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KAHA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ABSTRACT AND PARTNERSHIP BRIEF

2026 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Theme: "Strengthening Health Systems through Effective Administration: The Strategic Role of Health Administrative Officers across the Six Levels of Healthcare."

The **2026 Annual Scientific Conference for Health Administrative Officers (HAOs)** will bring together health administrators, policymakers, health managers, researchers, development partners, county and national government representatives, and other key stakeholders to deliberate on practical strategies for strengthening Kenya's health system through effective administration and management.

Health Administrative Officers are specialized technical professionals who play a critical role in coordinating the administrative, operational and management systems that support healthcare delivery. Their work spans health planning, human resource management, infrastructure and support services, financial and resource management, patient welfare, emergency coordination, governance, accountability and the implementation of health policies across all levels of care.

While clinical professionals provide direct diagnosis and treatment, effective healthcare delivery depends on well-functioning systems that ensure the availability, coordination and efficient utilization of people, resources, infrastructure and services. HAOs provide an important link between policy, management and service delivery, helping to ensure that health facilities and programmes operate efficiently, responsively and sustainably.

The conference will provide a national platform for scientific discourse, knowledge sharing and policy dialogue on emerging challenges and opportunities in health systems management. Key areas of discussion will include health workforce management, healthcare financing, governance

and accountability, patient experience, digital health, infrastructure management, emergency preparedness, resource mobilization and the coordination of healthcare across the six levels of care.

The specific objectives of the conference are to:

- Provide a platform for scientific and professional discourse on contemporary health systems challenges;
- Share research findings, innovations and best practices in health administration and management;
- Promote dialogue and collaboration among policymakers, County Governments, health professionals, researchers and development partners;
- Explore practical and sustainable solutions for improving health system efficiency, accountability and service delivery;
- Strengthen the strategic contribution of Health Administrative Officers across the healthcare continuum; and
- Generate evidence-based recommendations and policy proposals that can contribute to stronger, more resilient and people-centred health systems in Kenya.

The choice of **Kilifi County** as the host provides an opportunity to bring national health sector stakeholders together in a setting that promotes both professional engagement and collaboration. The conference will also provide a platform for the County to showcase its health sector experiences and innovations while benefiting from interaction with health leaders and professionals from across the country.

Support from strategic partners will be critical to the success of this conference. Partnership will enable the convening of diverse stakeholders, facilitate scientific knowledge exchange, support participation and strengthen the development and dissemination of practical recommendations for improving healthcare administration and health system performance.

The conference therefore presents a valuable opportunity for partners to contribute to Kenya's health sector transformation agenda while engaging directly with key decision-makers, health managers, researchers and professionals. Through partnership, stakeholders will support a shared vision of building **efficient, accountable, resilient and people-centred health systems capable of delivering quality healthcare to all Kenyans**.

We invite your organization to partner with us in making the **2026 Annual Scientific Conference for Health Administrative Officers** a meaningful platform for innovation, collaboration and practical solutions towards a stronger and more sustainable health system.

Together, we can strengthen health systems through effective administration and better management for improved health outcomes for all.