



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

HEALTHCARE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA

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Healthcare Federation
of Nigeria

Building on the momentum of a successful first quarter, we're excited to share with you the latest updates and accomplishments of the Federation.

In this newsletter, we'll delve into highlights from the HFN Annual Conference 2024 and other activities we engaged in. Let's continue making a positive impact together!

HFN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024





UNVEILING NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: 1st January 2024

The HFN announced the appointment of Mrs. Bola Adesola as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. This announcement came following the dedicated service and leadership of Mr. Asue Ighodalo, the pioneer Chairman of the HFN Board of Trustees, who played a pivotal role in steering the organization to achieve remarkable growth and success.

The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria is enthusiastic about the wealth of experience and leadership that Mrs. Adesola brings to the organization. Having been a Trustee on the board of HFN since inception, her strategic guidance is anticipated to play a crucial role in steering the HFN toward even greater achievements.

We invite all our members and stakeholders to join us in welcoming Mrs. Bola Adesola to her new role as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.





STRATEGIC MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

DATE: 31ST JANUARY 2024



HFN executives engaged in a productive meeting with the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, and the Coordinator of the Presidential 'Unlocking Healthcare Value-Chain' Initiative, Dr Abdu Mukhtar.



Candid discussions ensued regarding the government's strategic direction, aligning with the central theme of the 2024 HFN Conference – "Bridging the gaps in healthcare: Public Private Integration as a catalyst for sustainable growth."

Dr. Mukhtar confirmed receipt of the HFN's recommendations noting that he looks forward to continuing the dialogue to integrate private sector innovations and partnerships.



WELCOME TO



HEALTHCARE
FEDERATION OF
NIGERIA

2024
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





2024 HFN ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

DATE: 8TH - 9TH FEBRUARY 2024



To kick off the HFN Annual Conference 2024, members and executives of the federation convened for our Annual General Meeting.

Led by HFN Chairman of the Board, Mrs. Bola Adesola, and the President, Dr. Pamela Ajayi, members engaged in a productive discussions about our organization's progress.



Lagos State Governor's Special Address

The Executive Governor of Lagos State, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu gave a special address on Day 1 of the HFN Annual Conference 2024., Represented by the Lagos State Commissioner for health, Prof Akin Abayomi, the governor spoke on the high level of migration among healthcare professionals and unveiled plans to combat it. Sanwo-Olu spoke on the government's plan increase the number of healthcare professionals by training a large number of doctors, nurses and allied professionals.





CONFERENCE – DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 of the HFN Annual Conference 2024 featured several key addresses from key stakeholders in the health sector including the Minister of State for Health, Dr. Tunji Alausa; the National Coordinator, Presidential 'Unlocking Healthcare Value-Chain' Initiative, Dr Abdu Mukhtar; Chairman, Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee, Mr. Taiwo Oyedele; amongst others.

Another key highlight from Day 1 was the special address by the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Customs Service, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi MFR. He spoke on the role of customs in the healthcare sector & the challenges of drug importation.

He firmly expressed the view that life-saving equipment is essential and should be duty-free.





PANEL SESSIONS AT THE HFN ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The HFN annual conference was a dynamic platform that hosted a multitude of panel sessions and presentations, each delving into various pressing issues within the Nigerian health sector. Spanning across a diverse array of topics, these sessions provided attendees with valuable insights, thought-provoking discussions, and practical solutions aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the healthcare industry.



From discussions on healthcare infrastructure development and investment opportunities to debates on policy reforms and regulatory frameworks, the conference offered a comprehensive exploration of the current landscape and future trajectory of healthcare in Nigeria. Renowned experts, thought leaders, and stakeholders from across the country shared their expertise, experiences, and innovative strategies to catalyze positive change and foster sustainable growth within the sector.





CONFERENCE - DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

Day 2 of the HFN Annual Conference 2024 featured several key addresses from key stakeholders including the Minister of Trade, Industry, and Investments, Doris Uzoka-Anite; Special Adviser to the Nigerian President on Health, Dr. Salma Ibrahim Anas; Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Prof Akin Abayomi; amongst others..

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE

One of the crown jewels of this year's conference was the Commissioner's Roundtable which brought together several state health commissioners to brainstorm on the state of the health sector in our nation. Physically present for this roundtable discussion were commissioners from six states: Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, Imo, Yobe, and Gombe.





HFN WOMEN'S FORUM HIGHLIGHTS



The HFN Women's Forum held a remarkable event, showcasing its commitment to empowering women in the healthcare sector. One of the highlights of the event was the Networking session, which offered students and young professionals a unique opportunity for one-on-one interaction with speakers and senior female professionals.



At the Women's Forum, a special award was given to Pharm. Stella Chinyelu Okoli, Founder of Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Limited. The HFN Women's Forum celebrates her outstanding achievements and contributions to the healthcare sector in Nigeria. Pharm. Okoli has demonstrated unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and relentless dedication to advancing healthcare delivery, pharmaceutical innovation, and community health initiatives.



GALA DINNER AND AWARD NIGHT

The HFN Annual Conference 2024 culminated in a splendid Gala Dinner and Award Night, marking the conclusion of the event on a high note. Attendees gathered in an ambiance of camaraderie and celebration. The Gala Dinner provided an opportunity for networking, fostering new connections, and strengthening existing collaborations within the healthcare community.

Awardees included:

- Minister of State for Health Dr. Tunji Alausa,
- Commissioner of Health Ogun State, Dr. Tomi Coker
- Vice President and Regional Director Smile Train's, Nkeiruka (NK) Obi
- Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, Mr Asue Ighodalo





FACILITY TOUR OF EMZOR PHARMACEUTICAL

DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY 2024



In a concerted effort to enhance collaboration, the President of HFN, Dr. Pamela Ajayi, led a delegation of HFN members on a courtesy visit to the Emzor Pharmaceutical factory situated in Sagamu. HFN delegates took a tour of the Emzor Pharmaceutical Factory.



Workshop on Palliative and End of Life Care in Nigeria

DATE: 16TH MARCH 2024

The HFN President, Dr. Pamela Ajayi, participated at a workshop organized by Centrepont and The Bricon Foundation. Focused on pain management, particularly regarding narcotics in Nigeria, the discussion delved into regulatory challenges from entities like NAFDAC and NDLEA, as well as issues faced by medical professionals and patients.





MEETING WITH THE OGUN STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

Date: 21st February 2024

Building on the momentum from our conference, delegates of the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria, led by the President, Dr. Pamela Ajayi held a strategic meeting with the Ogun State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Tomi Coker, to explore opportunities and potential collaborations for HFN members in Ogun State.

During the visit, the Commissioner took the HFN delegates on a tour of ongoing projects such as

- The 250-bed facility
- The Pharma grade warehouse
- The public health campus, etc.

The HFN is committed to bridging the gaps in the healthcare sector through public-private integration.





NETHERLANDS TRADE MISSION & BUSINESS MATCHMAKING IN LAGOS AND ABUJA

DATE: 27TH-29TH FEBRUARY 2024



The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN) played a key role in a successful Netherlands Healthcare Missions Business Forum, collaborating with the Consulate General of the Netherlands in Lagos, PharmAccess, and the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG).



The three-day event which kicked off in Lagos on Tuesday the 27th of February and climaxed in the nation's capital, Abuja on Thursday the 29th of February, hosted the Vice Minister for Public Health of the Netherlands, Marjolijn Sonnema; the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Abuja, Mr Wouter Plomp; the Consul General of the Netherlands in Lagos, Michel Deelen; the National Coordinator, Presidential "Unlocking Healthcare Value-Chain Initiative", Dr. Abdu Muktar amongst others.



MEETING WITH NPHCDA

Date: 4th March 2024

The Vice President of HFN paid a visit to the DG of NPHCDA Dr. Muyi Aina.

Part of the discussions was around Access to Finance framework and the need for private Health sector support in the Health Sector Renewal strategy of the Minister of Health and Social welfare.

WEMA BANK INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Date: 8th March 2024

Dr. Pamela Ajayi, the President of HFN, participated in a panel discussion called "Empowerment through Finance: Inclusive Innovation and Entrepreneurship" where she stressed the significance of recognizing and supporting the various roles that women hold, such as mothers, wives, sisters, and professionals.



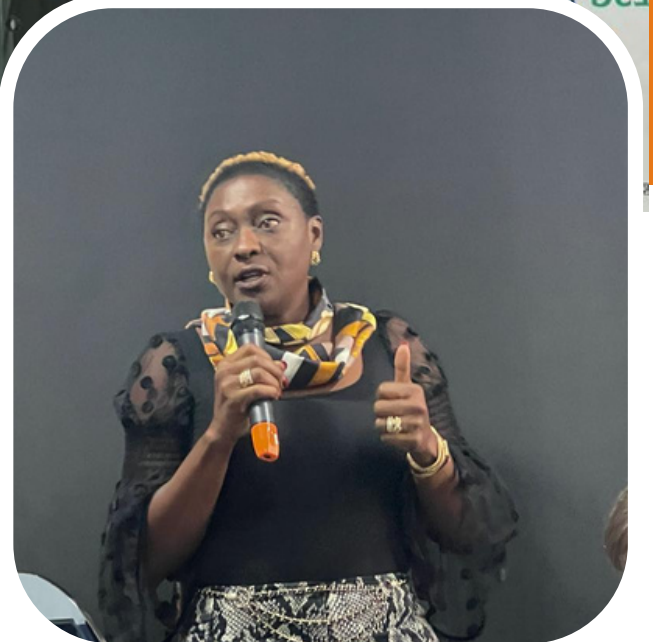


NIGERIAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT GROUP 2024 HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DATE: 13TH MARCH 2024



The HFN had a strong presence at the first National Economic Summit Group (NESG) Health Policy Commission General Assembly. Dr. Pamela Ajayi, the President of HFN, delivered a goodwill message emphasizing the importance of improving the policy environment for private sector engagement so as to drive growth in the healthcare industry. Also in attendance was the Vice President of HFN, Mrs. Njide Ndili.



WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2024

Date: 16th March 2024

The HFN President, Dr Pamela Ajayi, speaking at the Kidney Foundation for Africa World Kidney Day commemoration gave a lecture on the importance of awareness creation around Kidney care.

She spoke on the challenges and proffered solution to the actualization of Kidney Health for All.





COURTESY VISIT TO BANK OF INDUSTRY (BOI)

Date: 16th March 2024

In a bid to promote strategic collaboration for the healthcare sector, a delegation from HFN, led by the HFN President, Dr. Pamela Ajayi, convened a meeting with Dr. Olasupo Olusi, the Managing Director/CEO of the Bank of Industry (BOI).

Dr Olusi gave assurances of BOI's willingness to support government and other healthcare stakeholders in unlocking the opportunities within the healthcare value chain.

INAUGURATION OF MEMBERS HOSPITAL

Dr. Pamela attended the grand opening of new facilities by two HFN Members.

The new facilities are:

- Atlantis Pediatric Hospital
- Caring Habitat Rehabilitation center

The HFN is committed to supporting all members to grow their organizations.





PHARMA WEST AFRICA EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE 2024

DATE: 20TH - 22ND MARCH 2024



The Healthcare Federation of Nigeria was well represented at the Pharma West Africa conference in Lagos. In her goodwill message, the HFN President, Dr Pamela Ajayi, emphasized the importance of collaboration and innovation in advancing healthcare delivery.



Also in attendance was the Vice President of HFN, Mrs Njide Ndili; the HFN Public Relations Secretary, Pharm. Abimbola Adebakin; Managing Director of JNC International, Pharm Clare Omatseye; Lagos State Commissioner of Health, Prof Akin Abayomi, amongst other prominent healthcare stakeholders.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Get ready for the highly anticipated HFN Healthcare Leadership Conference 2024! It's back and better than ever before.

Date: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Venue: Landmark Event Centre, Lagos, Nigeria

Time: 9:00am

Women in Leadership Roundtable Discussion

Date: April 24th

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HFN HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2024

Dr. Abdu Muktar
National Coordinator, Presidential "Unlocking Healthcare Value-Chain Initiative"

Dr. Jide Idris
Director General, Nigeria Centre for Disease Control

Dr. Pamela Ajayi
President, Healthcare Federation of Nigeria

THEME - OPTIMIZING EMERGENCY CARE DELIVERY: UNLOCKING THE HEALTHCARE VALUE CHAIN

LANDMARK CENTRE, LAGOS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

START AT 09:00AM

FREE REGISTRATION



THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support, and together, we will achieve our mission to improve Nigeria's healthcare sector.

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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

ADVOCACY/ PUBLIC-PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT



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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 .

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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. Details of these breakfast meetings are made available to Members.

NETWORKING/HIGH PROFILE BREAKFAST MEETINGS

ACCESS TO FINANCE, CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS LINKAGES



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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.

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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.

ACCESS TO INDUSTRY INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS ONLY

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

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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.



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