

**AIM****ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MUTUALITE**

**Report from the AIM Secretariat about  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum of La Concertation,  
29 September – 1 October 2009, Cameroon**

## **La Concertation celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> Forum in Cameroon**

From 29 September until 1 October the Forum of La Concertation met in Yaoundé, Cameroon. It was its 5th edition since its creation in 1998.

The Forum's theme was "10 years mutuality in Africa: reality, tendencies and challenges". During two days, about 400 participants from 18 African countries exchanged experiences, discussed health and access issues in a variety of workshops. Main issues for discussions were the conditions and functioning of healthcare mutuals, the role of mutuals in making healthcare accessible and universal healthcare coverage. The Forum took place with the support of the platform of promoters, of which AIM is a member.



### **Declaration of Yaoundé: Recognition of mutuals as adequate answer to local healthcare needs**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Forum of La Concertation has adopted the declaration of Yaoundé, calling for recognition of healthcare mutuals as an adequate response to local healthcare challenges. The participants, in their declaration, urged national governments to take all necessary initiatives to ensure the information provision, the promotion and the development of healthcare mutuals.

Specifically, the Declaration calls international agencies to continue their financial support and engagement in the development of mutuals in Africa.

## **Union Africaine de la Mutualité formalises structures and work**

On 2 October 2009, the Board of the Union Africaine de la Mutualité (UAM) met to discuss and to decide about the future functioning of the young association. At a session in Yaoundé, to which the Moroccan Ambassador to Cameroun assisted, the Board re-affirmed its interest in the Union and the future co-operation. It not only re-affirmed the Presidency of Mr. Abdelmoula Abdelmoumni, it also installed a Permanent Secretariat in Morocco and nominated Mrs Nadia Semlali as its Director.



*Board members  
of UAM together  
with the  
Moroccan  
Ambassador at  
a cocktail after  
the meetings*



### **Moroccan Abdelmoumni continues as a President of the Union Africaine de la Mutualité**

Mr. Abdelmoula Abdelmoumni has been confirmed as President of the Union Africaine de la Mutualité (UAM). His election came after Mr. Mohammed El Farrah left office earlier this year and who has held the Presidency since the creation of UAM in 2007.

Abdelmoula Abdelmoumni had been elected President of MGPAP, as a successor to Mr. Mohammed El Farrah, in June this year.

## MGEN, MFP and FNMF join forces in La Concertation

MGEN and MFP will merge their representation in La Concertation. As from 1 January 2010, FNMF will be a member and represent MGEN and MFP. FNMF has always attended La Concertation meetings as an observer.

With FNMF, La Mutualité Socialiste/Socialistische Mutualiteiten (B) is a member of La Concertation. AIM is also a promotor and has in the Forum its own representation.

At the occasion of the Forum, the promoters of La Concertation met for their General Assembly. Main discussion points were the way forward and the extension of the platform of promoters.

### AIM well represented at 5<sup>th</sup> Forum in Yaoundé

The Association Internationale de la Mutualité has been well represented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum of La Concertation.

Alain Coheur (President ICC) is the President of La Concertation. Jean-Philippe Huchet (Vice-President) and Marcel Smeets (Director-general) were invited as speakers at the opening session on 29 September 2009. Philippe Swennen (Project-director ICC) also assisted to the meetings.

In its Working programme 2009-2011 AIM has chosen for a more active and visible stance in the non-European regions of the membership



For AIM, La Concertation is a means to support and to develop mutuality in Africa. By participating in La Concertation, AIM gives form to its missions and objectives.

Since the creation of La Concertation, AIM has been a member of the platform of promoters and also for 2010, AIM has re-confirmed its engagement as a promoter.

## La Concertation 10 years of cooperation in Africa

La Concertation is a coalition of agencies and development programs, informal economic organizations, healthcare mutuals and cooperative organizations, civil society, and national public structures. It works at a regional level by organizing activities which assist in broadening social protection while at the same time sharing the same vision, values and common principles.

La Concertation has been created in April 1999 and been promoted by AIM, UNMS, MGEN, MFP, WSM, GTZ, USAID, and AWARE.

For more information about La Concertation see [www.concertation.org](http://www.concertation.org).



## CALENDAR OF NEXT AIM MEETINGS 2009

- 16 October 2009, Pharmaceutical Expert Group meeting, AIM, Brussels
- 19 October 2009, HC System Reform group, ANMC, Brussels
- 21 October 2009, AIM Presidium, AIM, Brussels
- 22 October 2009, BOD and Extraordinary GA, Bedford Hotel, Brussels
- 29-31 October, ICC and Gestarsalud Conference, Cartagena (CO)
- 16 November 2009, Expert panel EU Affairs, AIM, Brussels
- 17 November 2009, WG Disease management, MLOZ, Brussels
- 20-21 November WG Pensions, Lisbon
- 18 December 2009, Internal Audit Committee, Berlin

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