

Notes of Meeting with the National Association of Resident Doctors

Conference Hall, NGF Secretariat, 18th October 2017

Introduction

The newly elected executives of the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) paid a familiarization visit to the NGF Secretariat on the 18th of October, 2017.

Purpose of Meeting

- Introduce the new Executives
- Request for Strategic Partnership with the Forum
- Discuss the vision of NARD

Key Issues Discussed

- Formal Introduction of the key officials of the NARD executive.
The NARD executive formally introduced themselves and their organization to the Secretariat. They highlighted the aims of the association which is to promote the interest of its members, express its views on all proposed regulations and policies affecting the training of medical doctors in Nigeria, promote the improvement of healthcare delivery in Nigeria and cooperate with other bodies with similar interests.
- Request for Strategic Partnership with the Forum
The NARD president, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, requested for the cooperation of the NGF to facilitate the implementation of their proposed initiatives. They also requested for an opportunity to present their plans to the Forum.
- NARD Initiatives:
The initiatives for which the association seeks the collaboration of the Forum are as follows:
 - T-DROP - The T-DROP initiative is aimed at bringing the services of the doctor to the doorstep of those who do not have easy access to healthcare. NARD wishes to request for partnership with the Executive Governors to bring health care services to the 'unreached' and 'under-reached'. While the Governors provide the material support, NARD will provide technical support.
 - WE-CARE project – A project to raise strong awareness on ways of improving patient care both in the hospitals by the practitioners and outside by the populace.. They request the support of the executive governors as ambassadors for example, a governor could donate blood to encourage voluntary blood donation.
 - Cancer Care Support – An initiative aimed at driving voluntary donations from individuals and organizations to develop a fund for supporting patients with cancer.

Request to Your Excellencies

- Improve welfare packages for health workers employed at the state level to be commensurate with their colleagues at the Federal level.
- Serve as WE-CARE ambassadors
- Support the doctors in driving the T-DROP and Cancer Care Support Initiatives