

4. Excellencies, distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, you will agree with me that when governments pay for health care, the objective is to ensure that doctors and hospitals provide quality health care at an affordable cost to citizens. It is my hope that the outcome of this meeting will provide a platform to advocate for an effective high level engagement to improve the quality of Health coverage in Nigeria.

5. Distinguished participants, let me therefore congratulate the organizers of this meeting for their sensitivity to the need for quality health care service in Nigeria. I wish to re-affirm that the Government of Nigeria will continue to place emphasis on population and development as well as quality health care services to her people in line with our development agenda.

6. Thanks you for your attention and God bless.