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HFN 2023 Mid-Year Newsletter

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NEWS OF HFN EXECUTIVES & ACTIVITIES

HFN New EXCO

On 3rd February 2023, the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Elections. A new set of Executive Committee members were elected to lead the affairs of the federation for the next 2 years. Dr. Pamela Ajayi (President) and Mrs. Njide Ndili (Vice-President) were re-elected unopposed. Mrs. Chinyere Okorocha was elected as Treasurer, Dr. Segun Ebitanmi as Secretary and Pharm. Abimbola O. Adebakin as Public Relations Secretary.



FOASPS/USAID Grant

The Executive team is happy to announce that the FOASPS/USAID Grant contract was signed on the 24th of February 2023.

Fédération Ouest Africaine du Secteur Privé de la Santé (FOASPS)/ West Africa Private Healthcare Federation (WAPHF) identified nine (9) country federation members as part of the J2Su (Journey Toward Sustainability) project.

HFN Secretariat

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria are in the process of securing an office space in Lagos that will serve as the permanent secretariat of the federation. Address will be communicated once finalised.



HFN ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria has undertaken several advocacy activities and submitted position papers to some government agencies in the first Half of 2023. Below are HFN advocacy activities for the first half of 2023:

On 15th February 2023, the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria went with key stakeholders of the private healthcare sector (GE, Emzor, JNCI, Nirropharm, etc.) and Dr Ngozi Azodoh, Director of Health Planning, Research and Statistics, Federal Ministry of Health for a meeting in Abuja with the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning. At the meeting, HFN presented a position paper on Fiscal Policy measures in Nigeria's Health Sector. The aim of the meeting was to request urgent action on critical fiscal policy measures to reposition Nigeria's healthcare sector 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. This engagement with the FMFBNP is still ongoing.

On 9th-10th and 16th-17th February 2023, the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria participated in a stakeholders forum on the development of Health Industries Corporation of Nigeria (HICON) Policy framework in Abuja and Lagos. Further to this, HFN submitted a position paper to the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment on the development of Health Industries Corporation of Nigeria (HICON).

On 28th February 2023, the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria submitted a memorandum to the National Health Insurance Authority on the the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) operational guidelines. Following HFN submission, NHIA has made HFN a committee member for the development of NHIA operational guidelines.



Communique/Report

Healthcare Federation of Nigeria communique/report of the 2023 Annual Conference and General meeting held on 3rd and 4th February 2023 in Lagos. The communique was circulated to all the persons who attended the conference, all HFN community groups and relevant government agencies. We believe that the recommendations in the communique/report would support the growth and development of the sector and achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all Nigerians.

[REPORT](#)



Meeting with MDCN

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria had a follow-up meeting with MDCN (Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria) on Diaspora Professionals. The discussion centered primarily on license issues and recommendations on possible resolutions to facilitate the reversal of brain drain and medical tourism. Dr Pamela informed the council that knowledge transfer/share through telemedicine was one of the models encouraged by HFN, and that HFN has been in discussions with the management of LUTH and LASUTH on promoting training with Teaching Hospitals.



HFN Diaspora Meeting

As part of the aim of HFN to work with Nigerian Health Professionals in Diaspora, meetings started in Atlanta Georgia, USA, and were also held in Birmingham, England and Sydney, Australia. Constructive discussions were held with diaspora Healthcare professionals who were keen to contribute to improving the quality of healthcare back home. They also asked HFN to play a role with assisting them to overcome obstacles and achieve this. During the events, a number of Nigerian Health Professionals in Diaspora registered as members of HFN.

Meetings with regional associations

The HFN team had meetings in Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire with the respective healthcare associations. In these meetings discussions were on the possibilities of partnership and collaboration between countries to improve the quality of healthcare within the region.



Courtesy call to AFCFTA

Following up on advocacy for health services to be made a priority sector in the Nigeria AfCFTA implementation strategy. On 1st June 2023, the HN team paid a follow-up visit to the recently appointed Secretary Nation Action Committee on African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA) in person of Mr. Olusegun Awolowo. Mr Awolowo invited HFN to be a key stakeholder for healthcare in the GTI (Guided Trade Initiative) aimed at facilitating trade for exporters by creating a clear trade path and enhancing economic cooperation.



1ST HALF YEAR EVENTS

1st HFN Annual Conference

The HFN 2023 Annual Conference, themed “Building the Healthcare of Our Future”, held on 3rd & 4th February 2023 at the Harbour Point, Victoria Island, Lagos and it addressed diverse issues affecting and limiting the growth of the health sector in Nigeria, from financing and investment to implementation of the New NHIA and its implications for HMOs, providers and employers, among others. The conference provided excellent opportunity for healthcare professionals, private healthcare providers, HMOs, health equipment manufacturers and healthcare sector investors to meet and network with other industry players. The conference was well attended by prominent stakeholders in the health sector which included The Honourable Minister of Health, Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Hon. Commissioner of Health Lagos State, among other reputable dignitaries.



[SEE PHOTOS](#)

Launch of the HFN Women Forum

The HFN Women Forum was launched on 4th February 2023 during the HFN Annual conference held in Lagos. The HFN women forum is a platform for women in the private health sector in Nigeria. The forum will make use of a combination of information, inspiration and provocation to create empowerment for more women to thrive in the private healthcare sector in Nigeria.



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HFN Women Forum Webinar

On 23rd March 2023, The HFN Women's Forum organised its first webinar titled "Enabling Equity: Digihealth." The webinar provided business owner practical tips to apply in their venture from women in the health space who are making measurable impact using digital technology to provide healthcare services across Nigeria and Africa.



HFN Health Study webinar series

The HFN Health study series was a 7 series webinar organised to provide insights on the Nigeria Health Sector market study commissioned by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Nigeria and put together by PharmAccess Foundation's Nigeria office (PAF). The HFN Health Study webinar series was a second-quarter webinar held bi-monthly (twice a month) from April-June to accommodate the six (6) business cases identified as the priority area for the HFN Health Study webinar. The primary aim of this webinar series was to expose healthcare professionals and businesses to new market opportunities within the healthcare sector, market entry and implementing strategies.

DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 7 of 7 Series: Local production of Long-lasting Insecticide treated nets (LLINs) (Business case 6)

Social Guest:
Dr. Jennifer Anyanwu, Secretary for Family Health
Dr. Godwin Nkadam, Chief Executive, International Vaccine Institute

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
Pharm. Lekan Asuni, Head of Business Development, HFN

29TH June 2023 | 5PM prompt
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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 6 of 7 Series: Pharma Import Opportunity (Business case 7)

Social Guest:
Pharma Ahmed J. Yakasai, Assistant Director, Healthcare Infrastructure, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
Pharma Michael Heavens, Managing Director, HFN

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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 5 of 7 Series: Domesticated Vaccines Production (Business case 8)

Social Guest:
Dr. Chibwe A. Oluwalanle, Executive Director, National Centre for Disease Control
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 4 of 7 Series: Telemedicine (Business case 4)

Social Guest:
Dr. Agboluaje Samuel Olu, President, Nigerian Society of Telemedicine
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Dr. Dapo Oluwalanle, Chief Executive Officer, HFN
Dr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN

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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 3 of 7 Series: ICT integration of NHIA processes (Business case 2)

Social Guest:
Prof. Mohammed Nasir Sambo, Director General, National Health Insurance Authority
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
Mrs. Abimbola Adebakin, Managing Director, HFN

27TH April 2023 | 5PM prompt
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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 2 of 7 Series: Revitalization of Dysfunctional PHCs (Business case 1) and Development of Solar System across target PHCs (Business case 3)

Social Guest:
Dr. Ben Nkechika, Chief Executive Officer, Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN

Speakers:
Dr. Pamela Ajayi, Head of Health Sector, PharmAccess Foundation
Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
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20TH April 2023 | 5PM prompt
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DEEP DIVE WEBINAR SERIES ON: HEALTH SECTOR MARKET STUDY 2022
Part 1 of 7 Series: Report and Investment Opportunities Overview

Social Guest:
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Mr. Sunday Mgbajume, Managing Director, HFN
Mrs. Njide Ndili, Country Director, PharmAccess Foundation

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6TH April 2023 | 5PM prompt
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UPCOMING EVENTS

High Level Policy Conference (6-8 July)



High Level Policy Conference (HLPC) scheduled to hold on 7th to 8th July 2023 in Côte d'Ivoire. The main theme is "Advancing Public Private Dialogue (PPD) in West Africa to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC)". The HLPC has been planned to hold in day 1 and half of day 2, which will be followed by the FOASPS/WAPHF General Assembly in the afternoon.

Medic West Africa (September 2023)



Medic West Africa is a leading healthcare event platform in the West African Region. Established as a must-attend healthcare and medical laboratory event in West Africa is returning back live, in-person from 26 - 28 September 2023. The first segment of the Medic West Africa healthcare event is a health leadership conference hosted by HFN. The leadership conference brings together leaders in the healthcare ecosystem to deliberate and proffer solutions to challenges in the sector. We invite all our members to be part of this conference.

HFN Annual Conference 2024



The Conference will be the 2nd annual conference organised by the HFN, which will hold in February 2024. The conference will provides healthcare professionals, regulators and other stakeholders from the public/private/social enterprise/development partners/labour/diaspora/other stakeholder segments in the healthcare ecosystem with a veritable platform to deliberate on critical issues that affect the growth of the Nigerian health sector and the polity at large.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS TO MEMBERS



1.

Advocacy/ Public-Private Engagement Project

Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN) is actively involved in advocacy work through different fora, for better policies for members operating in the Health Sector. Example is progress with Ministries of Finance and Health regarding the HS Code issues faced by medical equipment and consumables importers



2.

Networking/High Profile Breakfast Meetings

Members of HFN participate in high level meetings which bring together government officials and other key stakeholders to discuss pertinent policy issues affecting the Health sector. Previous Breakfast Meeting includes meeting with the Governor of Lagos state, Minister of Health etc. The details of these breakfast meetings would be made available to Members only.



3.

Access to Finance

Sterling Bank- HFN access to finance program is an ongoing finance package open and accessible to HFN Members. The finance program includes but not limited to finance for equipment purchase, infrastructure and operations.



4.

Access to Industry Information for Members Only

Insights and trends on the health industry, policies, reports and various sector relevant content are made available to members using different channels including members' messaging groups, emails, webinars, etc.



5.

Partnership & Engagement with International Organizations

HFN partners with different organizations in mutually befitting arrangements ensuring sustainability through coherent and organic engagements with benefits enjoyed exclusively by HFN members

Become a member today

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria is the umbrella body of the private healthcare sector stakeholders. HFN is an apolitical, non-partisan, non-profit organization whose aim is to speak with a unified voice for the purpose of improving the Nigerian health sector

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OR PARTNERING WITH US?

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