

# SEMINAR NOTICE



## THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW

### **COURSE: DEVOLUTION OF HEALTH SERVICES: POLICY & LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS**

**DATE: March 29-April 02, 2021**

**VENUE: Mombasa**

#### **SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE PARTICIPANT**

*Cognizant of the risk posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the School has, as regards the training venue, taken all measures to comply with the Government protocols on handling of the pandemic, including keeping of social distance, wearing masks, sanitizing and washing hands, temperature checks, amongst others. We assure our participants of their safety and health during the training.*

#### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

*Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1965 on African Socialism and its Application to Kenya identified three 'enemies' to be eliminated through certain strategies. One of these was diseases. The delivery of high quality health services to citizen has smoldered for decades, and the Government has devised different strategies at different times over the past near six decades but all aiming at the single goal: good health for all.*

Until the year 2010, health services were exclusively under the National Government, though local authorities had limited control over some health centres falling under their jurisdiction but under the watchful eye of the Ministry of Health. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 brought a radical change in the health sector by devolving all aspects of health except the health policy, which remained with the National Government. The institutionalization of County governments following the 2013 General Elections ushered in a massive task for the new County Governments with regard to health services. New devolved governments were faced with structural, policy, legislative, operational, and personnel challenges, which directly impacted on their capacity to deliver health services.

The *Kenya Health Policy 2014-2030* (the Policy) seeks to streamline health services through the establishment of structures, principles and guidelines to realise the highest standard of health for the people as set out under article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The Policy is implemented partly through the National Government's *Third Medium Term Plan 2018-2022*. There are tools that both the National and County Governments have applied to assure high

quality health for the people, including policy, strategic and legislative tools. But what are the key issues and challenges that the health sector faces, and are there options legislative, policy or operational options to address the challenges?

*Devolution of Health Services: Policy and Legislative Options* is a 5-day course that is intended to explore the health terrain in Kenya: structures, institutions, operations, legislative and policy instruments, and what is required to sustain high quality health for all, amidst manifest challenges that range from inadequate financing, structures that are not synchronized well, human resource issues, and inter-governmental relational challenges that have slowed down improvement in the provision of health services.

### TRAINING FOCUS

Highlights of the course will be an interactive concrete discussion of:

- Constitution of Kenya 2010: health as a fundamental right;
- Legal framework of the health sector;
- Institutional framework of the health sector;
- Inter-governmental relations in the health sector;
- *The Kenya Health Policy 2014–2030 (Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2017)*;
- Health financing;
- Health services infrastructure;
- Universal Health Coverage & community health services;
- Role of private sector in health service delivery;
- Addressing legal, structural and operational challenges: options.

By the end of the course the participant will be equipped to-

- a) **Explain** the constitutional and legal foundations of health policy;
- b) **Know** the structure of the health sector and the interrelationship between key players;
- c) **Relate** policy and strategy to the envisaged health goals;
- d) **Isolate and contextualize** key tools for implementing national health programmes, including the *Kenya Vision 2030*, Third Medium Term Plan 2018-2022, and Universal Health Coverage programme;
- e) **Apply** the knowledge acquired in the delivery of health services;
- f) **Identify** key health services challenges in the post-2010 era;
- g) **Propose** reform of the legislative and policy framework to ameliorate the identified challenges in the health sector.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

The training is recommended for the following, amongst others:

- Policy-makers in the National and County Governments;
- Relevant officers in the Ministry of Health;
- Chief officers responsible for health, and directors of health in County Governments;
- Policy makers and policy analysts;

- Health, medical and legal professionals in the public and private sectors;
- Non-governmental organizations in the health sector;
- Persons concerned with the administration of law or proponents of law reform;
- Persons involved in developing health legislation or legislative proposals.

**YOUR INVESTMENT: Ksh. 95,000 inclusive of VAT** and registration fee (covers tuition fees, course materials, stationery, lunch and refreshments). **Non-East Africans to pay USD 1,150.**

**CPD POINTS:** members of the Law Society of Kenya who attend and complete the training will be entitled, on payment of extra Kshs. 1,000.00 to be awarded 3 CPD points. *Payment of this sum shall be effected during the training, as will be directed by the organizers of the training.*

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**Application Process:**

The Application Form may be downloaded at [http://www.ksl.ac.ke/wpcontent/uploads/2018/04/CPD\\_REGISTRATION\\_FORM\\_.pdf](http://www.ksl.ac.ke/wpcontent/uploads/2018/04/CPD_REGISTRATION_FORM_.pdf)

Training fee should be deposited in the **School's account: (Account No. 202 2029 110 Barclays Bank of Kenya, Absa Bank Kenya PLC, Plaza Branch, Nairobi, Kenya)** and the bank slip or evidence of electronic funds transfer presented to the Finance Office.

Please note that we would wish to have your **duly completed application form and proof of payment (or confirmation of participation) *on or before 15.02.2021*** to enable us to adequately prepare for the course. Payment after the deadline is not allowed before clearance from the School.

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