

Anne Musuva EV 2014

My name is Anne Musuva, a health systems specialist. I participated in the EV venture in 2014, and was part of the closing plenary of the HSG conference in 2014. I am passionate about the EV network, as I have been a beneficiary of this program. I have also supported the EV venture by participating in the Communication committee in 2016 and being a course facilitator for the Virtual EV program in 2020. I would like to contribute to strengthening the EV network as a board member representing the Africa region.

How to Strengthen the EV network

The EV network has grown significantly and is now recognized by the Health Systems global community. For the next venture, I would propose that we continue with some great initiatives such as the virtual learning program, the face to face learning programs and the partnerships with various learning institutions. I propose to strengthen the EV network by introducing the following:

1. Mentorship program

We now have notable EV alumni who are now *Emerged Voices* with a lot of experience in their specific disciplines. Some of these include Seye Abimbola, Shakira Choonara and many others. I believe these “emerged voices” would be happy to give back to the EV program through mentoring upcoming EVs. The mentees would be able to tap into the existing knowledge, skills and experience of the alumni in order to advance their careers. The mentors would be able to grow in leadership as they would need to teach, motivate and to offer feedback to mentees. Willing mentors and mentees could sign up for the mentorship program and be matched based on specific areas of interest. The mentorship program can take place after the face to face learning program and the HSR conference.

2. Sustainability

In order to ensure the sustainability of the Emerging Voices program, I propose strengthening collaborations with Research and Learning Institutions and Governments who can co-sponsor EVs from their countries to attend the EV program. We can also partner with donors and foundations and other institutions to help build up an Endowment fund to ensure sustainability of the program.