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Dear IANPHI Insider Reader,

The International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI) is pleased to present the first issue of the *IANPHI Insider, Insights for National Public Health Institutes*, IANPHI's bi-monthly newsletter designed for government agencies responsible for public health. Each issue of *IANPHI Insider* will include an update from IANPHI's Leadership, stories from National Public Health Institutes working to improve the public's health where they live and work, resources developed to strengthen NPHIs, recent public health publications, and more.

IANPHI is the premier organization linking and strengthening NPHIs around the world. It is our goal to use the *IANPHI Insider* as a vehicle to exchange and network with our members beyond the IANPHI Annual Meeting, regional events, and in-country visits.

We need your help. If your institute has a story you would like featured in an upcoming issue of *IANPHI Insider*, send your news, peer-to-peer work, innovation, lessons learned and best practices to share with other members, partners, and the global health community to [communications@ianphi.org](mailto:communications@ianphi.org).

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kindly,

The *IANPHI Insider* Team

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## RESOURCES

### New Centre for International Health Protection at Robert Koch Institute

In early 2019, the new Centre for International Health Protection (ZIG) was officially inaugurated at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) in Berlin. In the aftermath of the 2014 West African Ebola epidemic and with Germany's expanding role in global health, the Centre aims to strengthen Germany's commitment to global health protection. It will promote international cooperation to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases, and support strategic development and use of German expertise for international health protection. The main tasks of the ZIG include public health intelligence and risk assessments, development of evidence-based methods, mission preparedness & support, and implementation of various projects on international health protection.

The ZIG is currently building its team. Job postings can be found on the **RKI website**.

## IANPHI's Next Steps in 2019

President André van der Zande



After a very promising and successful IANPHI annual meeting in London, I am looking forward to an exciting year for IANPHI. I hope 2019 will mark a next phase in the development of our International Association of National Public Health Institutes. We have reached an impressive level of NPHI participation across the globe, with more than 109 institutes in 95 countries. Going forward, I believe it is

necessary to do four things for IANPHI's continued success in the areas of organizational improvements, formalizing systems and processes, fostering regional meetings and regional collaborations, and increasing IANPHI's capacity for supporting NPHI growth and development.

**First**, because of the growth in the number of IANPHI initiatives and the complexity

of NPHI's work, we need improvements in how our organization works, including with our members and partners. This includes establishing a new legal structure for IANPHI that enables transparent and responsive management of the organization. The establishment of a new legal structure is taking place and is something we expect to finalize in the months ahead.

**Second**, we need to continue efforts to have formal systems and processes to support our growing number of services to one another. One of our key strengths is our peer-to-peer advice and services, which ranges from one-to-one technical assistance to larger joint programs. It will be important for us to implement effective ways to exchange information and ideas. We are off to a good start with the redesign of the IANPHI newsletter. The *IANPHI Insider* will replace the IANPHI World Newsletter and will be shared with our network on a bi-monthly basis. This year, the U.S. Office will be strengthening the IANPHI website, which will include more news about what IANPHI and NPHIs are working on and doing, especially to improve public health activities and outcomes. Also, the Secretariat in Paris is working on strengthening the systems for connecting NPHIs with each other. This is important because we want to help connect institutes with questions and requests with institutes who can provide experiences, insights, guidance, and solutions (e.g., best practices).

**Third**, IANPHI needs to continue to foster and encourage regional meetings and regional cooperation among NPHIs. The developments in Africa provide good examples. In Africa, a fast growing NPHI membership is having country-wide meetings and undertaking collaborative

projects. I hope Asia and the Americas will follow this model. I also hope we can continue to foster more NPHI participation in IANPHI activities, including at the regional level.

■ **We appreciate and hope you will continue and increase advocacy of our mission in your daily work, via social media, and at every appropriate opportunity you have during interactions with potential global partners.** ■

André van der Zande,  
IANPHI PRESIDENT

**Fourth**, we need to find and have efforts and processes to organize and manage IANPHI's ability and capacity to assist and support NPHIs as well as the funds for doing this work. While it is often possible to fulfill small requests on a pro-bono basis, larger projects or requests, and an increased number of requests, bring the need for sponsors, donors, and global partner engagement. To date, we have seen that some NPHI's have possibilities to assist other NPHI's. Norway, for instance, has been able to do so using Twinning Agreements. Others are very good at organizing sponsor budgets, such as how our U.S. colleagues at CHAMPS have been able to do.

Another potential mechanism is closer cooperation with global partners such as the World Health Organization (WHO),

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) and Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH). These organizations, for example, could be partners with NPHIs and for public health training and capacity building projects. However, for such things to happen we need greater awareness of IANPHI and NPHIs among these and other public health organizations and associations. Internationally, regionally, and in countries, we need people to know that IANPHI and NPHIs are valuable resources and partners when it comes to dealing with large, and often complicated, public health needs and challenges. We appreciate and hope you will continue and increase advocacy of our mission in your daily work, via social media, and at every appropriate opportunity you have during interactions with potential global partners.

In 2019, I look forward to working with IANPHI members on growing awareness of the organization its members, and expanding NPHIs' involvement in public health efforts locally, regionally, and globally.

Sincerely,



André van der Zande  
President, IANPHI

# IANPHI Annual Meeting Highlights Value of Investing in Public Health in Africa

National Public Health Institute (NPHI) leaders from African countries met in November 2018 in London, England for the fourth annual IANPHI-Africa regional network meeting and the [International Association of National Public Health Institutes \(IANPHI\)](#) annual meeting hosted by Public Health England.

### Regional Networking Helps Strengthen Global Health

A major part of the IANPHI-Africa regional network meeting is formal and informal networking, with many of the discussions focused on establishing and extending public health emergency preparedness and response. "You are not alone," said Dr. Natalie Mayet, IANPHI-Africa Chair and Co-director at the South African Regional Global Disease Detection Center (SARGDDC) at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), "as peers we can support one another."

This year's meeting focused on issues unique to this region. Much time was spent discussing the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa



CDC) NPHI development framework, NPHI legislative framework, and the development of the Africa CDC scorecard for NPHIs. Though these documents are in draft form, they are already being used by leaders in African countries as they work to establish NPHIs. Participants explored the role of NPHIs in facilitating joint external evaluations (JEE) and the National Action Plan for Health Security.

**"You are not alone, as peers we can support one another!"**

-Dr. Natalie Mayet, IANPHI-Africa Chair and Deputy Director of the South Africa National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD)

Dr. Victor Mukonka (Zambia NPHI), Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu (Nigeria CDC) and Dr. Raji Tajudeen (Africa CDC ) shared updates from the South, West and East Regional Collaborating

Centres, respectively. Further discussions included the introduction of the Epidemiological Surveillance Network (RIPOST) by Dr. A. da Silva of the Agency of Preventive Medicine. RIPOST aims to support the West African Health Organization in reducing morbidity and mortality from potential epidemic infectious diseases by strengthening technical and managerial capacities of public health institutions in six ECOWAS member states through a two-fold program. These include providing in-service training for public health professionals on epidemiology, and operational research and interventions to improve national capacity for social and community mobilization to meet health information system needs for epidemic disease control and prevention.

Dr. John Paul Clarke, programme co-ordinator at the World Bank, outlined plans for the Regional Disease Surveillance System Enhancement Program

(REDISSE), which, with a focus on West Africa, seeks to strengthen national, regional and cross-sectoral capacity for integrated disease surveillance and response through interdependent projects.

Participants presented a “way forward”, which included plans for the 2019 meeting to be hosted by the Ethiopian Public Health Institute.

### **Africa CDC and IANPHI Working Together to Improve Health in Africa**

IANPHI is a proud supporter of Africa CDC in strengthening public health capacity in Africa. The [IANPHI-Africa](#) Regional Network comprises institutes that are actively involved in Africa CDC and support its vision for a safer, healthier, integrated and prosperous Africa.

During the IANPHI Africa Regional network meeting members discussed a recent public health emergency management (PHEM) workshop that took place in Lusaka, Zambia, for the SADC region. They discussed the JEEs currently being conducted on the continent and the role of NPHIs in addressing recommendations from the JEE and implementing national action plans in response.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **The Staged Development Tool**

National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) sometimes struggle to define the most critical next steps that will improve capacity for core public health functions and effective and efficient internal operations. The Staged Development Tool was created to help (NPHIs) assess their current abilities and to develop plans for achieving a higher level of functioning. The *Use of the Staged*

*Development Tool for Assessing, Planning, and Measuring Progress in the Development of National Public Health Institutes* article explores how NPHIs are using this tool to establish baseline capacity, inform strategic planning and its proposed use in a 3-steps for measuring the impact of capacity-building interventions over time.

**Read the full Health Security article.**



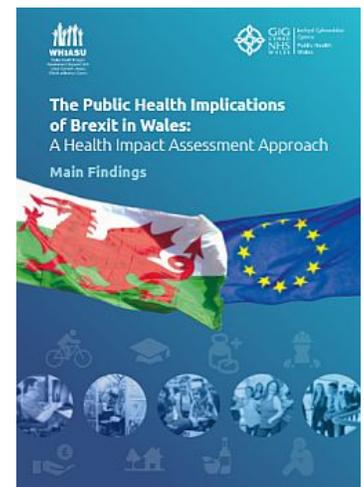
### **The Public Health Implications of Brexit in Wales: A Health Impact Assessment Approach**

Public Health Wales examines the potential effects of Brexit on the health of the people living in Wales in the report *The Public Health Implications of Brexit in Wales: A Health Impact Assessment Approach*.

The Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit within the institute carried out a Health Impact Assessment of the public

health implications of Brexit to enable the development of Public Health Wales’ organizational plans; support organizations (across sectors) and decision makers in Wales; and to inform the overarching policy-making environment.

**Read the full Public Health Wales full article.**



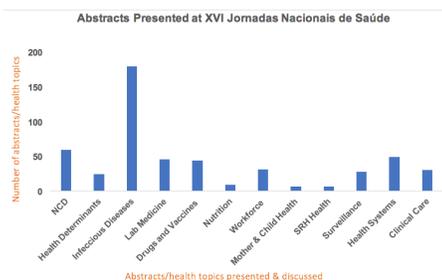
## NPHIs in Action



Mozambique's National Institute of Health (INS) hosts country's largest ever health conference; National Health Conference in Mozambique convene more than 1300 participants to address major public health issues.

*By: Eduardo Samo Gudo*

Since 1976, the Instituto Nacional de Saúde (INS), Mozambique's National Public Health Institute (NPHI), has organized the Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde (National Health Days) conference, which takes place every three years.



This graph represents the number of participants per province

Attendance and participation have been increasing, and the September 17-20, 2018 conference was the largest

ever. More than 1,300 health professionals, scientists, policy makers, students, and civil society members attended the event, which included plenary sessions, panel discussions, and abstract and poster presentations.

Over the last four decades, the Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde conference has grown in size and reputation because it is the main forum where scientists and public health leaders can exchange ideas and discuss Mozambique's health issues and policies. The conference is focused on putting health-related data into action, including health recommendations, public

health practices, and health-related policies. As a result, there has been an increase over the years in civil society participation in the conference. This year's meeting received the most media coverage in its history, which helped provide the community with important information related to their health and well-being.

In the conference opening session, João Leopoldo da Costa, the Vice-Minister of Health, highlighted that Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde represented a valuable effort and contribution from INS and its national and international partners to strengthen health systems in Mozambique. He noted that

the conference helped support Mozambique's health sector in identifying scientific and innovative solutions for the most relevant health problems in the country. He also noted that the conference promoted a culture of using evidence-based medicine, including using evidence to inform the policy-making process. Additional supportive comments came from Leda Hugo, the Vice Minister of Science and Technology, who noted there was much value that comes from investing in science and technology, because such investments are important for improving the health and well-being of all Mozambicans.

The main topic of the 16th Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde was *Promoting community participation and intersectoral collaboration to reach the Sustainable Development Goals*. INS sought to use this topic as a way to encourage discussion at the national level on the roles that local communities can play in



Media highlights of the opening ceremony, describing 16th *Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde* as an important forum for discussion of health policies to improve health system in Mozambique.

improving health and well-being in Mozambique. Conference sessions and presentations highlighted innovative strategies to engage local communities in public health as well as involved discussions about social determinants of health and inequities in Mozambique.

A total of 1,369 participants from all over the country attended the conference, and 551 abstracts on a variety of health topics were presented and discussed. INS' success in attracting such a large number of participants was due to their ability to bring stakeholders from a variety of disciplines and sectors.

including environment, land use, education, agriculture, infrastructure, urbanization, economy and finance, justice, community-based organizations and other sectors. Recommendations from each panel discussion will be synthesized in a report. This report will be widely disseminated throughout the health sector in Mozambique to facilitate the use of all recommendations proposed during the conference. This synthesis report will be finalized in March 2019.

See the link for the complete 16th Jornadas Nacionais de Saúde agenda >> **AGENDA**

## CHAMPS NEWS

The Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) Network provides more accurate and complete data on the likely causes of deaths of individual children under five in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Visit **champshealth.org** for more information and to request access to the data.

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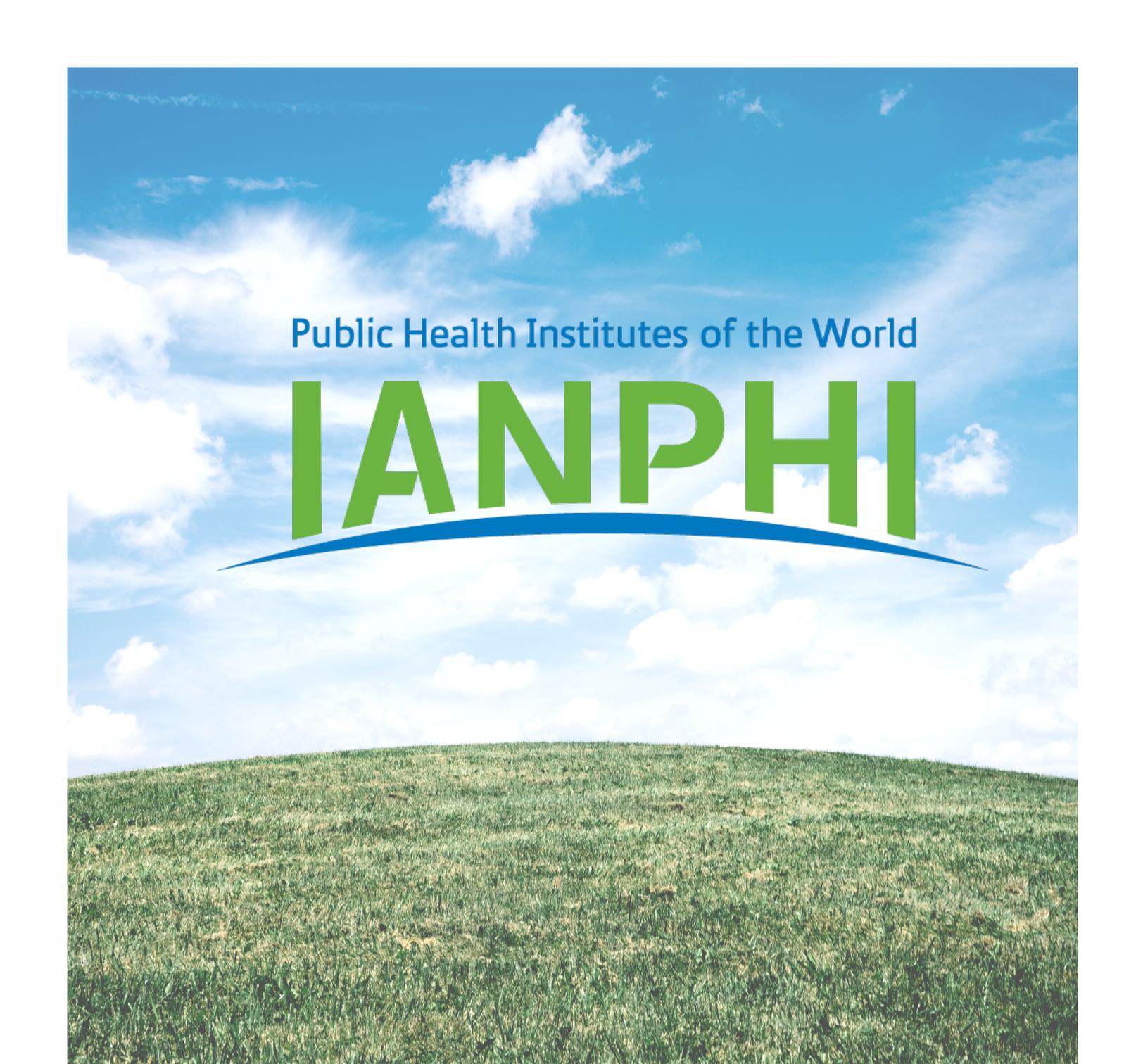
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