

On behalf of the National Officers Committee, National Executive Council and all Nigerian Medical and Dental Practitioners, I am delighted to invite you to the 2nd Edition of the National Health Summit organized by the Nigerian Medical Association holding between 4th and 8th November 2019.

This National Health Summit has been constitutionally fixed to be hosted once in every 5 years, it is coming up a little late since the 1st Edition was hosted in Delta State in 2013. The delay was largely as a result of the National electioneering process which characterized the year 2018.

You will recall, the enactment of the National Health Act is a direct fallout of the 1<sup>st</sup> NHS, the 2nd edition promises to build on the gains of the 1st edition and will play host to many International Delegates from the Commonwealth nations and beyond. We have the assurances of His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari declaring the Summit open and Gen Yakubu Gowon as the Chairman of the Opening Ceremony. The Summit will also play host to the 25<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of the Commonwealth Medical Association.

The theme of this 2019 NHS is “Patient Centered Care” which we believe is the focus of health care delivery in this century. Nigeria cannot afford to take the back seat in this new-world orientation of healthcare delivery. The Summit will also climax the final re-integration of the different professional associations in the health sector and finally putting to rest the inter-professional disharmony that has plagued the Nigeria health space in the last few years.

Seasoned Medical Specialists, Captains of Industries, International Speakers, Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies will be presenting papers on contemporary topics and around our subthemes.

The 2019 NHS will be the largest gathering of Health Professionals in our country and will be hosted in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. The outcome will form the template towards improving the health service delivery in the next decade. We are taking proactive steps to guide against the maxim ‘*failure to plan is planning to fail*’.

We shall surely appreciate your participation and support in this epoch-making event.

Welcome to International Conference Centre, Abuja FCT: the Centre of Unity.

Thank you.

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