Africa Academy for Environmental Health launches a curriculum for environmental health training for Africa

After more than 1 year of extensive consultation and participation with environmental health stakeholder in Africa and elsewhere the curriculum was launched at the 2nd All Africa Congress on Environmental Health that was held in Lilongwe Malawi during May 2010.

The Chairperson of the Africa Academy for Environmental Health, Dr Koos Engelbrecht, said at the hand-over ceremony that the curriculum, is as far as can be established, a first for the world where a continent could agree on the contents of a generic environmental health curriculum. A copy of the curriculum was handed over to the Director of the British Council in Malawi that awarded funding as part of a DeIPHE grant to the Africa Academy for Environmental Health. The Director of the British Council confirmed their support to the project and congratulated the Africa Academy on this milestone achievement.

A workshop on the implementation of the curriculum was presented during a parallel session at the Congress. The curriculum was very well accepted by the participants at the Congress. For a copy of the curriculum please click <u>here</u>. Dr Engelbrecht also confirmed that the Africa Academy for Environmental perceives the curriculum as a dynamic document and continued revision is foreseen. It is also planned that the curriculum will be presented at the World Congress on Environmental Health to be held in Vancouver, Canada during September 2010. Stakeholders are invited to comment on the contents of the curriculum.

Seen hereunder is the handover of a copy of the curriculum during the opening ceremony at the 2nd All Congress on Environmental Health that was held in Lilongwe, Malawi.

