

SUMMARY

Health financing provides the resources and economic incentives for the operation of health systems and is a key determinant of health system performance in terms of equity, efficiency, and health outcomes. In view of the obvious economic recession in the country, this stakeholders meeting is being held to explore and discuss innovative and strategic sources of bridging the divide between finance and healthcare.

BACKGROUND

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group and Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) have stressed the need to increase investments in the nation's healthcare sector through Private Public Partnership (PPP). This would address the major challenge of the healthcare sector, which include access to finance and healthcare delivery skill.

Increased investment in the healthcare sector will bridge the gap in the undersupply of quality healthcare, which will also support the development of critical health infrastructure and attract private capital into the sector

In 2014, the Federal Government signed the National Health Act and approved the establishment of state-supported health insurance scheme, by the National Council on Health, as a result, the private sector has the opportunity to play an increasing role in the delivery and financing of health services across the country; the objective of which is to increase access to affordable quality healthcare services by financing and facilitating for integrated networks.

To effectively leverage on this opportunity to provide care, there is a need for innovative forms of healthcare financing. One of such is to create partnerships that can help solve challenges with financing healthcare

The NHIS/BOI/NPHCDA are currently exploring partnerships that can serve to provide access to low interest rate financing for the development of supply side healthcare financing in Nigeria.

This forum will bring together stakeholders from these institutions to discuss the structure of this partnership and how best to implement the program for the benefit of the private health sector.

Participants will be able to provide input and feedback and understand the requirements for accessing this facility.

Furthermore, a practical training session will be held on how to structure Healthcare businesses to attract funding through this partnership

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Participants at the meeting will include:

- **Federal Ministry of Health**
- **Private and Public Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities**

- **Pharmaceutical manufacturers**
- **Original Equipment Manufacturers**
- **Medical Equipment Manufacturers**
- **Financial Institutions**
- **Transaction Advisers and Consultants**
- **Public Healthcare Institutions**
- **Healthcare based Associations**

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Activity Timeline	Activity	Moderator
9am-9.15am	Welcome address, statement of meeting goals & objectives, and introductions	Mrs Clare Omatseye (President HFN)
9.15am- 10.30am	The NHIS/BOI/NPHCDA Financing Opportunity	NIHS/IFC/BOI/NPHCDA (TBD)
10.30am-11.30am	Overview: Accessing Capital/Funding: What do Banks/Financial institutions look out for?	Arkounting Business Concepts
11.30am-12.30am	Understanding the Number that drive an efficient business – "A focus on Healthcare"	Arkounting Business Concepts
12.30am-12.45pm	Tea Break	
12.45pm- 1.30pm	Product Presentation	Financial Institutions(Banks, BOI etc)
1.30pm - 2.00 pm	Exhibition	Trade stands
2pm- 2:30pm	Lunch	
2.30pm-3.30pm	Break Out Session: A Case Study: A Practical guide for small and medium players in the Healthcare Industry.	Arkounting Business Concepts
3.30-4.30pm	Cash-flow and Financial Management Tips	Arkounting Business Concepts
4.30pm - 5.00pm	Closing Remarks	