

Representation and recognition

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A particularly busy November saw a number of our health and supply chain staff represent Crown Agents at events in Ethiopia, both as delegates and as leaders.

Heidi Ober from our Ethiopia office and UK-based Lucy Eastgate were among 3300 delegates who attended the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) in Addis Ababa on 12–15 November. The conference ended with a Call to Action seeking to keep focus on family planning and sexual and reproductive health as part of the post-2015 development framework.

Immediately after the ICFP, a group of Crown Agents staff – from the UK and from our Zimbabwe and Botswana offices – attended the Global Health Supply Chain Summit on 18–20 November, also held in Addis Ababa. The summit provided an international forum for a range of discussions, including innovations in global health supply chains, emerging trends in information acquisition and sharing, coordination across stakeholders to improve efficiency and service and best practice ideas on public private partnerships (PPP).

Following the summit, our lead on PPP, Maurice Diamond, remained at our Ethiopia office to carry out a half-day seminar for 28 participants representing Ethiopian government agencies, private sector representatives, and international donors. It was part of Crown Agents' international push to highlight the benefits that PPP can provide for developing nations. The seminar went beyond just talking about the importance of PPP, though, and explored the elements and components of PPP, including developing strategies and practical implementation advice.



Alumnus recognised for work on HIV/AIDS

University of Liverpool Master of Public Health (MPH) graduate Stephen Talugende has been recognised for his active leadership and contribution towards the global response to HIV and AIDS.

Stephen, who studied online for his MPH degree won the 'Highly Commended – Outstanding Leader of the Year Award, 2013' at the recent British National Management and Leadership Awards event, held in

association with the British Chartered Management Institute.

Originally from Uganda, Stephen is Chief HIV/AIDS Officer for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. He has been working to reduce the impact of



HIV/AIDS for over 20 years. 'Prevention is the best intervention as the search for a cure continues. That's why studying public health is so important for my work,' said Stephen.

'In pursuing the MPH degree, it was not just the academic document that I sought, but I was also looking to further my calling of making a difference to public health. The key benefit of studying online was that it gave me the opportunity to apply what I learned immediately in practice. By the time I completed the course, I had started community self-help systems to improve public health within my home community,' he said.

Stephen's MPH dissertation focused on the public health lessons that can be learned from observing and analysing the effects that active self-help group participation has on people who are HIV-positive. 'I started writing and putting these lessons into actual context during my masters programme, especially during the research project,' he said.

In his current role, Stephen leads a team of professionals in promoting HIV prevention and AIDS impact mitigation among United Nations personnel. The team also provides technical support to national institutions and outreach to key vulnerable populations.

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