

# 3<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH CONFERENCE ABUJA, NIGERIA 2017

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACT.

### Background to the conference

At the end of 2015, Nigeria was one of the 75 countdown countries<sup>1</sup> that accounted for 95% of the world's burden of Maternal, Newborn and child deaths. Whereas Nigeria Under-5 Mortality Rate was expected to drop from the 1990 figure of 213/1,000 Live Births to 71/1,000 Live Births by 2015, the 2015 figures for Nigeria<sup>2</sup> show that Under-5 Mortality Rate was 109/1,000 Live Births. Maternal Mortality Ratio was 1,200/100,000 Live Births in 1990. It was expected to drop to 300/100,000 Live Births by end of 2015. Nigeria only achieved a drop to 560/100,000 Live Births by the end of 2015. The failure of Nigeria to meet these global targets is linked to, challenges associated with weak health system, particularly primary health care. Of all the pillars of the Health System as defined by the World Health Organization, the most urgent is the Human Resources for Health (Health Workforce) pillar. Evidence has shown that unless HRH pillar is fixed, it is unlikely that Nigeria will be able to achieve SDG3<sup>3</sup> on Health.

Nigeria has introduced a number of initiatives to address the HRH challenges in the country: Midwifery Service Scheme (MSS), Task Shifting and Task Sharing Policy<sup>4</sup> in August 2014; National Health Act<sup>5</sup> in October 2014 and the latest, Primary Healthcare Revitalization scheme<sup>6</sup> was launched by President Muhammadu Buhari in January, 2017. The goal of the revitalization of the primary health care centres is to ensure that quality basic health care services are delivered to the majority of the Nigerians. All these initiatives would only prove to be appropriate responses if the right numbers of people, with the right skills are in the right place, at the right time, with the right attitude, doing the right work at the right cost and delivering the right output. Strengthening the health workforce is therefore, a logical step in that direction and that is the main thrust for the Nigeria 3<sup>rd</sup> National HRH conference 2017.

In the context of the above, the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Human Resources for Health Conference is expected to offer researchers, and policy experts in the area of health the opportunity to make scholarly, actionable and evidence based contributions in the areas of production, deployment, retention and evaluation of the health care workforce.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.countdown2015mnch.org/reports-and-articles/2015-final-report>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.countdown2015mnch.org/documents/2015Report/Nigeria\\_2015.pdf](http://www.countdown2015mnch.org/documents/2015Report/Nigeria_2015.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/health/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.health.gov.ng/doc/TSTS.pdf>

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<http://www.nphcda.gov.ng/Reports%20and%20Publications/Official%20Gazette%20of%20the%20National%20Health%20Act.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/220071-nigeria-flags-off-scheme-to-revive-10000-primary-health-care-centres.html>

In addition to the abstract presentations, the Conference will attract experts in the areas of Human Resources for Health as guest speakers to give presentations on contemporary issues affecting the development of Human Resources for Health globally.

### **Objectives**

- To appraise Nigeria's preparedness to supply the needed work force for the revitalized PHCs by 2019  
To showcase HRH experiences, evidence, results and achievement from HRH interventions and demonstrate its impact on the revitalization efforts.  
To articulate key next steps for positioning in Nigeria health workforce agenda to support the revitalization of PHCs

### **Theme of the Conference**

"Strengthening human resources for health towards revitalization of functional Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Nigeria"

### **Sub-themes**

- Bridging the gaps in the training of frontline health workers towards PHC revitalization in Nigeria
- Ensuring equitable distribution and effective utilization of existing health workforce
- Effective Management of frontline health workers within the context of primary health care under one roof

### **Date of the Conference**

The conference will be holding 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja, Nigeria, with an arrival date of 3<sup>rd</sup> and departure on 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Abstracts are invited for presentation at the Conference.**

### **Abstract Format and instruction**

Abstracts should be written in English language, typed on A4 paper size (21.0 x 29.7 cm). Font character should be Times New Roman, size 11, single line spaced, without indentation, and not exceeding three hundred (300) words. The abstract should be structured in the order below:

**Title:** The abstract title should be in Title Case (upper and lower case), centred bold font size 18 point. There should be a 6pt spacing between the title and the authors.

**Author(s) and Institutions:** Author(s) name(s) should be typed in Title Case and centered. Presenter's name should be underlined

**Introduction**

**Objectives**

**Methods**

**Results**

**Conclusions**

**Keywords**

- E-mail address and phone numbers of the corresponding authors should be included
- Each presenter should plan not to exceed 10mins of oral presentation
- Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail as **PDF and Microsoft Word Document** to [hrhconference2017@health.gov.ng](mailto:hrhconference2017@health.gov.ng) and [hrhconference.nigeria@gmail.com](mailto:hrhconference.nigeria@gmail.com)
- The subject of the e-mail should be **HRH ABUJA 2017** Abstract Submission
- **All abstracts must be received on or before 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. Abstracts received after this deadline may not be considered**
- Confirmation of acceptance or rejection of an abstract will be communicated to the corresponding author by e-mail on or before 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.
- The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission and that conflict of interest is declared.
- The presenter will be communicated whether presentation will be oral or poster format.

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