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## RESULTS International Conference 2019



## RESULTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 13-16, 2019 | Washington, DC

*“Money for education, for health and social protection isn’t an expense, it is an investment to the world’s largest resource; the people”.*  
World Bank, CEO Kristalina Georgieva

KANCO participated in the RESULTS International conference 2019, under the ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership: a global advocacy partnership comprised of 13 locally rooted organizations around the world working for a world where all people have equitable access to health. The KANCO team attending the conference comprised Executive Director, Allan Ragi, Policy and Systems advisor, Jack Ndegwa and the GAVI-HSS –Health Systems Strengthening Manager Elizabeth Muchoki.

The Results International Conference is an annual event that brings together advocates from all over the world to share and address ways to end poverty in all its forms. This year’s conference took place between July 13th to 16th in Washington under the theme *Voices for Results*. The discussions covered different thematic areas including: Leadership, anti-oppression training, reaching the decision makers among others as well as holding face to face meetings with congress men at the Capitol Hill.

Among the speakers was the Executive Director RESULTS Joanne Carter, who in the opening remarks noted ‘After 30 years in DC, I have seen how advocate individuals have the ability to effect change’. She also shared on the policy and legislative wins RESULTS had been a part of; both in the US and around the globe. She urged the advocates to be fearless in order to make change, reiterating “We are all weakened if we allow oppressive systems to persist”.

The delegates also went through a session on 'Learning through play' where Sarah Wolman from the LEGO Foundation facilitated the activity, noting that "Children are current people, not just future adults" reiterating that learning through play is a way of engaging them.

The platform also provided an opportunity for advocates from across the world to share their experiences and stories around different areas: From how poverty blooms in silence, racial inequality and housing crisis, to the health, nutrition and child health



**ACTION Africa team , holding a side meeting during the conference**

challenges and opportunities, all towards a call to take action and speak up.

Addressing the forum Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank Kristalina Georgieva discussed the importance of increasing impactful investment in people. "Money for education, for health and social protection isn't an expense, it is an investment to the world's largest resource; the people". Equity and gender issues were also discussed, noting that equity is not a humanitarian thing, it is a human thing.

Mark Dybul from the Global Fund impressed, "We are supposed to care for each other" and offered powerful rationales for investing in global health, sentiments echoed by many activist such as Deray, who spoke on equity and poverty. "The solutions are simple but not small" he impressed, challenging the advocates to stand up for right things saying "Our values cannot just live in value's statements on a page. They must be tactile in our daily work."

On the 16th, the RESULTS community headed to Capitol Hill to talk poverty, tax policy, housing and the fight against HIV and TB. Sherrod Brown, the senator to Ohio praised the RESULTS team for doing what they do; taking notes on issues that not many notice, and joining efforts to solve them.

The ACTION Africa Team also got an opportunity to meet, share and discuss on pertinent issues affecting the continent including: Global Financing Facility (GFF), Global Fund replenishment, TICAD 2019, Child health, Resource Mobilization and Ending epidemics

## KANCO attends an EANNASO validation workshop on SRHR related legal and policy audit findings for East Africa



**Photo: Members of EANNASO in the photo from left EANNASO Executive Director and Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan and Kenya Representatives**

KANCO supported EANNASO (The Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations) to convene a workshop on SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) related legal and policy audit findings for East Africa that took place in Nairobi, at the Olive Gardens Hotel from 4th (Thursday) to 5th (Friday) July, 2019. The 31 workshop participants included representatives of regional and national Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on SRHR in East Africa.

EANNASO is a regional network that brings together national networks of civil society and community groups in seven eastern Africa countries. These country membership networks include: KANCO-Kenya; Alliance Burundese Contre le Sida (ABS)-Burundi; Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Associations (CCRDA)-Ethiopia; South Sudan; Rwanda NGO Forum on AIDS and Health Promotion-Rwanda; Tanzania (including Zanzibar) and Uganda. EANNASO secretariat is based in Arusha, Tanzania. Arusha is also the centre for the East African Community (EAC), currently the fastest growing Regional Economic Community.

Through the Amplify Change project on "Increasing the engagement of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) towards improved access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services in Eastern Africa", EANNASO had commissioned a Desk Review Audit of Legislation and Policies on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) sub-regionally, at the East African Community (EAC) level and nationally, within the six member countries, excluding Ethiopia.

The audit identified gaps/weaknesses and contentious issues to inform the development of the EAC SRH Bill that had been tabled before the 3<sup>rd</sup> East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and to be taken forward by the 4th EALA. Specifically, the findings from the Legal and Policy review facilitated suggestions to improve the SRH Bill that was due for resubmission at the EALA in September 2019. An advocacy roadmap for the EAC SRH Bill was also developed.

The Kenya advocacy roadmap for the EAC SRH Bill was divided into two: Activities before the re-introduction of the bill and activities after. The first set of activities would include: Convene meeting with Kenya CSOs to share on findings of the Legal and Policy Audit Report; Develop/ Adapt CSOs Position Paper on SRHR ;Develop Technical Briefing Paper on SRHR; Convene briefing meetings with Parliamentary Committee; Convene meeting with EALA Legislators and Organize briefing meeting with the media. Activities after the reintroduction of bill would include: Develop memo on the Draft SRHR Bill; Convene briefing meetings with Parliamentary Committee Convene meeting with EALA Legislators; Organize briefing meeting with the media; Dissemination of the draft EAC Bill and Convene Country public discussions on the bill.



**Photo: EANNASO Executive Director, Olive Mumba and KANCO Key Population Manager, Sylvia Ayon, at the workshop**

## Reviving the Kenya Gender Budget Network

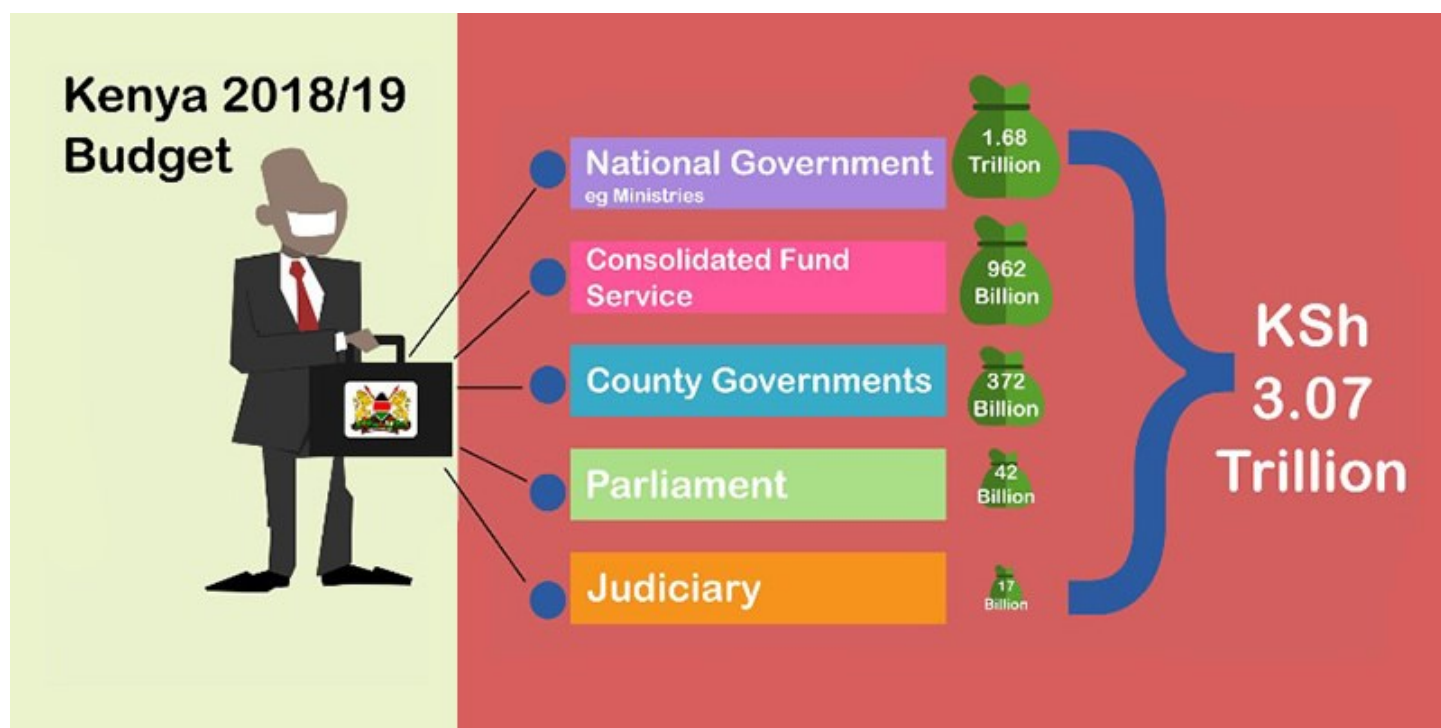


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Kenya Gender Budget Network (KGBN) was formed to empower women economically. This is against the argument that when women are empowered, they will then empower their families, their communities and will catalyze the national and regional development. However over the past few years KGBN's activities and participation in shaping the national discussion through a gender lens was on the decline due to varied reasons. At its peak performance KGBN was involved in gender shaping achievements including; national policies, monitoring the budget process, capacity building, initiation of Women Enterprise Fund and the budget planning processes.

On the 16th of July, Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development (CCGD) convened a meeting in Laico Regency hotel seeking to revive the KGB Network. The was premised on the opportunities envisioned under the devolved system creating more opportunities on budgeting influence and empowerment collaborations. This therefor enforced the need for discussion towards reigniting network , to ensure important policy changes and strategy implementation in the KGBN happens on all levels across the counties.

A KGBN framework structure was developed with; guidelines to develop policy proposals, tools for public budget process awareness, capacity building strategies, collaborative measures between the national and the county governments, grassroots influenced budget processes with gender inclusion and realizing accountability through a tracking framework. KANCO as premier organization in community engagement and grassroots joined the volunteer committee which was formed to spearhead the upcoming activities, including a gender oriented conference in October and the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in November this year.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ The 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science: 21-24 July 2019
- ◆ KANCO, MOH Immunization Outreach: Embakasi East (Kware ) and West (Bundalangi area)- 2-3rd August 2019
- ◆ World Breastfeeding week: 1-7th August 2019

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