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5th Annual CAMTech UGANDA Medtech Hack-a-thon

International competition to convene 250 participants to improve neonatal and maternal health at Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Mbarara, Uganda, 26 July 2017 – During the 5th Annual CAMTech UGANDA Medtech Hack-a-thon, clinicians, engineers, entrepreneurs, students and designers will spend 48 hours developing innovative medical technologies to improve neonatal and maternal health in resource-limited settings. On 26-27 August, more than 250 participants will organize at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) to collaborate with experts and innovate to improve neonatal and maternal health for patients around the world.

Participants will work around the clock to identify clinical challenges related to newborn and maternal health, form multi-disciplinary teams, prototype solutions and develop business models before presenting their ideas to an expert panel of judges reflecting CAMTech's cross-sector approach to innovation.

The Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies (CAMTech) is a global network of academic, corporate and implementation partners whose mission is to build entrepreneurial capacity and accelerate medical technology development through an open innovation platform. CAMTech innovators who come from public health, clinical medicine, engineering and business work with end-users in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). CAMTech UGANDA is administratively housed at MUST and supports local innovators to transform ideas into solutions that can revolutionize health outcomes for people living in Uganda and across the globe.

With support from Massachusetts General Hospital Global Health, RENU and the Uganda Communications Commission, CAMTech UGANDA organized the annual hack-a-thon to develop disruptive innovations that have the potential to achieve widespread public health impact. Prior to the hack-a-thon, CAMTech UGANDA will host a Clinical Summit on 25 August, featuring panel discussions with community health workers, midwives, nurses, pediatricians and obstetricians. Additionally, CAMTech UGANDA will organize visits to local clinical sites where participants can hear directly from healthcare workers about the challenges they face in delivering neonatal and maternal healthcare services.

CAMTech UGANDA will award the 2017 hack-a-thon winners over $2,000 USD ($6,702,400 UGX) in prize money:

Grand Prize: $782 USD ($2,500,800 UGX)

First Runner-Up: $625 USD ($2,000,000 UGX)

Second Runner-Up: $469 USD ($1,500,800 UGX)

Third Runner-Up: $219 USD ($700,800 UGX)

In addition to receiving prize money, CAMTech UGANDA will offer the three winning teams access to webinars and peer-to-peer learning engagements. Each winning team will also compete in a 90-day post-hack opportunity for membership in the CAMTech Accelerator Program (CAP). An initiative on the CAMTech Innovation Platform, the CAP provides milestone-based funding, a CAP Coach, participation in the CAP Cohort, expert match-making and six-months of acceleration support.

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About CAMTech UGANDA
CAMTech UGANDA is part of the Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies (CAMTech) and is administratively housed at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). CAMTech UGANDA has built an innovation ecosystem at MUST that includes monthly Innovation Cafés to discuss challenges in health and an Innovation Office that helps innovators transform their ideas into concepts. CAMTech UGANDA's Co-Creation Lab, a rapid prototyping facility, enables innovators to develop functional prototypes that have since attracted funding from various donor agencies and investment groups.

About CAMTech
The Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies (CAMTech) is a global network of academic, corporate and implementation partners based at the Massachusetts General Hospital. CAMTech's mission is to build entrepreneurial capacity and accelerate medical technology innovation to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries. CAMTech's approach enables co-creation where innovators across public health, engineering and business engage with end-users in low- and middle-income countries to develop disruptive medical technologies. Since 2012, CAMTech has brought together over 2,500 innovators from more than 500 clinical, academic and commercial organizations to participate in medtech hack-a-thons, award programs and entrepreneurial-building initiatives.

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