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The ANDI Board concludes its 5th meeting, Elects a New Chairperson



22 November, 2015 (Nairobi, Kenya): The Board of the African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation (ANDI) has concluded its 5th meeting in Nairobi, Kenya with the election of Dr. Tshinko Ilunga as its new Chairperson. The election of Dr. Ilunga comes as ANDI refocuses its work and rolls out a strategy for the next five year (2016 – 2020). This also comes as ANDI holds its 5th Stakeholders meeting in Nairobi with hundreds of participants from all over the world.

Dr. Tshinko Ilunga is one of the founding experts and longtime advocate of ANDI. His involvement dates back to 2009, when he worked with colleagues from several



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African institutions, policy makers, international partners and World Health Organization to support the establishment of ANDI. Accepting the election, Dr. Ilunga said “I would like to express my gratitude to the Board for the opportunity they give me to serve them.” He also added that this appointment would be a ‘continuation of his long-term involvement with ANDI and an opportunity to provide leadership in implementation of ANDI’s new strategy.’

He highlighted that, ANDI has reached a momentum that all stakeholders would like to maintain and elevate to new heights. Indeed after successfully overcoming transition challenges from Geneva to Addis Ababa and supporting a number of projects and initiatives over the past few years, ANDI is now set on a solid ground for scaling up its activities.

Dr. Ilunga highlighted that ANDI has been effectively working with its Centres of Excellence (CoEs), and it will continue to ensure that these centres are the bases to take the ANDI operations further to the future. In so doing, local bright African minds will be supported to network among themselves and to partner with non-African researchers in order to bring their technologies to the market. This will contribute to strengthening health care delivery system in Africa.

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