi website: www.wpa2007nairobi.com

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