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## GLOBAL ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL OFFICERS AND PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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### **STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, GACOPA On the Occasion of the 9th National Conference of Medical Assistants – Malaysia (NCMA 2025)**

On behalf of the Global Association of Clinical Officers, Physician Associates, and Analogues (GACOPA), I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Malaysian Association of Medical Assistants (MAMA) on the successful hosting of the 9th National Conference of Medical Assistants (NCMA 2025) in Kajang, Selangor.

The chosen theme, "Digital Revolution: Evolution of the Smart Medical Assistant," reflects a forward-looking vision that resonates with healthcare professionals globally. As digital innovation becomes central to health systems, MAMA's leadership in preparing Medical Assistants for this transformation is both timely and commendable.

We also note with appreciation that the Biennial Delegates Meeting has successfully taken place, further reinforcing MAMA's strong tradition of organizational leadership and continuity.

Though we could not be present in person, GACOPA remains fully aligned in purpose and spirit. We cherish our partnership with



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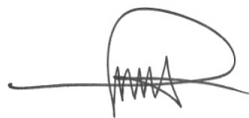
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MAMA and look forward to continued collaboration in advancing the mid-level health professions across borders.

In unity and professional solidarity, Dr. Austin Oduor Otieno  
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Yours sincerely,

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### 35 Country Practice titles in 68 Countries for our profession<sup>2</sup>

( *Credit IAPAE – LOOP initiative* )

1. **Asociado Médico** (AM): Puerto Rico
2. **Assistant Doctor** (AD): China
3. **Assistant General Practitioner** (AGP): China
4. **Assistant Medical Officer** (AMO): Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Malaysia
5. **Attaché de Santé** (AS): Burkina Faso
6. **Attaché de Santé en Chirurgie** (ASC): Burkina Faso
7. **Baga Emch**: (BE) Mongolia
8. **Clinical Associate** (ClinA): Malawi, South Africa
9. **Clinical Health Officer** (CHO<sup>1</sup>): Somaliland
10. **Clinical Officer** (CO): Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Botswana
11. **Community Based Physician Assistant** (CBPA): Vietnam
12. **Community Health Assistant** (CHA): Sierra Leone
13. **Community Health Officer** (CHO<sup>2</sup>): Nigeria, Sierra Leone
14. **Community Health Scientist** (CHS): Nigeria
15. **Community Health Technician** (CHT<sup>1</sup>): Sierra Leone
16. **Community Health Technologist** (CHT<sup>2</sup>): Nigeria
17. **Doctor Assistant** (DA): Botswana
18. **Feldsher** (FS): Bulgaria, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Ukraine
19. **Health Assistant** (HA): Nepal, Marshall Islands, Micronesia
20. **Health Extension Officer** (HEO): Papua New Guinea
21. **Integrated Emergency Surgical Officer** (IESO): Ethiopia
22. **Medic** (ME): Myanmar
23. **Medical Assistant** (MA): Bangladesh, Fiji, Malawi, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia
24. **Medical Associate** (MAss): Lao People's Democratic Republic
25. **Medical Clinical Officer** (MCO): Uganda
26. **Medical Extension Officer/Medex** (MEO): Bolivia, Brazil, Guyana, Marshall Islands, Micronesia
27. **Medical Licentiate** (ML): Zambia
28. **Physician Assistant** (PA): Afghanistan, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Cambodia, Germany, Ghana, Israel, Liberia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Poland, Saudi Arabia, [PA volunteer in Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti. Stopped in Taiwan. Potential in Japan & Thailand]
29. **Physician Associate** (PAss): American Samoa, England, Guam, India, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, U.S. Virgin Islands, United States, Wales
30. **Public Health Officer** (PHO): Ethiopia
31. **Sub-Assistant Community Medical Officer** (SACMO): Bangladesh



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- 32. **Techniques Paramédicales** (TP): Burundi
- 33. **Técnicos de Cirurgia** (TC): Mozambique
- 34. **Técnicos de Medicina Geral** (TMG): Mozambique
- 35. **Unlicensed Assistant** (UA) : South Korea

