



Africa Development Bank Group

Evaluation of the African Development Institute (ADI) Global Community of Practice (G-CoP) e-Seminar on Policies for Inclusive Health in Post COVID -19 Africa

22 and 23 June 2020.

Over 97 percent indicated the seminar theme and discussion were relevant. Over 70 percent rated the quality of panelist, discussions and moderation was good or very good. Over 70 percent of delegates indicated they are either likely and very likely to use the seminar outcomes in policy processes in their country. Over 93 percent indicated that they were likely and/or very likely to recommend G-CoP to their networks, and over 91 percent confirmed that they will attend future G-CoP seminars if invited. Overall 81 percent of the delegates rated the seminar as good to excellent. The summary statistics on the Stakeholder evaluations are provided in Annex 1.

Respondents were also asked to name top 5 policy actors that should be engaged in deep dive dialogue for implementation of policy outcomes from the seminar. The suggested policy actors who should be engaged in deep dive policy dialogue for the implementation of the policy recommendations range from Heads of States and Governments who should ultimately oversee inclusive health policy implementation; Ministers of Health (for health sector policy implementation); Ministers of Finance (for associated macro-economic policies and fiscal stimulus); Ministers of Education (for health workforce development and curriculum reforms in institutions of learning); Ministers of Agriculture (for Nutrition and Food sector policies); Ministers of Science and Technology (for strengthening capacity in Information and communication Technologies, telemedicine, M-health, etc.); Ministers of Environment (for environmental health and bio-prospecting policies); Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security/Immigration; and External Relations (for border control policies); to Heads of relevant Government Agencies and Parastatals; and Health Committee and representatives on health in Legislature Parliament and National Assembly amongst others.

Other key actors suggested included health professionals, Academics, Health practitioners, private sector, research centres, medical research centres, Centers for Disease Control (continental, regional and national levels), National Research System, Youth Innovators, Small Business Owners, among others. The Respondents also noted the need to have academia review the health curricula. Also cited include Nutritionists; Economist; Rural and Urban Development Experts; Agricultural Experts; Data System and Science Experts, Monitoring and Evaluation Experts, and Process Improvement Experts.

At the global and regional scales, the Delegates recommended that the African Development Bank Group should work with the Africa Union Commission, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African Centre for Disease Control (Africa CDC), United Nations, The Pan African Parliament, the World Bank Group, World Health Organisation (WHO), Health Secretaries, Africa Field Epidemiology Network and the African Diaspora to convene the Health Summit for Africa and develop the Marshall Plan on Inclusive Health for Africa. Specifically Delegates recommend that the African Development Bank Group, The World Bank and other Development Finance Institutions and Bilateral Agencies should prioritize smart investments in strategic

inclusive health infrastructure (beyond health work force development, building hospitals and acquisition of medical equipment) in African countries. Some delegates specifically recommended that the African Development Institute should work with Philanthropists such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Bilateral Donor Agencies, to mobilise resources for strengthening policies for inclusive health in Africa.

The respondents also cited several high network individuals and personalities they would like to see involved in working with countries for policy implementations¹.

Several Delegates expressed their evaluation of the seminar in prose. A selection of some comments made by Delegates are presented in Box 1²:

Box 1: Sample Comments by Delegates: Post Seminar Evaluation Survey

“The session was wonderful. I was happy to be there and proud to be an African. I loved the ideas put forward and to listen to these experts was very good to boost me up. I am not a specialist but with the several ideas for way forward brought up I can now in turn give advice to others and encourage my countrymen. As Prof [REDACTED] said, now I know we must stop moaning and start moving and to see people like [REDACTED] of Australia stay up that late for the cause of Africa. What else can we want? Thank you very much for this initiative. Happy to have joined. Those who were absent missed a lot.” Delegate 1.

“The G-CoP seminar was a very interested program that I have ever attended. I highly commend the AfDB for such wonderful program. If all those policy options are implemented in Africa, Africa will be great again. The major problem that is hindering development in Africa is corruption, policy summersault and inconsistencies. With this great task that AfDB has started, Africa is on its way to reclaim its position in the community of Nations. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this group of experts.” Delegate 2.

“In the overall, it was a good outing deserving of credence as conversation and submissions would have a far reaching impact if the would-be developed policy frameworks are conscientiously applied to the common goal of individual countries, at the Regional levels and the continent at large. Thank you AfDB!!!” Delegate 3

“The seminar was very insightful, policy driven and well-articulated. Wish to be part of this highly educative seminars.” Delegate 4.

¹ Not disclosed here. ADI will liaise with the African Development Bank's Management review the recommendations for follow-up following due process as may be appropriate.

² Names of Delegates are blacked out to maintain confidentiality under the Chatham House Rules /African Fire side Discussion principles.

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“The seminar was well delivered and timely and the panellists were excellent. Please think about time management Reduce number of Panellists according to the time scheduled” Delegate 5.

Seminar obviously largely successful, however future seminars should bring in more discussants from across Africa. Delegate 6.

The seminar was very interesting. There was a bit too many speakers, and it was not always easy to follow as a virtual event. Maybe reduce the number of speakers next time. Not only this will help stay on schedule but will give more time for discussions and exchange. Delegate 7.

The seminar was very insightful, policy driven and well-articulated. Wish to be part of this highly educative seminars.” Delegate 8.

“I look forward to more sessions that focus on other areas of development - ICT sector, manufacturing, media, entrepreneurship development and even the sensitive area of religious organizations and practices. “Delegate 9

“The seminar provided a precursor approach to development planning in health in Post-COVID-19 period.” Delegate 10.

“Congratulations to the organizers. It’s a good start in repositioning the continent for building a resilient health system, the good work must continue until it results on tangible and concrete action”. Delegate 11.

“Am happy that our focus is beyond policy making and identification of lapses in the area of policy making. The drive to ensure policy implementation and continuity is worthy of commendation. I appreciate the privilege giving me to participate. More grace for good works.” Delegate 12.

“Efforts should be made at serious dialogue with all actors at various levels of policy articulation, formulations and implementation across countries in ensuring genuine implementation of policy statements that have being formulated pre-covid, during-covid and post-covid. More so, serious caution must be taken in order not to repeat the same practices that have left Africa undeveloped. Thanks so much for the privilege of participation. I really appreciate.” Delegate 13.

“The Seminar was a very rewarding experience. It was indeed a privilege to hear from such intellectuals and highly placed persons. I sincerely hope that the issues discussed will be given consideration by our Governments.” Delegate 14.

Box 1: Sample Comments by Delegates: Post Seminar Evaluation Survey (ctd)

“Generally, it was a good seminar, but it shouldn't end there. We should see to it that the policies are implemented.” Delegate 15.

“AfDB must deeply work with Governments and Regional organizations to plan a sustainable workplan for healthcare System in Africa and specially, how to address disease with our own solutions and medical professionals.” Delegate 16.

“This good work must continue until it results in concrete and tangible action”. Delegate 17

“There should be urgent assessment of the role of the policy makers during the CORVID 19 infection. Of particular attention is the assessment of effect of the palliatives at all tiers of government.” Delegate 18.

“Periodic holding of this seminar on prevalent infection in African Countries is recommended. Delegate 19.

“Very interesting discussion. The length of time spent was too much. It will be good to make the discussions shorter or split the sections into different days. The overall time for the seminar was too long”. Delegate 20.

“This has been a very productive and an eye opener experience. Thank you for this timely work. I learned a great deal. Well-presented issues looking beyond this current pandemic” Delegate 21.

“[...] My name [REDACTED] from Somalia and I am very glad to participate this useful seminar. And I request you to share me all the trainings that will be facilitate this institution”. Delegate 22.

“It was a rich discussion and great opportunity. However, I would like presentation materials to be sent to delegates via mail and if possible, present them with evidence of participation. Time management is also very important. It took so much time to finish. Irrespective of the richness of discussion, time should be strictly observed. Data and time are resources committed by the delegates. This can discourage people. Thanks.” Delegate 23.

Conclusion:

Overall, the Delegates value the G-CoP seminars as consider it impactful especially with regard to synthesising knowledge in the policy themes covered. Majority of the Delegates noted that they are likely to use the recommendations of the G-CoP seminar in national policy making. Some delegates recommend that the number of Panelsists could be further streamlined and time

management could be improved. Many delegates requested that the power point presentation used to set the scene for the dialogue should be shared with Delegates.

The G-CoP thanks the Partners, Speakers and Delegates for their continued participation and proactive engagement in the G-CoP seminars. The amount of time and quality of the think pieces we received confirm the level of commitment placed on the policy themes discussed. We will work hard to improve on the areas identified.

Annex1: Summary Statistics from the Post-seminar Evaluation Survey

Figure 1: The Relevant was the Panel/team and the discussions

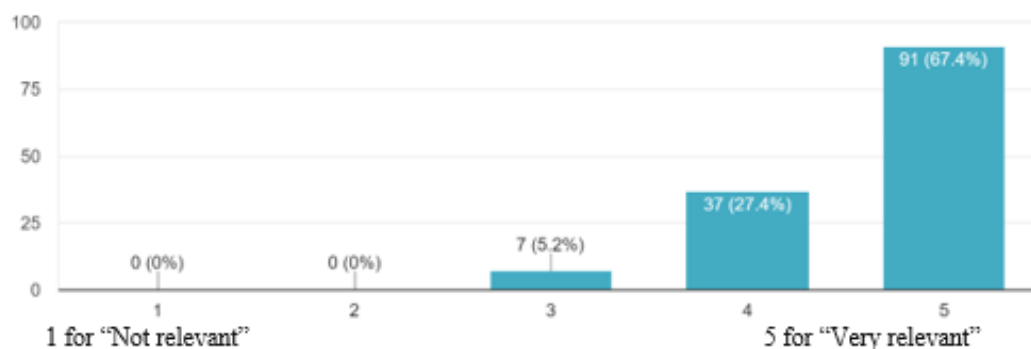


Figure 2: The likelihood of using the outcomes in policy process in one own country

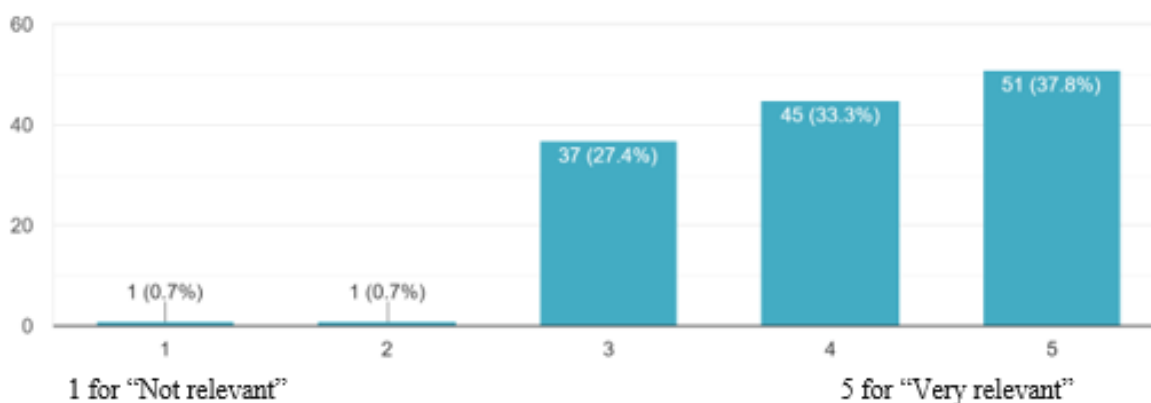


Figure 3: Rating of Quality of Panellist; Quality of discussion, and Quality of seminar Moderation

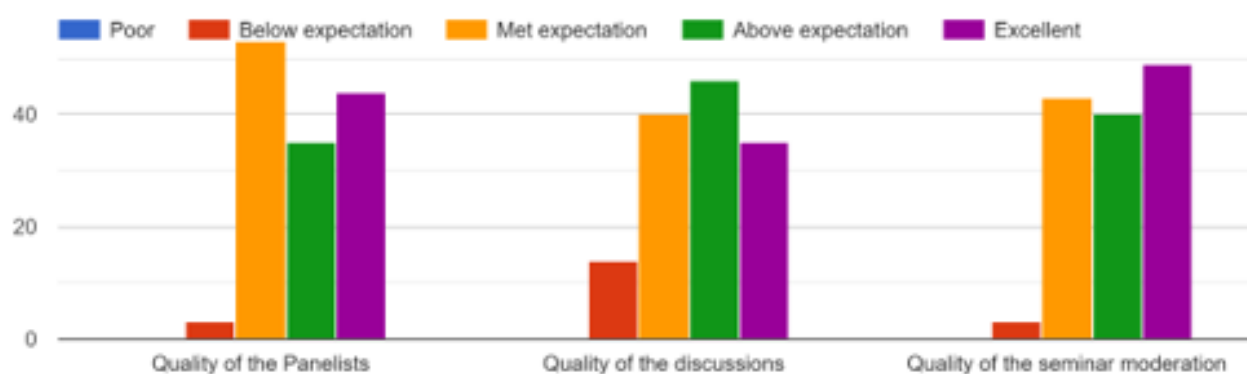


Figure 4: Likelihood of recommending member of ones' network to the G-CoP seminar(s)

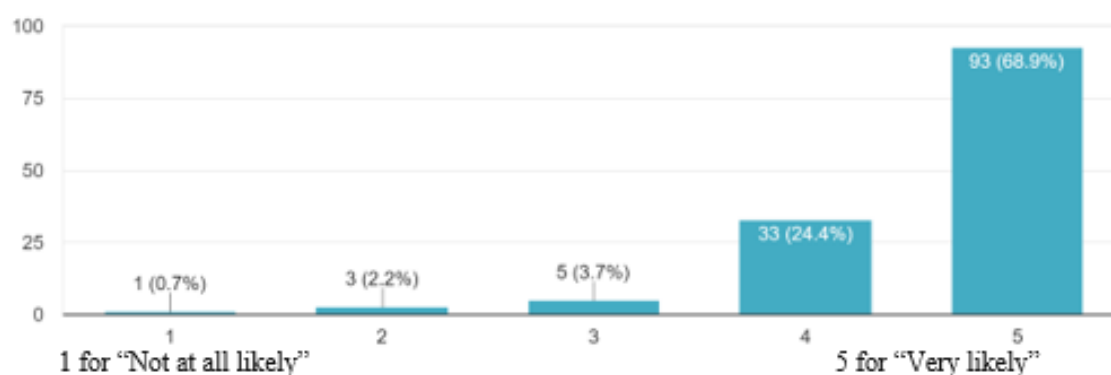


Figure 5: Overall quality of the seminar "1" for "Poor" and "10" for 'Excellent'"

