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Primary Animal Health Care in the 21st Century: Shaping the Rules, Policies and Institutions

An international conference

Mombasa, Kenya

15-18th October 2002



Community-based Animal Health and Participatory Epidemiology (CAPE) Unit
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Introduction

The last twenty years have seen radical changes in veterinary service provision. Structural adjustment, veterinary privatisation and other factors have led to new and emerging policy environments. While there are increasing opportunities to develop more sustainable, basic-level veterinary services in rural areas, there is also a need to ensure that new services assist countries to market livestock and livestock products in a global market.

From the 15th to 18th October 2002, the Community-based Animal Health and Participatory Epidemiology (CAPE) Unit is organising an international conference in Mombasa, Kenya.

The objectives of the conference are to:

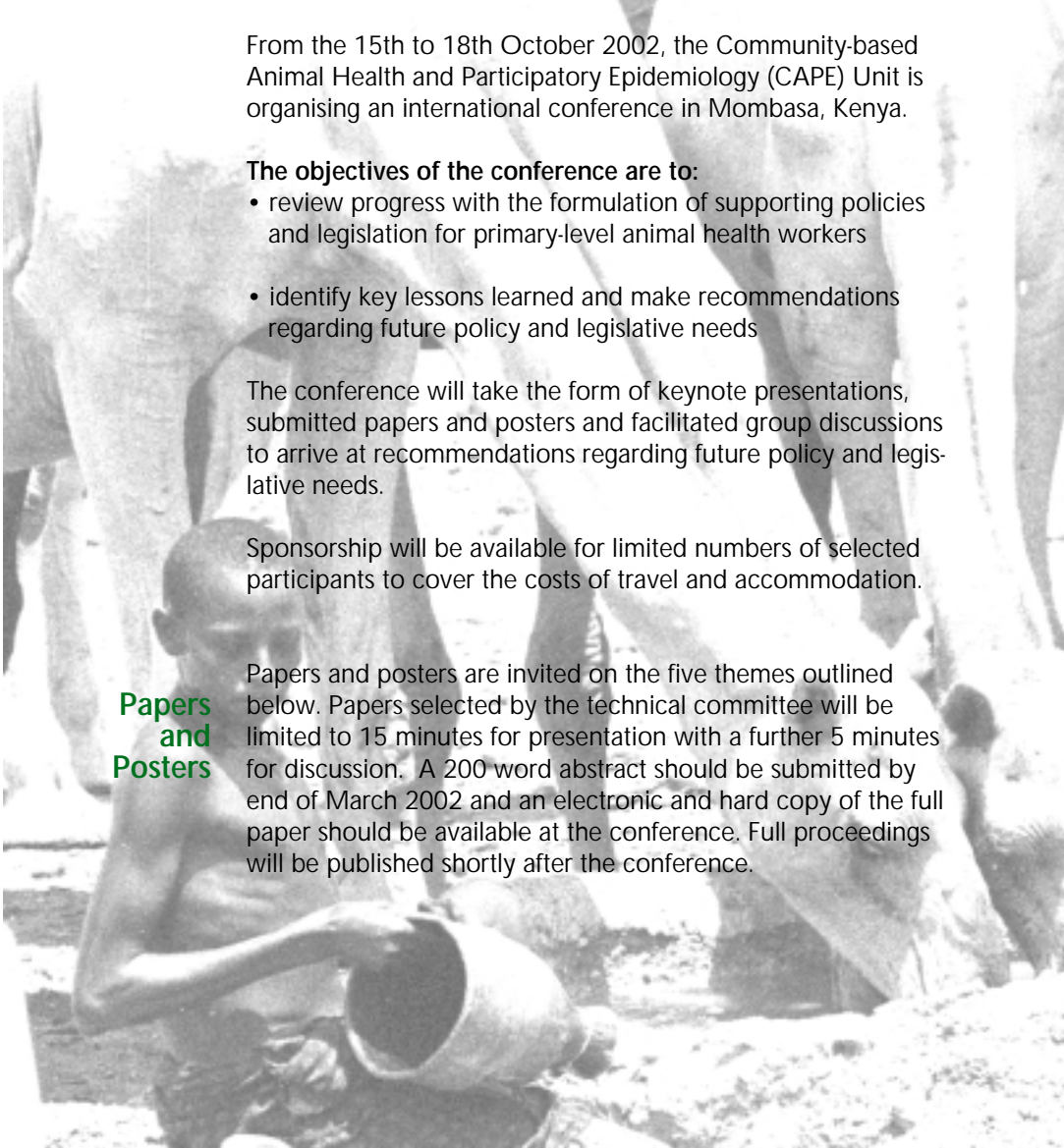
- review progress with the formulation of supporting policies and legislation for primary-level animal health workers
- identify key lessons learned and make recommendations regarding future policy and legislative needs

The conference will take the form of keynote presentations, submitted papers and posters and facilitated group discussions to arrive at recommendations regarding future policy and legislative needs.

Sponsorship will be available for limited numbers of selected participants to cover the costs of travel and accommodation.

Papers and Posters

Papers and posters are invited on the five themes outlined below. Papers selected by the technical committee will be limited to 15 minutes for presentation with a further 5 minutes for discussion. A 200 word abstract should be submitted by end of March 2002 and an electronic and hard copy of the full paper should be available at the conference. Full proceedings will be published shortly after the conference.





Theme One:

General policy, legislation and institutional issues

- Processes for policy reform: top-down, bottom-up and others
- Research and information needs for policy change
- Changing the law: ensuring flexibility in the new rules
- Regional and harmonised approaches
- Changing policies versus changing institutions
- How to measure the impact of new policies and rules
- Case studies

Theme Two:

Financial sustainability and privatisation

- State-run systems, revolving funds and privatisation
- Experiences from non governmental organisations
- The private sector - private vets linked to community-based animal health worker networks
- Other roles for community-based animal health workers extension, human health and other options
- Policy in relief situations: working with the private sector to deliver emergency interventions
- Case studies

Theme Three:

Policies and Animal Health Research

- Experiences in participatory approaches to animal health research
- Researcher agendas versus community agendas
- Approaches and methods for participatory research
- Delivering research outputs via community-based programmes
- Evidence of impact and sustainability

Theme Four:

Policy on training and learning issues

- Educational and training needs for veterinarians
- Ensuring effective and participatory selection of trainees for community-based training programmes
- Training curricula, methodologies and certification for community-based animal health workers
- Developing national curricula for community-based animal health workers: the pros and cons of standardisation

Theme Five:

Policy on community-based surveillance

- Linking community-based animal health workers to national epidemiology units
- Participatory methodologies for disease surveillance
- Training needs and testing community-based surveillance systems
- Case studies

Venue

The venue for the conference is the Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya. This is a very attractive hotel on the shores of the Indian Ocean, close to the historic town of Mombasa and with easy access via an international airport. Several of Kenya's national parks are accessible from Mombasa. Accommodation at Whitesands Hotel will be available at the special conference rate of US\$60 per single room on a full board basis.

Further information

This leaflet is to provide initial information about the conference. Please register your interest in attending the conference by contacting us:

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If you intend submitting a paper or poster please tell us which theme it will fall under and the draft title. If you would like to be considered for sponsorship please indicate this when you contact us.

Donors

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