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Planning the new Ghana CDC are (from left) Dr. Elias Sory; Ebenezer Asiamah, director of human resources for the Ghana Ministry of Health; and Dr. Gloria Asari, director of maternal child health for Ghana Health Services. Not pictured: Dr. Phyllis Antwi, Ghana School of Public Health.

Save the Date
IANPHI's Fifth Annual Meeting
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Host: U.S. CDC



IANPHI Project Transforming Public Health in Mozambique



From left, Dr. Ilesh Jani of Mozambique's NIH; Beth Skaggs, U.S. CDC; Courtenay Dusenbury, IANPHI; Kathy Cahill, IANPHI; Cindy Quezada, U.S. State Department; and Dr. Felix Rosenberg of FIOCRUZ. Not pictured are Scott Butler, Lynn Mignola, and Jeff Minton from Design 4 Others.

IANPHI member institutes and partners continue to generously donate their time, talents, and resources to help transform the Mozambique National Institute of Health (NIH) into a comprehensive national public health institute (NPHI). As part of the project, NIH director Dr. Ilesh Jani will implement new initiatives for disease monitoring and outbreak investigation, a formal system to collect and analyze health data to promote evidence-based decision-making, and a comprehensive and coordinated system of public health laboratories, including a new public health reference laboratory.

Key partners on the project include the U.S. CDC in Maputo, which will oversee \$9 million in budgeted PEPFAR funding, and Brazil's FIOCRUZ, which has provided

countless hours of pro bono technical assistance. Architects from HDR CUH2A Design 4 Others have donated hundreds of hours to plan and design a state-of-the-art facility for the NIH, which is currently housed in unsafe, cramped conditions.

Jani and partners recently traveled to IANPHI's Atlanta's Secretariat to finalize plans for the institute. IANPHI is helping identify potential partners to fund equipment and laboratory needs for the facility. [Read more.](#)

Ghana Proposes New 'CDC'

Ghana's public health system has developed over the years into one of the strongest and most comprehensive on the African continent. Building upon the successes of the past several decades, Dr. Elias Sory, director of Ghana Health Services, envisions a new "Ghana CDC" that will better respond to health threats, and address the major causes of death and disability in his country.

Following a 2009 site visit in April that included Dr. Oni Idigbe of the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, Sory and three senior officials spent four days at IANPHI's U.S. Secretariat in Atlanta to develop a proposal for the new NPHI. Leveraging U.S. CDC expertise and PEPFAR funds, the new Ghana CDC aims to carry out key core functions—maternal and child health, surveillance, vaccine and immunization coverage, lab capacity, health promotion, environmental and occupational health and training—and to support vertical programs in the country. This NPHI would be the go-to place for public health data and information for Ministry of Health policymakers and the public of Ghana. [Read more.](#)

Mentor a Future Leader

With the successful launch of its mentorship program last year, IANPHI will create three new mentor-mentee pairs in 2010 to promote active partnerships between experienced public health leaders and less experienced current or potential NPHI leaders. If you're interested in mentoring a future leader, fostering your own professional growth and career development, or nominating someone in your institute for the IANPHI Mentorship Program, contact [Allison Greenspan](#) or visit the [IANPHI website](#) for more information. Read about the program's current mentors and mentees and how they are working and learning from each other. The application deadline has been extended to February 28, 2010.

Register by March 15 for Summer School

Learn about the role and functions of a comprehensive NPHI during the Fourth IANPHI Summer School set for June 7-11, 2010 in Helsinki, Finland. Jointly organized by Finland's National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and IANPHI, the course will bring together public health professionals from around the world to discuss and share experiences with colleagues from other countries. Presentations given by THL and WHO senior experts and participants will provide the professional background for interactive group discussions on various topics including health policy planning, epidemiology, and control of infectious, and chronic diseases. Limited travel support is available for attendees from IANPHI's project sites and other low-resource countries. For more information and to apply for the course, please visit www.ianphi.org.

IANPHI Launches New Website

IANPHI's redesigned website www.ianphi.org has a new look as well as more information about IANPHI members and their projects, grants, upcoming training, regional meetings, and other news and events. The site includes project tools such as the [Framework for NPHI Development](#) and other [resources](#). Members are encouraged to check out their individual institute profiles. Click on [contact us](#) to let us know what you think and how we can make the website more useful. Members also can provide feedback by taking a brief [website poll](#).