

# All change! *Africa Health* heads to Kampala

A joint statement from Bryan Pearson and Francis Omaswa



It is with great pleasure that we announce a change of ownership of *Africa Health* journal. From 1 August 2018 ownership will pass from FSG to the African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST) headquartered in Kampala, Uganda. Its Executive Director is Francis Omaswa.

'It feels that the time is right to step back,' says Bryan Pearson, who with this issue completes 40 years with the title since joining shortly before launch in 1978. 'And the fit with Francis Omawa's ACHEST team is just perfect. Here's to the next 40 years!'

Francis is of course no stranger to the journal. He's been a regular columnist for the last decade, leading the coverage on Africa's position within the MDG and SDG programmes and multilateral engagement.

'ACHEST is a pan-African organisation' comments Francis, 'and taking on *Africa Health* is a very logical means of developing the debate and discussion that we are involved in encouraging in the quest for better and more participatory health care.'

'AHJ will remain a review journal' he continues 'that addresses the knowledge needs of policy makers, practitioners and academia, especially for those who work in the frontline with limited access and opportunity to read original research publications. It will translate research

and evidence into practical and easy to implement messages linked to real life African field situations.

'AHJ will continue to be widely circulated with special focus on hard-to-reach locations. There will be emphasis on communicating solutions that address Africa's unique bottlenecks to the achievement of population health goals enshrined in the SDGs.

'And finally, we will promote the message of Health for All through the active participation of the people themselves using the available resources and technology in a manner that leaves no one behind.'

Bryan will remain involved with the publication, particularly while the transition to the Kampala Secretariat takes place and the ACHEST team get to grips with the publishing schedule. 'The future for *Africa Health* is bright' he comments 'and Francis and his team will no doubt make it even brighter. It has been a privilege to be involved in the sector for so long, but it is time to step back from the front line and do a few other things while one still has the strength!'

*Photo: Inking the Agreement: Francis Omaswa and Bryan Pearson sign-up for the change of ownership. Staff from ACHEST look on.*



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