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Abstract: Professional Associations for BioMedical/ Clinical Engineering professionals in sub-Saharan Africa have great potential, since the needs related to networking, continuous professional development and advocacy at (inter) national level is needed to advance the profession, retain competent people and improve healthcare delivery. The Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET) has organized a Needs Assessment workshop in which 16 African countries participated. This round table seeks interaction to explore the ways mature associations and experienced individuals can collaborate in increasing the visibility and success of African Associations.

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