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Physicians' Association of South Sudan admitted as the 7th member body of the East, Central and Southern African College of Physicians (ECSACOP)



PASS members during Diabetes Symposium in Juba, South Sudan, in May 2025.

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The East, Central, and Southern African College of Physicians (ECSACOP) Council, during its meeting held during the 10th annual ECSACOP conference in Mombasa on 28th August 2025, approved the admission of the Physicians' Association of South Sudan (PASS) as a Member body of ECSACOP. South Sudan became the seventh Member of the College.

This success came as a result of efforts and engagement with the College over the past two years. This admission comes with many opportunities for South Sudan, especially in areas of postgraduate training, scientific exchange, as well as research collaboration.

Subject to confirmation of satisfactory training facilities at Juba Teaching Hospital (JTH) following a formal inspection by an ECSACOP team in the near future, JTH will be granted the status of an ECSACOP fellowship training centre. Dr. Eluzai Hakim, Consultant Physician and International Adviser to the Royal College of Physicians, London, on South Sudan, gave an hour-long lecture via ZOOM on 6th September, 2025 on how to structure the training programme for members of the South Sudan Physicians Association. The Executive Committee of the Physicians' body is now working on setting up a training committee and hopes to reach out to Epsom and Saint Helier University Hospitals Trust in London for support with this process.

After successfully fulfilling the ECSACOP requirements and setting up the necessary training infrastructure at JTH, the South Sudan General Medical Council will be invited for the accreditation process prior to commencement of the fellowship programme.