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Subject: 2018 Harvard Global Health Catalyst Summit Invitation and Award

Dear Mr. Dabney,

On behalf of the organizing committee we are writing to request the honor of your participation as a Keynote Speaker during the 2018 Harvard Global Health Catalyst (GHC) Summit taking place at **Harvard Medical School on May 25-27, 2018**. A key objective of the yearly summit is to catalyze the building/strengthening of high impact USA-Africa collaborations addressing the growing burden of cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs). In the past years, the summit has catalyzed collaborations to establish or support cancer centers and healthcare institutions in different African countries, supported education and training efforts to build human capacity needed to strengthen the healthcare systems, and established fecund research collaborations, along with disease prevention and advocacy programs. Besides creating a leading yearly forum focused on building global health collaborations, the Harvard GHC also focuses on the use of advanced information and communication technologies to support these collaborations, with unprecedented engagement of the diaspora in turning brain drain into global health gain.

We would be honored by your participation as keynote speaker during the Phytomedicines Session on May 26th 2018. This will provide an opportunity to share about your leading work and that of the CBIS consortium partner institutions in Africa towards closing the cancer and pain divide. The feedback from healthcare professionals and government leaders in Africa has been highly positive in recognizing this work towards reducing global health disparities and promoting development. **To recognize these impactful efforts, your bold vision and ground-breaking collaborations with African country institutions, the organizing committee has voted to present you with the 2018 Harvard GHC Industry Leader award.** Congratulations! Other highlights of this year's summit include: 1) launch of a telemedicine platform to support oncology health professionals and institutions in Africa in administering world-class care to cancer patients with involvement of thousands of healthcare professionals and young advocates; 2) launch of new African phytomedicines initiative that advances African development and contribution to global health; 3) scale-up of the ongoing education and training program including online learning in partnership with AORTIC.

Overall, participants at the Harvard summit come from all across North America, Europe, Africa, and other low and middle-income countries interested in advancing disease prevention and control towards eliminating global health disparities. Participants also include leaders from the World Health Organization or International Health Agencies, industry, World Bank, African country Ministers, Ambassadors, hundreds of Diaspora organization leaders, religious institution leaders, and Sports celebrity advocates, amongst others.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to welcoming you to Harvard Medical School for this premier yearly event.

Sincerely,



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