# HFN ACTIVITY REPORT

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Update on HFN activities including:

- a) Report on the Presidential Health Reform Committee Retreat
- b) Report on AfCFTA
- c) Letter to the Honorable Minister of Finance
- d) Letter to the Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
- e) HFN Marketplace

#### 2. Upcoming/proposed HFN events:

- a) AGM
- b) Election
- c) Conference
- d) 2023 Nigerian General Election: Presidential and Vice-Presidential Debate on the Health Sector



# HFN | Implementation Approach



**Promote HFNs role as the National voice of the private health sector** to shape public-private dialogue, influence policy and broker partnerships

**Build HFNs organizational and technical capacity** to serve its corporate membership and assist in growing the market for the private health sector in Nigeria.ca

Ensure adequate funding

Develop select Membership policies and specific Fee driven income streams:

# HFN ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES



### 2021 Activity Report

► Advocacy Visit to Central Bank of Nigeria, NIPC, and NEPZA



Issues discussed at CBN

- Maintaining the 5% interest rate on the CBN Healthcare intervention fund
- Access to funds for Pharmaceutical manufactures, Hospitals and other healthcare facilities,



Issues Discussed at NIPC

 Development of the Healthcare incentives for the Private Sector



#### Issues Discussed at NEPZA

 Implementation of the Gazetted Medical Special Economic Zones in Nigeria

## **Activity Report**

Advocacy visit to the Vice Presidency



#### Issues discussed

- HsCode
- Private sector Incentives
- CPR Legislation
- Clinical Governance
- PPP on Covid19 Vaccination



## Advocacy for 1st Responders



The Senate Committee on Health, chaired by Distinguished Senator Oloriegbe organized a public hearing on the National Emergency Services Agency Bill (24th June 2021).

Presenting a memorandum on behalf of the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, Dr Pamela Ajayi proposed an amendment for the inclusion of provisions for the protection of the First Responders to an emergency.

### Speaking Engagement

#### Legislative Summit on Universal Health Coverage(UHC)

HFN President spoke about the Critical need for Governments' strategic partnership with the private sector and CPR/Need for clear legislation absolving first responders at an RTA of responsibility, whilst assisting or giving CPR

While the Vice President of HFN spoke on Universal Health Coverage" and the need to leverage digital and mobile technology to achieve UHC





## Speaking Engagement

The President and Vice President of HFN speaking at the Life Science Technical working Group Discussion at the First Annual Trade and Investment Meeting between the Kingdom of Netherlands and Nigeria. Discussions were centered on standardisation of the Healthcare facilities in Nigeria as well as achieving UCH





### **Speaking Engagement**

HFN STERLING BANK WORKSHOP ON themed "Arming Nigeria against COVID19"



### 1st / 2nd Quarter 2022

#### **HFN BREAKFAST MEETING 2022**

Theme: Forging a New Paradigm

Guest Speaker: Senator Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe, Chairman Senate Committee on

Health

**Date: Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2022** 

The meeting had in attendance private sector key players and Associations. Presentations were made by the associations on the issues affecting them.

There was excellent media coverage.

A communique has since been drafted and a workplan created towards achieving the goals of the meeting. Currently there is a call for volunteers.





#### National Policy on Incentivizing Healthcare Service Delivery

National Stakeholders Meeting on the Draft National Policy on Incentivizing Healthcare Service Delivery

**Date: Feb 12th 2022** 

HFN in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and NIPC organized the stakeholders meeting to review the draft policy.

The Minister of State for Health Senator Dr. Mamora as well as, Chairman Senate Committee on Health Senator Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe were present. The Honorable Commissioner of Health Lagos State – Prof Akin Abayomi gave the keynote address and the event was attended by various dignitaries including the Commissioners of Health for Ogun, Kaduna, Ekiti, Bauchi, Ondo States.

There was excellent Media coverage.

HFN is working on a committee with the Ministry of Health, NIPC and World Bank to ensure it is passed.





#### **NEMSAS Public Signing of MoU**

# **National Emergency Medical Service and Ambulance System** (NEMSAS)

Date: 14th February 2022

Public Signing of Memorandum of Understanding. The Ministry of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the private sector and other stakeholders for the operationalistion of the National Emergency Medical Service and Ambulance System (NEMSAS).

HFN was represented by the President Dr. Pamela Ajayi and she was one of the panelist of event.





#### Africa Health Business Symposium

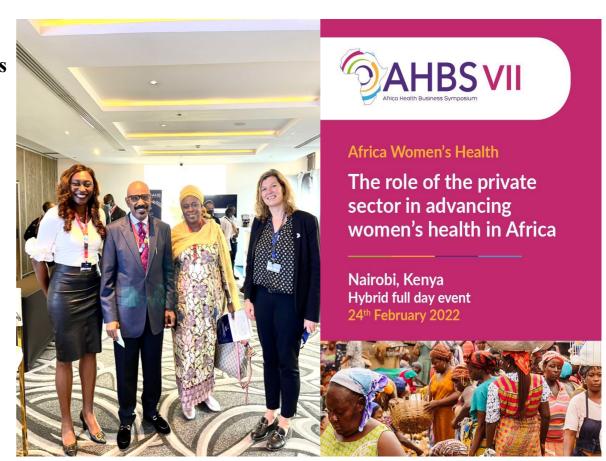
Theme:- The role of the private sector in advancing women's

health in African

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Venue:- Nairobi, Kenya

HFN was represented by the Vice President Mrs. Njide Ndili



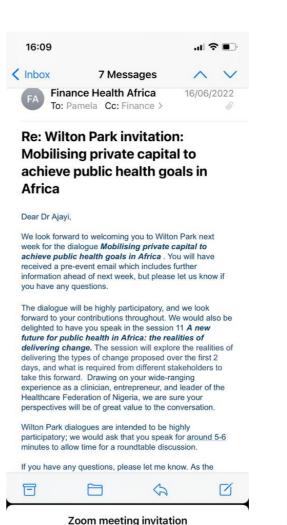
#### Wilton Park Meeting

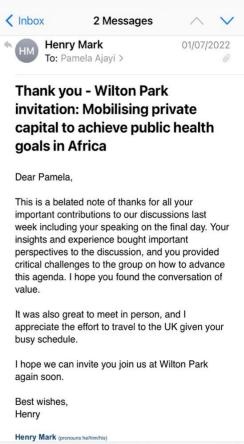
## PRIVATE CAPITAL TO ACHIEVE PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS

**Date: June 20th - 22nd 2022** 

HFN President Dr. Pamela Ajayi was invited to meet with other international organisations for a dialogue on mobilising Private Capital to achieve Public Health Goals in Africa.

The Vice President Mrs Njide Ndili was also there in her capacity as Country Director PharmAccess





#### Meeting on Incentivizing Healthcare Service Delivery

Purpose: "To Establish Procedures for the administration of Health Sector import concession":— Exemption of Life saving appliances from customs duty

**Date: June 30th 2022** 

The meeting which was held in the NIPC headquarters in Abuja. The meeting had in attendance, Representative from Customs, Ministry of Finance and NIPC.

#### **HFN Members present at the Meeting**

Dr. Pamela Ajayi (President of HFN), Dr. Jimi Coker (Lagoon Hospital), Dr. Ibrahim Wada (Nisa Premier Hospital), Dr. Seyi Oyeshola (Prime Technology Medical) and Kolapo Fapohunda (Publicity Secretary HFN).



# HFN in the News 1st / 2nd Quarter 2022









### 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022

#### **Health Financing Dialogue**

**Date: July 28th 2022** 

The dialogue which was Themed: New Health Financing Approaches in the Nigeria: Implementation of Sugar-sweetened Beverage(SSB) tax in Nigeria.

The Federation in partnership with Pharmaccess Foundation advocated for the SSB tax to be earmarked for the Health Sector. Further to the successful inclusion of SSB tax in the Finance bill following our Lobbying for the cause.

#### **HFN Members present at the Meeting**

Dr. Pamela Ajayi (President), Mrs Njide Ndili (Vice President) and Kolapo Fapohunda (Publicity Secretary HFN)



#### Medic West Africa 2022 – HFN Healthcare Leadership Conference

Theme: Leveraging disruption in healthcare - opportunities & challenges in technology

Date: 7th September 2022

**Panel discussion: The New NHIA** 

Keynote Speaker: Honorable Engr Mrs. Noimot Salako Oyedele, Deputy Governor, Ogun State, Nigeria.

Presentation of the Lancet Commission Report findings The Lancet & Financial Times Commission Governing Health Futures 2030: Growing up in a Digital World.



### Medic West Africa 2022 – HFN Healthcare Leadership Conference



The Deputy Governor of Ogun State giving the keynote speech



The President HFN Speaking the event



The President welcoming the Lagos State Commissioner of Health and The Deputy Governor of Ogun state

#### FOASPS Joint Learning Network

#### **FOASPS/USAID Grant**

**Date: October 26th – 28th 2022** 

Given the recent award of the USAID J2Su(Journey to sustainability) award to WAPFH/FOASPS, The FOASPS leadership organized the first JLN (Joint Learning Network) which aimed at integrating the process between WAPHF/FOAPS and country Federations.

The objective of the 2 days meeting was to:

- 1. Unify the federation
- 2. Build capacity across the country federations to access resources
- 3. Establish organizational capacity
- 4. Knowledge sharing among country federation





#### **International Cancer week 2022**

Theme:- Improving Diagnosis and Multidisciplinary Management

**Date: November 1st - 4th 2022** 

In creating awareness, the Cancer Society of Nigeria in collaboration with other stakeholders, organized the International cancer week 2022.

HFN was invited to speak at the event as panelist.

The Federation was represented by Dr. Pamela Ajayi (President) and Mr. Kolapo Fapohunda (Publicity Secretary).





### **Doctors For Change (DFC) Conference**

#### **Doctors For Change Conference**

19th November, 2022

HFN through the President urges Diaspora Doctors to contribute their expertise to Nigeria's Healthcare system at the Doctors for Change Conference in Lagos, Nigeria..





#### The Presidential Health Reform Committee

## Presidential Health Reform Committee Retreat in Abuja 28th November 2022

Presidential Health Reform Committee						
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The President was also co-opted into a subcommittee on Health Information Systems. Trustee Mrs. Clare Omatseye and Vice-President Njide Ndili were also present.



Dr. Amina Baloni, Commissioner of Health Kaduna State, Prof. Nasir Sambo DG NHIA, Prof Akin Abayomi Commissioner of Health Lagos state and Dr. Pamela Ajayi, President HFN at the ongoing Presidential Heath Reform Committee Retreat in Abuja.



The Vice-President of Nigeria, Prof. Yemi Oshibanjo giving a speech at the Presidential Health Reform Committee.

### **Other Speaking Engagements**







**Event: Afrihealth Expo Lagos 2022** 

Date: 9th November, 2022

The President spoke on a panel about Quality Healthcare Accessibility in Nigeria.

**Event: EY Healthcare Conference 2022** 

Date: 15th November 2022

Theme: Accelerating Access to Quality

Healthcare in Nigeria

**Event: Nigeria Healthcare Investment** 

**Forum 2022** 

Date: 16th November 2022

**Theme**: Enhancing Healthcare Investment in

**Emerging Markets** 

#### AfCFTA Strategy Implementation Review Version 1

AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) TECHNICAL REVIEW OF NIGERIA AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY VERSION 1

**Date: 2021** 

Healthcare Federation of Nigeria was chosen to represent the private healthcare sector by AfCFTA to provide its expertise specifically at the committee meeting on Health Services Export.





### **AfCFTA Strategy Implementation Review Version 2**

# AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) TECHNICAL REVIEW OF NIGERIA AfCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY VERSION 2

Date: 14th November 2022

Healthcare Federation of Nigeria participated in the review of the version 2 of the AfCFTA Strategy Implementation Plan.

HFN was represented by Dr Pamela (President), Lekan Asuni and Peter Egwuda (Programs Manager). The team contributed both at the trade in service and trade enablement sessions. Also, HFN submitted a position paper to the Director, Trade Services.





### Validation of the Nigeria AfCFTA Implementation Strategy

# Validation of the Nigeria AfCFTA Implementation Strategy

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** 

HFN represented by the President along with other trade experts validated Nigeria's implementation strategy under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA).

The implementation strategy, developed by the National Action Committee on AfCFTA (NAC), identifies priority actions to be undertaken by the Government of Nigeria to effectively realise the full benefits of the AfCFTA.





### Success! Health Services is a priority at AfCFTA

#### Travel & Tourism

- Travel, Personal, Education-related, Health related
- Travel, Business, Other (other than acquisition of goods and services by border and short-term workers)

#### **Business Services**

- Professional and management consulting services
- Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.

#### Health services

- Hospital services
- Medical (General & Specialised) & Dental Services
- Pharmaceutical services
- Other medical services (Nursing, Medical laboratory, diagnostic imaging, etc)

#### **Low Value Opportunities**

- -Category A or B Products (marked for liberalisation)
  - Current MFN Rate < 20%
- Global import by target country <\$1m p.a.

#### Transactional Opportunities

- -All other Category A or B Products with MFN rates >=20% (marked for liberalisation)
- -All other AfCFTA liberalised services
- Global import by target country of \$1m \$10m p.a.
- AfCFTA liberalised services with global import value >\$10m p.a. for target country



#### Letter to the Honourable Minister of Finance

- 1. Implementation of formal resolution of the output of collaborations between the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC), and the World Health Organisation ,regarding special corridors for expedited clearance of healthcare cargo imports/exports as well as the cooperation agreement between who and World Customs Organisation (WCO)
- 2. Creation of new harmonized system codes (H.S. Codes) and SUB-HS Codes/tariff line items to reflect technological advancements/innovation in medical science
- 3. Waiver of all duties, taxes and levies, including Value-Added Tax (VAT) waiver on the import of life-saving equipment, instruments and appliances



November 28, 2022

The Honourable Minister Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget, and National Planning, Headquarters, Abuia, FCT.

Attn.: Dr. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed

ASIN OF FINANCE ASIA

Dear Honourable Minister,

#### REQUEST TO ACTION CRITICAL FISCAL POLICY MEASURES IN NIGERIA'S HEALTHCARE SECTOR: AND REQUEST FOR AN URGENT MEETING ON THE SUBJECT-MATTER

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN) is the umbrella body for the healthcare eensystem in Nigeria, straddling medical,dental, medical laboratory, pharmaceutical, nursing, healthcare services, scademia, healthcare sector manufacturing, sector organized labour, and the like.

We write to request you to URGENTLY action the undelisted critical fiscal policy measures ro reposition Nigeria's healthcare sector for in line with Nigeria's international convention obligations and in consonance with current global innovation best practices to optimize domestic healthcare delivery and save lives:

I. IMPLEMENTATION OF FORMAL RESOLUTION OF THE OUTPUT OF COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCILCCCL. AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION REGARDING SPECIAL CORRIDORS FOR EXPEDITED CLEARANCE OF HEALTHCARE CARGO IMPORTS/EXPORTS AS WELL AS THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHO AND WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANISATION (WCO)

Find attached a copy of the Resolution of the Customs Cooperation Council on the Role of Customs in Facilitating the Cross-Border Movement of Situationally Critical Medicines and Vaccines, issued in December 2020, and which is yet to be adopted and implemented by Nigeria as a member of all three international organisations: CCC and WHO.

Also find attached the Updated Cooperation Agreement between WCO and WHO on Enhanced Trade Facilitation on Healthcare Sector Cargo Import/Export, which Nigeria is also yet to implement, despite Nigeria being a member of the WCO.

#### ACTIONS PROLIPED.

- Meeting with the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria to discuss the Resolution and Cooperation Agreement, and its beneficial implications for Nigeria and her healthcare sector
- Formal adoption of the Resolution and Cooperation Agreement by FMFBNP(Fiscal Policy Committee?)
- Directive from FMFBNP to the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) to immediately implement the Resolution and Cooperation Agreement.
- . Inclusion of these new fiscal policy measures in the Finance Act.
- A CREATION OF NEW HARMONITED SYSTEM CORES(II & CORES) AND SUBJECTABLEF LINE

# HFN Webinars:





Practical and Clinical Aspects of Telehealth for Health Professional in Nigeria



African Continental Free Trade Area: Implication and opportunities for the Private health Sector



Navigating Data Protection in the Health Sector: What Healthcare Professionals Need to know about NDPR



The HFN & Sterling Bank Partnership on Health Sector Finance



Status of Covid-19 Vaccines in Nigeria: Available options and Opportunities for Public Private Partnership



Emergency Stakeholders Meeting on Covid-19 Vaccination Roll-out



Healthcare Federation of Nigeria Healthcare Conference



The Role of Technology in Healthcare

# Upcoming/proposed HFN events:



#### **HFN Conference**

A two-day conference is being planned to hold on the 3rd and 4th of February 2023 which is the first weekend in the month of February 2023.

#### **Conference objectives**

The two main objectives of the conference are:

- The annual conference would provide an avenue be to raise funds for the HFN
- To drive the healthcare sector in Nigeria

#### **Venue**

• Harbour Point Hall

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### **THANK YOU**

