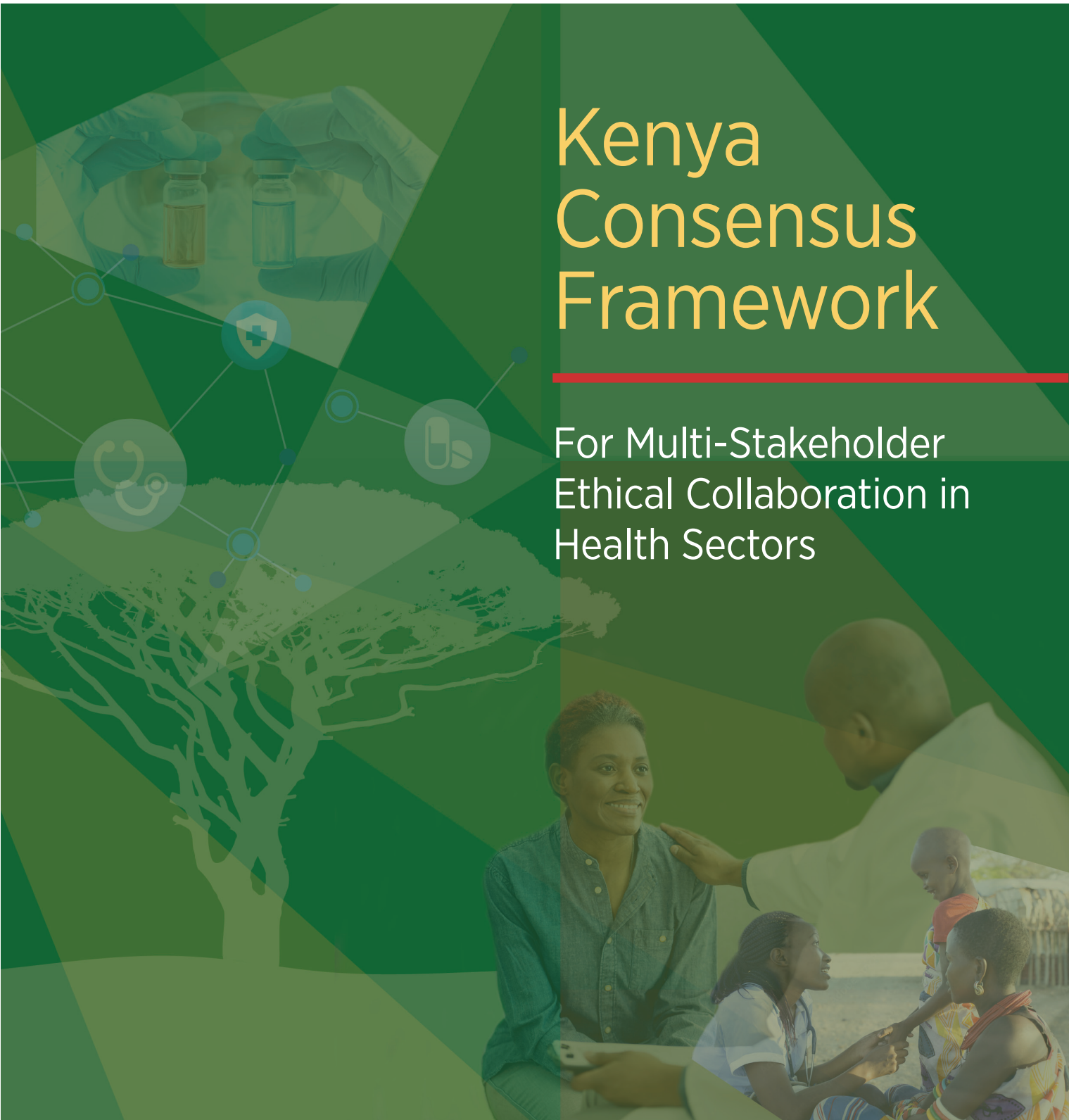


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In Nairobi, on 27 October 2022, the undersigned representatives of their respective associations and civil society entities (“Adherents”), with the support of, and endorsement by, public sector agencies who participate in the health system of Kenya, hereby establish the first Consensus Framework for Multi-Stakeholder Ethical Collaboration in Health Sectors in Africa. We agree and recognize the following principles and norms that aim to promote the health and safety of Kenyan patients.

### THE ADHERENTS RECOGNIZE:

- The fundamental role that all stakeholders serve in strengthening the Kenyan Health System;
- The need for diverse stakeholders in the health value chain in Kenya to interact with each other in order to promote patient welfare;
- That each stakeholder may engage in interactions that could lead to potential conflicts of interest and/or confront other ethical dilemmas that must be addressed through the adoption and effective implementation of codes of ethics;
- International principles for ethical conduct in health sectors, such as Ethical Principles in Health Care (EPIHC)<sup>1</sup> and International Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration<sup>2</sup> as well as recognition of regional principles such as the APEC Mexico City and Kuala Lumpur Principles<sup>3</sup>, and utilize these principles for ethical conduct in the adoption and effective implementation of our codes of ethics; and
- The role that good regulatory practices, regulatory convergence, public and private use of international standards and the primacy of respect for the rule of law have in supporting transparent, participative, and effective public administration of health systems and markets.

### THE ADHERENTS AGREE TO:

1. Promote ethical decision-making and collaborative relationships grounded in putting patients first, integrity, independence, transparency, legitimate intent, accountability, and advancement;
2. Encourage dialogue, trust, and respect between health stakeholders;
3. Promote the development, alignment, and effective implementation of codes of ethics and integrity systems by all health stakeholders, to be consistent with Kenyan laws and best international practices;
4. Develop health sectors-specific awareness, education and training programs on ethics and compliance, including codes of ethics, legislation and regulation, and other standards;
5. Communicate and spread the codes of ethics to members, constituents, third parties, patients, and the public to facilitate their understanding;
6. Promote good regulatory practices, regulatory convergence, public and private use of international standards, and rule of law to advance transparency and integrity;
7. Encourage the continuous incorporation of new adherents to the Consensus Framework over time; and
8. Review these commitments on an annual basis after its signature.

<sup>1</sup>Ethical Principles in Health Care (EPIHC): <https://www.epihc.org/principles>

<sup>2</sup>International Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration: <https://www.ifpma.org/subtopics/consensus-framework-for-ethical-collaboration/>

<sup>3</sup>APEC Mexico City and Kuala Lumpur Principles: <https://mcprinciples.apec.org/initiatives/setting-best-practices/mexico-city-principles/> | <https://klprinciples.apec.org/initiatives/setting-best-practices/kuala-lumpur-principles/>

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### Adherents

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Non-communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya (NCDAK)

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Kenya Medical Association (KMA)

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Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK)

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Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (KAPI)

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Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF)

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Association of Public Health Officers Kenya (APHOK)

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Community Health Services & Development Officers Association  
(CHESOA)

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Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN)

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Federation of Kenya Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers (FKPM)

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Hospital Pharmacists Association of Kenya (HOPAK)

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Kenya Association of Muslim Medical Professionals (KAMMP)

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Kenya Dental Association (KDA)

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Kenya Health Professionals Society (KHPS)

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Kenya Medical Women's Association (KMWA)

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Kenya Pharmaceutical Association (KPA)

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Medical Technology Industry Association of Kenya (MEDAK)

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National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNA-Kenya)