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## News Release

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**The Sudan Sepsis Alliance hosts International Sepsis Conference and is given a prestigious GSA Award by the [Global Sepsis Alliance](#).**

**The Khartoum resolution was produced - Sudan has agreed to host a conference of African Ministers of Health to discuss a joint strategy for Africa. African countries are urged to develop a similar program to tackle sepsis.**

Over 700 doctors, nurses, pharmacists, allied health professionals and students met at the international sepsis conference organised by the Sudanese Sepsis Alliance on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, in Khartoum. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities for improving sepsis care in Sudan and Africa. They also discussed achievements and what needs to be done to improve prevention, recognition, treatment and rehabilitation. A preconference meeting was also held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, and chaired by Professor Mamoun, Khartoum State Minister of Health.

Most of the participants were from Sudan, however, other African countries such as Nigeria, Djibouti, and Kenya were represented. Representatives from the Global Sepsis Alliance and African Sepsis Alliance were also present.

We would like to highlight the following:

1. The Sudanese Sepsis Alliance was given a prestigious [GSA Award](#). This award recognises all the work they have done to improve sepsis prevention, recognition, and treatment in Sudan.
2. A Khartoum resolution was agreed to arrange a conference of African Ministers of Health to develop a joint strategy and plan for sepsis improvement in Africa. Professor Mamoun agreed to sponsor and host the conference within 12 months and in collaboration with the African Union. [Access Khartoum Resolution \(PDF\)](#).

Professor Konrad Reinhart, Chair of the Global Sepsis Alliance, said “This is a great achievement for Sudan and the African Continent. Sudan is leading the world in sepsis improvement and other African countries should learn from it”

**We urge you to sign the Kampala Declaration and support sepsis improvement in Africa. Everybody in Africa has a right to survive sepsis. Please [sign the declaration](#) and visit [www.AfricanSepsisAlliance.org](http://www.AfricanSepsisAlliance.org)**

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## Notes to Editors

1. Sepsis is a life-threatening condition caused the immune system's over-reaction to an infection. It causes vital organ failure and results in death.
2. There are an estimated 30 million cases of sepsis and 6 million deaths every year worldwide. It is probably the most important preventable cause of death worldwide.
3. Africa is the continent with the highest burden of infection and expected to have the highest number of deaths due to sepsis.
4. The World Health Assembly passed a resolution to improve prevention, recognition and treatment of sepsis in May 2017.
5. The African Sepsis Alliance produced the Kampala declaration in October 2017 urging African countries and stakeholders to work together to improve management of sepsis and severe illness in Africa.
6. The African Sepsis Alliance's mission is to lead reduction of deaths and suffering as a result of sepsis in Africa. Everybody in Africa has a right to survive sepsis. We work with national and local governments, voluntary, and community organisations.

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