



## INCTR UK Challenge Fund

### INCTR Cancer Registry Programme

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2013 was the second year of The African Cancer Registry Network (AFCRN). It is in official partnership with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC); as part of the "Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries", the Network acts as a consortium to provide a "Regional Hub" services for cancer registries in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA). The Network is also financially supported by the UK registered charity The Challenge Fund, which receives restricted funds to support cancer registries in Africa from GlaxoSmithKline Oncology (GSK), the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) and the American Cancer Society (ACS).

#### INSTITUTIONS

- Botswana National Cancer Registry, Botswana
- Registre des cancers de Brazzaville, Congo (Republic of)
- Registre des Cancer d'Abidjan. Cote d'Ivoire
- Addis Ababa Cancer Registry, Ethiopia
- Gambia Cancer Registry, Gambia
- Kumasi Cancer Registry, Ghana
- Registre de Cancer de Guinee, Guinee
- Eldoret Cancer Registry, Kenya
- Nairobi Cancer Registry, Kenya
- Malawi Cancer Registry, Malawi
- Mauritius Cancer Registry, Mauritius
- Beira Cancer Registry, Mozambique
- Registre des cancers du Niger, Niger
- Abuja Cancer Registry, Nigeria
- Calabar Cancer Registry, Nigeria
- Ibadan Cancer Registry, Nigeria
- Nigerian National System of Cancer Registries (NSCR), Nigeria
- Rwanda Cancer Registry, Rwanda:
- Seychelles National Cancer Registry, Seychelles
- PROMEC Cancer Registry (Eastern Cape), South Africa
- South African Children's Cancer Group (SACCSG) Tumour Registry, South Africa
- South African National Cancer Registry, South Africa
- Tanzania Cancer Registry, Tanzania
- Kampala Cancer Registry, Uganda
- Zimbabwe National Cancer Registry, Zimbabwe

#### OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a "Regional Hub" that provides services for cancer registries in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) which includes training in the methodology of cancer registration.
2. Advocate for the expansion of cancer registries in SSA.
3. Participate in other regional activities, including meetings or sections of meetings on cancer registration.
4. Consultation regarding the appropriateness and feasibility of establishing cancer registries when requested to do so.
5. Assistance in the establishment of cancer registries including training of required personnel.
6. Assessment of the quality of data collection and coverage in specific registries.



7. The conduct of/ or assistance of the conduct of research on questions that arise from the data collected by AFCRN.
8. Dissemination of the results obtained by AFCRN, particularly to regional meetings in which cancer registration is a part of the programme.

## **METHODS**

The work of the AFCRN is conducted through training local personnel in the collection of registry data, reviewing data that is collected on an annual basis and collaborating with other organizations in the conduct of research studies and the analysis of data collected in the AFCRN data base

## **PROGRESS**

39 participants, directors and leaders of member registries as well as significant individuals, attended the 2 days Annual Review Meeting (ARM) of the Network was from 29 to 30th January in Mombasa, Kenya. This was followed by a 3 day scientific workshop on 'Hemato-pathology in Africa' and a one and half day meeting on 'HIV-associated malignancies in equatorial Africa' organized by INCTR in association with WHO. The ARM provided the opportunity for members to present their on-going work, and to plan future joint activities in training, advocacy and research in 2013/14. The contribution of the AFCRN to the meeting of AORTIC (November 2013) and to other major conferences was agreed. The AFCRN statutes and rules governing collaborative research were reviewed and amended as agreed by the membership.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

- Future visits planned in the 2013/4 budget period will include Angola and Namibia (scheduled for January), Mali and Sierra Leone.
- New CanReg5 installations will be carried out in Guinée and Beira.