

D-8 Health and Social Protection Inaugural Consultation Meeting

Rationale and objectives

To support member States to achieve their UHC aspirations and consistent with the D-8 H&SP strategic pillars, **as a first step among several milestones**, the D-8 H&SP will convene a multi-country UHC consultation to deepen political commitment, curate and share evidence, best practices, and knowledge products that will inform the critical path for strengthening member States' health financing arrangements to achieve universal health coverage.

The consultation will bring together policy makers and technical experts from member countries, as well as selected development partners, private sector players and institutions involved in financing and delivering healthcare including banks, HMOs, MFIs & insurance companies; to share perspectives and collaborate on charting the course towards a sustainable H&SP financing environment for member States. **The goal therefore is to seek to align member countries plans with the health and social protection programme of the D-8.**

Accordingly, the consultation will focus on these objectives:

- Enhancing economic cooperation between countries through incorporating H&SP programmes into country plans
 - *Elaborate on the objectives of the Health and Social Protection Programme, and highlight best practices in respective member States;*
 - *Review and refine operational scope of the Programme and jointly finalize critical levers of its agenda linked to the broader SDG framework;*
 - *Identify barriers and enablers of success, build consensus around opportunities for synergies*

- Mobilization of member states commitment to the D-8 H&SP Program
 - *Constitute high-level working groups for action areas;*
 - *Mobilize assets and resources and proffer recommendations for member states*

- To lay the foundation for the H&SP business case development (to be completed after the private sector health summit) containing ground works and frameworks for
 - *D-8 multi- country UHC, health financing collaborative network*
 - *Trust fund to sustainably finance H&SP programmes in member countries*
 - *Performance management systems and scorecard tracking system through a focus on improving the supply of information (e.g. improving DHIS reporting) and the demand for it (through creating platforms for review and advocacy actions (e.g. State and Federal steercos and inter country learning/collaborative networks)*

Consultation approach and discussion themes

The consultation will include speeches and presentations from member States as well as facilitated plenary and break-out sessions. In advance of the consultation, member States will be supported to conduct a rapid diagnostic and develop analytical pieces that aid in creating a rich, fruitful and deliberate engagement and dialogue among participants.

Sample discuss themes are highlighted below;

- What is the role of the private and public sector in addressing health market failures and providing venture capital, development finance and new market capacity to cultivate sustainable healthcare enterprises?
- What form and structure of financing and other support are needed to unlock the potential of the private health sector and bridge the financing gap needed to meet demand for improvements in the coverage and quality of care? What have we learnt from past initiatives such as guarantees to banks and technical assistance to private providers?
- How can member countries improve their fiscal space for health and the efficiency in health spending / public financial management and leverage more resources for health?
- How can private health businesses and SMEs better position themselves for concessionary debt financing and what makes a good equity investment for private sector players?
- How can financing institutions, governments, and regulatory bodies create better financing facilities and enabling environment for health care SMEs, including potential for intervention funds, oversight of interest rates, and creating a “public-good exemption” for special treatment of health-related businesses.

Expected outcome and deliverables

- Member States are committed towards an aligned D-8 H&SP agenda and multi-year strategy;
- High-level working groups for action areas constituted;
- All member countries share lessons and best practices around sustainable UHC financing; and understand the benefits that accrue in terms of volumes of health trade, investment opportunities, achieving economic growth and alleviating poverty.

Venue: Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja

Expected Participants:

- Member country delegations (3 per country covering the following faculties: Public Health, Social Protection, Health financing and innovation sectors).
- Invited Development Partners:
 - *Islamic Development Bank (IDB)*

- *World Health Organization (WHO)*
- *African Development Bank Group (AFDB)*
- *European Union (EU)*
- *World Bank*
- *UNICEF*
- *United Nations Development Program (UNDP)*
- *Child Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)*
- *Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TICA)*
- *JOHOR Corporation*
- *BIG WIN Philanthropy*
- *United States (USAID)*
- *Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)*
- *French Development Agency (FDA)*
- *Danish International Development Agency*
- *Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)*

Agenda:

DAY 1			
Time	Theme	Description	Lead
Opening session (ceremonial) – chaired by Nigeria (PS FMoFA)			
9:00 - 9:30am	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrivals & Registration 	All
9:30 - 10:30	Workshop Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Welcome Address • Remarks • Goodwill messages from partners • Remarks • Remarks • Overview of Agenda and objectives 	All D-8 Secretary General D-8 Commissioner Nigeria WHO, IsDB, WB Nigerian Minister of Health / Per. Sec. Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs / Perm. Sec. Dr. Ado J.G Muhammad
Technical Session I – chaired by Indonesia			
10:30 - 11:00	Context and Setting the stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Health and Social Protection programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The D-8 H&SP strategic pillars, milestones and approach ○ Case for change – Why the D-8 must prioritize <i>health</i> and <i>social protection</i> 	Dr. Muntaqqa Umar Saddiq
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break		
11:30 – 12:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Different? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed priority levers with attendant economic benefits to member countries 	Signpost from Dr. Pate, Global Director HNP, WB
Technical Session II – chaired by Pakistan			
12:00 - 13:30	Ministerial Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion with 4 experts from the countries (Turkey, Malaysia, Nigeria, Bangladesh) and 2 participants from the partners (WHO and IsDB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial reaction and feedback ○ Country best practices and case studies ○ Opportunities for Alignment and synergies ○ Opportunities for sustainable funding 	Facilitators (moderator) Prof. Aliko Ahmed, President Chatham House Br. Alpha Mbah (IsDB) Prof. Abdulsalam Nasidi Dr. Lola Dare (CHESTRAD) WB representative WHO representative

Networking Lunch			
14:30 – 15:30	Summary of technical sessions I & II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor Discussion • Priority areas identified, synthesis of all inputs, opportunities for alignment and synergies 	Independent consultants (Chizoba, Kelechi, Garba Abdu)
Post Lunch Breakout Session			
15:30 – 15:45	Huddle time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups constituted based on thematic areas: • Mixed participant groups conducive for table discussions (for cross-country/sector sharing) 	Drs. Muntaqqa Umar Saddiq, Mahmud, Shahzad
15:45- 17:00pm	Rapid regional and country diagnostics and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt, Nigeria • Iran, Malaysia and Turkey • Bangladesh, Indonesia & Pakistan 	Prof Aliko/Chizoba Br. Alpha Mbah /Kelechi/Lola Shahzad/Nasidi/Garba Abdu
17:00pm	Tea break and closing		

DAY 2			
9:00 - 9:30am	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrivals & Registration 	All
Technical Session III – chaired by Iran			
9:30 - 11:00am	Thematic Group reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group will present summary of discussions based on thematic/priority areas • Workshop consultants will collate synthesize and circulate broadly 	<p>Group Chairs</p> <p>All consultants</p>
Tea Break			
11:30 – 12:00pm	Plenary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question & Answer Session • What else more? 	Dr. Ado Muhammad
Technical session IV – chaired by Egypt			
12:00 - 12:30pm	Member State and Partner Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key resolutions on program implementation • Key recommendations on resources required • D-8 H&SP Advisory Group of Experts 	Special Adviser D-8 H&SP and all facilitators
12:30 - 13:30pm	Next Steps	Commitment to continued engagement	All and Secretariat
Networking Lunch			
14:30pm	Closing	Gratitude and acknowledgements	Dr. Ado Muhammad
3.00pm	Individual time / Sight seeing		