

NNEdPro Pan-African Regional Network

Terms of Reference
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Background

The NNEdPro Pan-African Regional Network was founded in December 2020 to further the mission of the NNEdPro Global Center and the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition to tackle malnutrition, in all its form, by 2030 in Africa. Headquartered in Nigeria, the Pan-African Regional Network has representation from Morocco, Cameroun, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Key Aims & Objectives

- Strengthen the Nutrition workforce in the region through education and training opportunities;
- Enable positive interactions between the Nutrition workforce and other health professionals;
- Organize an Annual Regional meeting to share and showcase examples of good practice.

Key Functions of the Network

- To build an intersectoral network of representatives from across the African continent with the aim of improving nutrition and health.
- To develop regionally sensitive capabilities and capacity in nutrition education, research and training for improved health and wellbeing.
- To advocate for the prioritisation of nutrition capacity building in healthcare systems and delivery.
- To outline current gaps in nutrition research across Africa for future proposals.
- To pilot nutrition-sensitive interventions, namely the Mobile Teaching Kitchen (MTK), among marginalised and underserved groups in the region, toward addressing the burden of malnutrition and disrupting the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Purpose of the Steering Committee

The network's Steering Committee is primarily responsible for promoting research collaboration and facilitating network-related activities and projects, including funding applications, research and scientific outputs, and knowledge dissemination.

Membership

International Chair (Ex-Officio / Non-Executive)	NNEdPro Chair or Vice Chair from the Board of Directors of the Global Centre for Nutrition and Health in Cambridge.
Network Lead	As nominated by the NNEdPro Chair and Board of Directors at the Global Centre for Nutrition and Health in Cambridge. The Network Lead is responsible for oversight of all network-related activities and initiatives, including grant/funding applications.
Network Deputy Lead	Provides support to the Network lead and may take responsibility for key aspects and activities of the Network.
Representatives, Morocco Section	The Representative from the Morocco section serve as liaisons providing region specific updates and facilitating collaboration between the Morocco section and the wider regional network Steering Committee members.
General Members	Minimum of one member

Note: Additional members may be invited to attend the meetings to provide specific input where necessary. Members can fill more than one role in the steering committee.

Meeting Frequency

Network members will meet 4x per year via teleconference or as required to facilitate activities. This includes the standard NNEdPro Network update meetings in June and November. All members are encouraged to attend the annual NNEdPro International Summit on Nutrition and Health.

Minutes and Agenda

Meeting agenda will be shared prior to the meeting and the minutes will be disseminated following the meeting, including follow-up on action points.

Network Steering Committee Members

- Sonigitu Asibong Ekpe – Nigeria, Network Lead
- Kai Sento Kargbo – Sierra Leone, Network Deputy Lead

- Maureen Maduagwu – Nigeria
- Ebiambu Agwa – Cameroun
- Bernard Chazovachii – Zimbabwe
- Alberto Banze – Mozambique
- Asma El Hamdouchi – Morocco section representative
- Imane El Menchawy – Morocco section representative

Network Founding Members

- Margaret Akpana Agiang – Nigeria
- Humuza James – Rwanda
- Mohammed Amine Radouani
- Issad Baddou – Morocco
- Kaoutar Benjeddou – Morocco
- Fatima-Ezzahra Zahrou – Morocco
- Imane El Harchaoui – Morocco
- Saloua Labzizi – Morocco

NNEdPro Summer School Alumni

- Kai Sento Kargbo