

# Diaspora Contribution to African HealthCare Development



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# MANSAG - Activities

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- Donation of Medical Books and equipment to various medical schools and clinics in Nigeria
- Medical missions to various states in Nigeria
- Provision of External Examiners to Nigerian and West African Postgraduate Medical Colleges
- Medical and Surgical Training of Healthcare staff



# Role of Diaspora

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- Global:
  - Health Professionals Database
  - Africa-friendly Health policies
- Africa:
  - Medical missions
  - Medical facilities
  - Medical training and standards**



# Some problems

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- *Skills*

Specialists: neurosurgeons  
Skills: interventional radiology,  
US/CT/MRI skills, MAS,  
middle ear surgery

- *Training*

Admissions' Policy  
Conflict, Strikes, Teachers, Salaries

- *Standards*

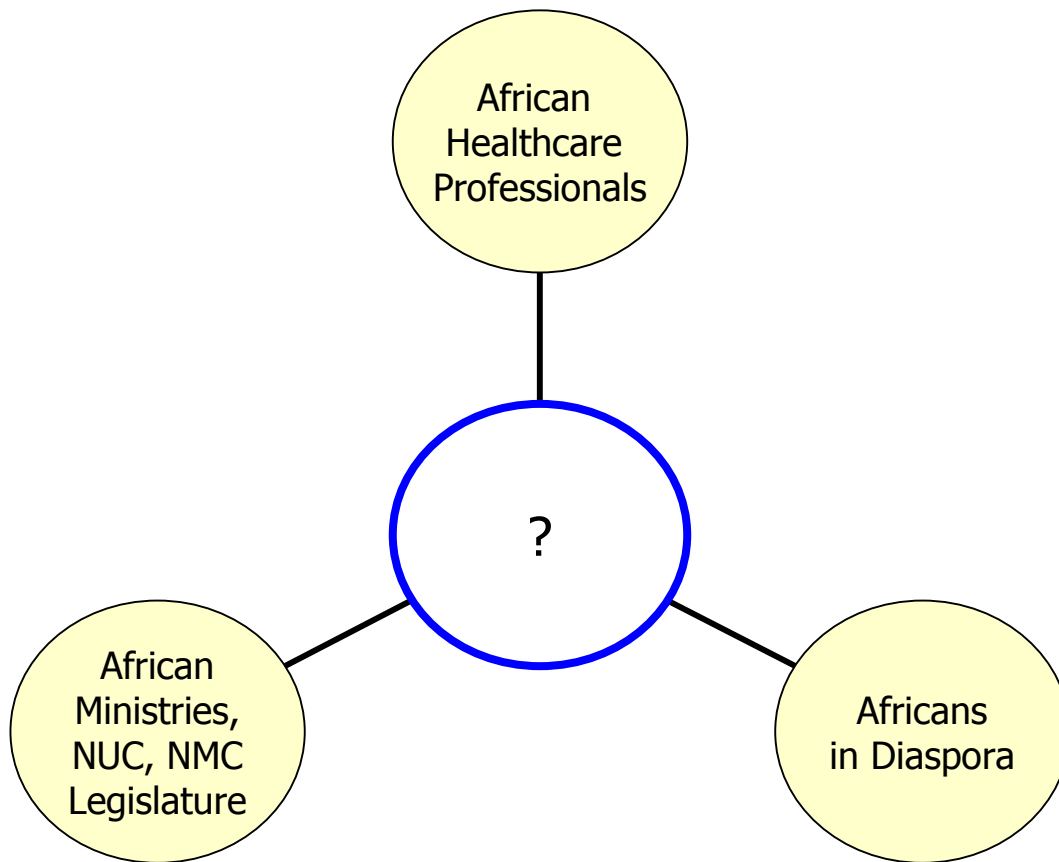
Ethics, Audit & Research, CME



# Some problems in Diasporans

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- *Skills*  
Undue Expectations vs Strategic Vision
  
- *Training*  
Curriculum for Africa vs International Curriculum
  
- *Standards*  
“Ownership”





# Skills Acquisition

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- A

■ Travel	£ 1000
Registration	1000
Subsistence	500

TOTAL                    £2500

- To train 10 people =  
10x2500 = £25000

- B

■ Travel	£4000
Registration	0
Subsistence	1000

TOTAL                    £5000

- To train 10 people =  
£5000



# Skills Acquisition

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Skills Missions  
supplemented by  
Skills Laboratories



# Advantages

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- Training is realistic and relevant
- Supervised Hands-on practice
- Uniform training procedures/standards
- Quality Assurance & Re-certification



# Skills Development

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- 3-year project - Two SSLs
- Existing Hospital space
- Equipment leased/loaned/donated
- UK based & American based trainers
- 2 Surgical Skills Missions/year/specialty
- Trained Diaspora specialists as “trainers”
- Prototype £ 300k (+ £10k pa)



# Skills Development - Challenges

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- External:
  - Sensitization & Recruitment of trainers
  - Short term Sabbaticals as “poverty aid”
  - The Ghana Model
  
- Internal:
  - Incentives
  - Intra-Departmental Rivalry
  - Appropriate Equipment/Facilities



# Standards Development

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- Personal Responsibility & Ethics
- Radical changes (?):  
Teaching & Training in the community  
Accredit hospitals - private/GH
- Continuing Medical Education
- Carrot and Stick
- Leadership



Thank You !

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