



الجمعية السودانية للتعليم الطبي  
Sudanese Association for Medical Education

**The 4<sup>th</sup> International Medical Education Conference**

**Organized by the Sudanese Association for Medical Education (SAME)**

**In collaboration with**

**The NETWORK Towards Unity for Health (TUFH)**

**27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Friendship Hall-Khartoum-Sudan**

## **Important dates**

Preconference Workshops: Thursday 26 & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

Official Opening: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

Conference sessions: Saturday 28 & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

## **About the Sudanese Association for Medical Education (SAME)**

SAME is a national scientific association established in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Sudanese Humanitarian Aid Commission in 2016. SAME came into being during its first General Assembly meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016. Its executive office is composed of the following individuals:

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## **Introduction**

Professional associations in Sudan have always co-existed with the official institutions to assist them in their quest for attaining high quality education, research and service. SAME ancestor, which was established in the beginning of this millennium, has successfully organized three international conferences in ME and managed to put the country high in the international arena of medical education.

Sudan pioneered in having one of the earliest health professions education and health care delivery systems in Africa and the Middle East, hence took pride in contributing to the establishment of health profession education in the Region. Presently, higher education in Sudan is facing many challenges e.g. the increased numbers of students and the massive brain drain of faculty, which tend to threaten the quality of higher education. Moreover, the public is clearly

unsatisfied with the performance both of medical education and the profession for being commercialized and not meeting their expectations and needs. This has been clearly reflected recently in the phenomenon of violence against doctors and other health professionals. These internal pressures are intensified by external requirements for quality assurance mandated by the global direction towards accreditation to ensure basic standards for ME. In 2010, the regulatory bodies of medical education in Sudan namely, the Sudan Medical Council and the Ministry of Higher Education started the first round of the National Accreditation Programme as part of the worldwide WFME & WHO effort for establishing global minimal requirements for basic medical education. This round was meant to act as a Leaver for change and reform and to sensitize the schools for the second round, which has already started in 2018 after the international recognition of the Sudan Medical Council as an accrediting body by the WFME. All these happenings necessitated urgent action to be taken at the formal (already started) and non-formal levels for example through establishing scientific association/s such as SAME to shoulder the responsibility of supporting medical education and helping the formal bodies in their quest for better health professions education and public needs satisfaction all culminating in improved health status in the country.

SAME aims to promote excellence in education of healthcare professionals across the continuum of undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional development in the Sudan. Working with other professional bodies, SAME will support teachers and institutions in their current educational activities and in the development of new approaches to curriculum planning, teaching and learning methods, assessment techniques and educational management, in response to advances in medicine, changes in healthcare delivery and community demands and new educational thinking and techniques.

### **SAME International Conference on Medical Education (SAME-IC)**

To achieve its goals and promote effective communication between researchers, faculty, practitioners, students and all those involved in medical education, SAME intends to organize an international conference in ME (SAME International Conference - SAME-IC) every two years. The conference will be held in collaboration with other relevant scientific entities and associations.

The fourth of these conferences will be held in collaboration with THENETWORK in the period between 27 to 29 March 2020.

**Vision of the conference:** To become the leading international conference in medical and health professions education within EMRO and sub-Saharan Regions.

**Mission of the conference:** To offer participants and attendees the opportunity to update themselves in recent developments in medical education with special focus on applicability, context and relevance to local challenges. This will be achieved through plenaries, symposia, short communications, poster presentations, workshops, and meetings with experts and

specialists in medical education. Throughout the conference participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and network.

**Theme of the conference:** The Conference will focus on addressing the current and future trends and challenges of medical education in Sudan and worldwide. The conference theme “Socially Accountable Health Professions Schools: the Quest for Excellence”

### **Conference Focuses**

The conference cover a wide variety of topics related to medical education including: Social Accountability, Curriculum Innovations, Teaching and Learning, Students Assessment, Leadership, Technology in Education, Inter-professional Education and Research & Publication in ME.

### **Conference aims**

The conference aims to

1. Exchange evidence of best practices in ME with national & international experts.
2. Explore the current and future challenges of HPE in Sudan and the Region.
3. Boost the ongoing activities for enhancing medical education and social accountability in the country
4. Pave the way towards quality and context-relevance through accreditation.
5. Advocate for conducting effective research in ME in the country and Region.
6. Strengthen inter-professional collaboration.

### **Pre-Conference Workshops: Themes**

The conference will be preceded by workshops covering various topics in medical education and offered by international and national authorities in that specific field/topic. The participants will have the opportunity to choose the topic/s according to their interest (and availability of spaces).

The following workshops will be offered:

- Accreditation & Quality Assurance in health professions education
- Clinical teaching
- Competency based education
- E-Learning in health professions education
- Leadership & Management in Education
- Simulation in health professions education
- Social Accountability in health professions education
- Students Assessment (OSCE & Standard setting & item analysis)
- Team based learning

### **Targeted Audience - Delegates**

- Teaching staff in the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, allied health sciences and other interested educators.

- Curriculum planners, administrators, researchers and students.

## Conference Management Committees

### 1- The Advisory Committee

**Task:** Support, advise and guide other committees to accomplish the conference aims and objectives through overseeing the following

- The scientific and social/cultural programmes of the conference
- Financial support
- All communications and consultations related to the conference

#### Members

### 2- Organizing Committee

**Tasks:** the committee shall

- Plan the conference programme including the scientific and social programmes
- Assist other conference committees in their duties and approve their work
- Seek sponsorship for the conference

**Members:** SAME Executive Office (EO).

### 3- The Scientific Committee

**Tasks:** the committee shall

- Review the scientific contributions of the Conference (Workshops, Posters, and Presentation)
- Determine workshop topics
- Design the scientific program

#### Members

### 4- Award Committee

**Tasks:** the committee shall

- Contact national and international companies to participate in exhibitions
- Organize the exhibitions
- Provide favorable environment for companies to carryout their work
- Suggest, nominate and award conference prizes

#### Members

\* Medical students are included as members in all committees

**Each Committee should be organized so as to include the following roles**

**Chair, Vice-chair, Rapporteur, Member**

**Role of the chair:** The Chair shall:

- Ensure that the work of the respective committee is in keeping with the overall goals and objectives of SAME;
- Organize and chair committee meetings;
- Set the agenda for each meeting, in consultation with the Executive Director (of the Conference)
- Assign work to Committee members
- Attend the Conference and chair some events as deemed appropriate.

**Roles of the Vice-Chair:** The Vice-Chair shall fulfill the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

**Role of the Rapporteur**

- Arrange for different Conference committees meetings
- Record and report to the committee the meeting minutes and work
- Prepare letters to institutions/companies as required
- For the COC rapporteur
  - Follow the website of the Association to announce the registration of the Conference and the participants registration
  - Act as a contact address for further information about the Conference

**Role of committee member:** the member shall:

- Regularly attend committee meetings and participate actively in Committee work;
- Volunteer and willingly accept assignments and complete them in a thorough and timely manner;
- Stay informed about Committee matters, prepare themselves well for meetings, and review and comment on minutes and reports;
- Attend the Conference, chair Conference sessions and assist on-site where necessary.

**Conference organizer:**

**Fourways Conferences and Exhibitions**

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