

BRIEF ON THE PLANNING MEETING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL FORUM ON HEALTH HELD ON THE 23RD OF JULY 2009 AT THE OFFICE OF THE HEAD DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING RESEARCH & STATISTICS, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FEDERAL SECRETARIAT, PHASE III, ABUJA

In attendance at the meeting were Dr. Lecky Mohammed - Head Department of Planning, Research & Statistics and four members of staff from his department, the TA/HMH and the TA to the Director General Governors Forum

Opening Remarks

The Head Department of Planning Research & Statistics presided over the meeting which started at about 11.15 am. He read out the Letter to the Governor's Forum and said the issues for the meeting to deliberate on are:

- Date for the proposed forum
- Theme of the forum if any,
- Participation
- Structure presentation on what
- Expected Outcomes (communiqué, Memorandum of Understanding, or Partnership Agreement)

He said it will be practicable to fold in the plan for the high forum meeting on MDG workplan into the Presidential Forum on Health with the available funds. The committee should also be expanded to include National Primary Health Care Development Agency and National Health Insurance Scheme.

Issues Discussed and Resolutions reached

There were discussions along these lines of thought which led to the following resolutions:

Date: Proposed date is middle of September/ late or middle of October in view of the Ramadan season which will be starting 21-22nd of August and which may likely last for one month, and the preparation for the independence anniversary which may affect any date in the last week of September.

Venue: The Shehu Musa Yar' Adua Centre or Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja.

Duration of the Summit: A One day summit to be preceded by a two-three days stakeholders meeting on Health that will feed the Presidential Summit. This to ensure that the stakeholders on health especially the commissioners of Health from the states are carried along on the priority that will be presented to the governors.

Process: The Governors Forum will help the Ministry identify a role model governor that will give the keynote address and if possible lead the discussion with the governors. This is to ensure ownership of the resolutions

Structure: The structure of the event and key deliverables expected from the governors will be put up by the committee. It was also suggested that priority areas to be looked into in relation to the outcomes in the letter to the GF shall include the following:

- MDGs on Health
- Primary Health Care
- Health Care financing
- National Strategic Health Development Plan
- Human Resources for health
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Polio, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB
- Drugs and Commodities

Participation at the Presidential Forum on Health

- One day summit: Governors of the 36 states and Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Ministers of National Planning commission, Finance, Women Affairs, Development Partners relevant to Health, and the MDGs office.
- Pre –Summit Meeting: State Commissioners of health, Finance and women affairs, Development partners, Top key functionaries responsible for budget, Primary Health Care and Women Affairs in the states and local government areas.

Committee Meetings:

- Membership of the Planning Committee should be extended to National Primary Health Care Development Agency and National Health Insurance Scheme.
- The representation from the Governors Forum should include a key Director of the Forum apart from the Technical Assistant to the Director General. This is to strengthen the collaboration of the two organizations as a joint secretariat.

Planning Meeting for the Presidential Forum: meetings to be held every Wednesday at 11.00am at the office of the Head Planning Research and Statistics

Assignments before the next meeting that will be shared on email:

TA/DG Governors Forum

- Get information from the governors on the date of the summit
- Suggested key speakers among the governors
- Sensitize the governors and the Governors Forum.

Head DPR&S and TA/HMH,

- Get a draft theme for the Summit.

Dr. Azodo AD (MDG)

- Come out with a concept paper on the summit.

Next meeting was scheduled to be Wednesday next week at the same time and venue.