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Health Services Innovation for Africa

The Launch of Stellenbosch Good Governance Forum (SGGF)

After the KAS-supported launch of the Stellenbosch Good Governance Forum, SGGF and KAS organized a conference on `Health Service Innovation for Africa` to promote the development of innovative strategies and their implementation to meet the challenges of public health care in Africa.

After the launch of the SGGF, the objective of the Health Summit was to facilitate innovative ideas and implementation strategies for African health service challenges. Furthermore, the aim was especially to create new partnerships and projects to take innovative health service delivery from ideas to implementation as well as lastly to consider and mandate also the possible establishment of international partnerships for co-creating health innovations in Africa.

Many of the participants of the two day workshop came from the PharmAccess Foundation or The Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (COHSASA). Her Excellency, the ambassador of Switzerland, Helene Budliger Artieda as well as Professor Edwin Constable, Vice-Rector Innovation of Basel University participated in the summit.

The two day Health Summit started with a presentation on creating capacity for good governance innovation by Dr. Holger Dix, resident representative of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The presentation led to

heated conversation and debate on the issues in the Health sector. Facilitated by Professor Erwin Schwella and Professor Edwin Constable, participants voiced their concerns about the situation in South Africa and were exposed to solutions to similar challenges Switzerland is facing and overcame.

The workshop facilitated intense discussions about health issues in Southern Africa and possible solutions. Various innovative and practical ideas were raised and some projects were agreed to amongst the participants. The subject was very topical – health innovation is much needed to find new solutions to some of the pressing problems in public health services, including the governance thereof. The combination of local and international participants at the health summit worked well and all made very useful contributions to the discussions and the exploration of new partnerships on health innovation.