

News from South Sudan

10th East African Health and Scientific Conference



Participants at the Conference (Credit: Office of the Vice President and Chair Service Delivery Cluster)

The conference, held in Juba from 25th to 27th June 2025 under the theme “Addressing Health Priorities and Advancing the East African Health Agenda,” served as a regional platform for scientists, researchers, policymakers, and development partners to tackle pressing health challenges.

It was attended by over 300 participants from East African Community (EAC) member states and marked a significant step forward in strengthening regional health cooperation.

Her Excellency Josephine Lagu Yanga, Vice President and Chair of the Service Cluster, South Sudan emphasized the need to leverage the knowledge and discoveries from the conference. She highlighted their potential for vaccine development, enhanced disease detection, and improved supply chain management.

Vice President Yanga said the event aligned with the African Union’s Agenda 2063, which aims to achieve universal healthcare across the continent; and she outlined efforts to strengthen South Sudan’s health system, including training medical workers and expanding digital infrastructure, but noted that many citizens still face high healthcare costs due to limited access.

Hon. Minister Sarah Cleto Rial, Minister of Health of the Republic of South Sudan, said the event comes as the region grapples with outbreaks of Ebola and cholera and that it is crucial to share solutions to infectious diseases, maternal health, and climate-related health risks. She strongly advocated for investment in digital health innovations, strengthening outbreak detection frameworks, and boosting regional scientific research.

Hon. Minister and Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, Beatrice Askul Moe, noted that the presence of numerous countries from the region at this event served as a testament to Juba’s safety and its capability to host major international events. She added that Juba is ready for the world, and this conference truly showcased the spirit of regional cooperation and collective commitment to achieving global health targets.

It is planned to publish abstracts and papers from this conference in a future issue of the South Sudan Medical Journal.

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