

Dear members and delegates

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this epochal conference that marks the Golden Anniversary of our Association.

Over its lifetime, KMA has weathered numerous storms, the latest being the tumultuous relationship between our members and their employers over the past five years. We have also made huge strides in achieving our mandate as the voice of the doctor and the advocate of the public's right to the highest standard of health care in this country.

This conference also marks a decisive moment for the health sector in this country, focusing as it does on Universal Health Coverage.

It has long been KMA's position that all Kenyans need to have access to health services without dropping further into poverty as a result of disease and ill health.

We are hopeful that at the end of this Conference we shall be able to advise the government and other players on what our vision for UHC looks like, and the steps we need to take in order to actual use it.

We are confident that KMA will continue to play a leading role in the attainment of UHC in the country, and that our regular high level engagement will serve to keep all players accountable in this goal.

Our annual conferences are not just meant to be dull scientific affairs full of drudgery and toil. We welcome members to sample the hospitality package put together by our Coast Division, to interact with colleagues, and to see to each others' welfare pursuant to our commitment to physician wellness as well.

Karibuni pwani tukisherehekea miaka hamsini ya KMA!

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