



**Pro MHI Africa**  
EU-African University Network to strengthen  
community-based micro health insurance

# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Conference of the network Pro MHI Africa “Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa” - December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 in Lilongwe, Malawi -**

Pro MHI Africa is an EU-African university network consisting of a multifaceted team of researchers from four universities in Botswana, Germany, Ghana and Malawi aiming at analysing the potential, efficiency and sustainability of Micro Health Insurance in the three cooperating African countries. Within the two year project, the Pro MHI Africa team has been conducting a comparative household survey in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi and at the same time developing common teaching and training modules in the field of Micro Health Insurance for university students as well as microinsurance practitioners. Furthermore, a common Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa will be published.

**For further information please visit:**  
[www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org](http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org)

### **Objectives of the Final Conference of Pro MHI Africa in Lilongwe**

The international Pro MHI Africa team will hold a final conference at the end of its two year project in December 2009 in Lilongwe. The conference will constitute a platform for various microinsurance stakeholders in Africa and worldwide. Main objectives are the following:

#### **I Presentation of common Project outcomes**

Common research results and general outcomes of the two year project will be presented at the conference and hence new information on the potential, efficiency and sustainability of Micro Health Insurance in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi will be disseminated. This presentation will form the basis for an open discussion on these topics. New evidence was gathered mainly within qualitative research as well as in the context of an extensive comparative household survey conducted in Botswana, Ghana and Malawi in 2008 and 2009.

#### **II Insurance Education in Malawi and Best Paper Award**

A further aim of the conference is to raise awareness on Micro Health Insurance in Malawi as the common spread of micro health insurance units has not entered Malawi yet. Besides a presentation of the main research results of the Pro MHI Africa project in Malawi the winners of the Malawian Best Paper Award will be proclaimed. Furthermore, a round table with important stakeholders in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Malawi is intended to discuss further steps as well as initiate the establishment of a national network between potential micro health insurance practitioners, researchers and supporters in Malawi.

### **III Exchange and Dissemination of latest research results on Micro Health insurance in Africa**

The Pro MHI Africa team would like to bring together national and international microfinance, microinsurance and micro health insurance experts in the context of the final conference to initiate a common discussion about the status of Micro Health Insurance in Africa. Therefore, several authors of the official Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa will join the conference and present their papers as well as conduct interactive workshops on specific topics.

**Please note:** Pro MHI Africa is still searching for contributions to the Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa. The official CALL FOR PAPERS remains open until **15<sup>th</sup> of July!** Accepted papers are supposed to be presented at the conference as well.

For further information on the call for papers:

[http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/call\\_for\\_papers.html](http://www.microhealthinsurance-africa.org/call_for_papers.html)

**Registration** is possible online and per fax, please use the attached registration form and send it to [lisa-marie.rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de](mailto:lisa-marie.rohrdantz@uni-koeln.de) or fax it to the following number: +49-221-4705064

Registration will remain open **until 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2009!**

**The Conference fee will be MWK 2500 (citizens of Malawi) or € 50 (internationals).** The registration fee can be waived for Malawians and Internationals, who demonstrate need. This fee in part covers lunch and tea as well as one common dinner.

#### **Conference Venue:**



#### **Malawi Institute of Management Campus**

Kanengo off Kasungu road

Lilongwe, Malawi

[www.mim.co.mw](http://www.mim.co.mw)

Regarding hotel reservations and access to the conference venue, please feel free to contact Dr. Winford Masanjala: [wmasanjala@chanco.unima.mw](mailto:wmasanjala@chanco.unima.mw) or [economics@chanco.unima.mw](mailto:economics@chanco.unima.mw), Phone: +265-999425100 or +265-1951135, Fax: +265-1525021.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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**The Pro MHI Africa team is looking forward to your participation!**



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**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**

**Session I: Challenges of Micro Health Insurance in Africa**

[Introduction to Micro Health Insurance in Africa and presentation of the project Pro MHI Africa]

**Session II: Insurance Education**

[Presentation of handbook papers and evidence-based project outcomes]

- Awareness Raising and Insurance Literacy
- Presentation of developed Teaching and Training Materials
- Implementation of Teaching and Training Materials
- Pro MHI Africa Handbook of Micro Health Insurance in Africa and developed teaching and training modules

**Day 2: Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009**

**Session I: Internal Conditions of Micro Health Insurance**

- Feasibility and Sustainability of Micro Health Insurance
- Setting up a Micro Health Insurance Scheme
- Development of Micro Health Insurance Products
- Management and Governance of Micro Health Insurance

**Session II: External Context of Micro Health Insurance**

- Micro Health Insurance and public health
- The role of networks, umbrella organisations and federations
- The Role of Reinsurance

**Session III: Micro Health Insurance in Malawi**

- The potential of Micro Health Insurance in Malawi
- Proclamation of winners of Best Paper Award and presentation of their papers
- Round Table and set up of national Micro Health Insurance Network

**General Outlook and Conclusions**



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**Registration Form**

- Herewith I would like to register as a participant for the Conference of the network Pro MHI Africa on “Lessons learnt and lessons to learn in the field of Micro Health Insurance in Africa”

<b>Name:</b>	
Organisation:	
Country:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Website:	

I will join:

- the whole conference  
 day one only     lunch  
 day two only     lunch  
 reception day one  
 I am vegetarian  
 I apply for a waiver of the conference fee (please add justification)

Place and date

Signature

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The conference fee has to be paid in advance by using bank transfer to the following bank account:

**National Bank of Malawi**

P.O Box 13, Zomba

A/c Name: Pro-MHI Project; A/c N°: 0141137155500

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