

FROM THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE NHS 2019

I am delighted as Chairman of the Central Planning Committee on behalf of the President and National Officers' Committee of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) to respectfully invite you and your esteemed organisation to participate in the events of the 2nd National Health Summit (NHS) holding at the prestigious International Conference Centre, Abuja from 4-8 November 2019. I equally solicit your generous donation and support towards the realisation of the objectives of the Summit which is set to a health agenda for government and to kick-start the innovative headline project "5 by 3" of the NMA. The project is an initiative of the NMA targeted at the rural poor and vulnerable whom the regular National Health Insurance has not covered so far. The NMA along with partners like you hopes to mobilize resources to cover 5 Million Nigerians in 3 years under a Social Health Enterprise arrangement.

The theme of the NHS is "Patient-centred Care". The NMA believes that for far too long the interest of the Nigerian patient has not been given the kind of priority attention it deserves. We want to use the opportunity of the Summit to interrogate the concept of Universal Health Coverage which we believe has the potential to significantly impact on our abysmal health indices. We want the Nigerian Government to refocus on Primary Health Care as a means to achieving UHC. The NMA also believes **"The Nigerian Patient is worth it"**.

We shall be grateful to have you physically present to network with the crème of healthcare providers and stakeholders, development partners and members of the diplomatic corps representing the interests of their various countries. All major healthcare professional Associations will be in attendance as we intend to further engage on the issue of industrial disharmony in the health sector. Already, the NMA led by Dr. Francis Adedayo Faduyile has made a significant inroad to finding a lasting solution to this problem as we have been in high-level discussions with sister professionals in the health sector to resounding success so far.

You are all cordially invited to NHS 2019. **Come, support and participate**

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