

THE AFRICAN BUSINESS COALITION FOR HEALTH

News Update

Note from the CEO

Greetings and welcome to this edition of our news update. As is usual, I would like to thank the members and partners of our Coalition for their unwavering commitment to improving outcomes in Africa's health space and helping to save lives.



Mories Atoki (Dr.)
Chief Executive Officer

So far, 2023 continues on a highly interesting note with many businesses adapting to the different new realities across Africa - from economic to political to social, the variables have led to critical operational challenges which, from a positive perspective, can lead to great opportunities that business leaders can exploit.

While population planning experts have expressed concerns due to rising debt and food insecurity up and down the continent, Africa's average growth rate remains 3.8% and while this is double the 1.2% estimated global growth, many African countries have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels.

On the health scene, expectations are heightened with the continued trend of the positive shift to building sustainable resilient health systems across the continent.

This is no doubt due to critical stakeholders in the public and private sectors becoming increasingly aware that investments in the healthcare sector generates economic value and that with concerted planning and effective preparation, countries can become more resilient and better positioned to weather health crises.

For us in this Coalition, this is an extremely positive development as it means that there are more opportunities for improving access to health, bettering healthcare quality and widening health coverage. And now more than ever, there must be more engagements with all stakeholders - governments, businesses, health experts - in order to ride the crest of this wave; as such, we are pleased to invite all our partners, members and stakeholders to participate in a series of events some of which we have highlighting in this edition.

I will end by appreciating all the members of our Coalition, partners, Board, Management team, and every stakeholder working with us in their commitment to improving Africa's health outcomes - working together, we can make Africa healthy and prosperous.



Tackling Health Poverty Risks in Africa

Africa's push towards public health autonomy is gaining momentum as governments and businesses partner for better health outcomes.



Capturing Investment Returns in Healthcare

New research finds that the healthcare sector has been very good to private equity, especially payor and pharma service.



Africa's Shot at Local Pharma Production

Africa must begin to produce medicines for Africans in order to reduce dependence on foreign suppliers and grow its economy.

Africa Social Impact Summit (ASIS) 2023



Investing in Africa's health systems provides massive opportunities for accelerated economic development and growth, effectively moving countries on the continent closer to achieving the global sustainability development goals. Themed 'Global Vision, Local Action: Repositioning the African Development Ecosystem for Sustainable Actions', the summit promises to be a platform for ensuring better health and economic development outcomes for Africa. Join this conversation over the course of two days - Wednesday August 10 to Thursday August 11 at the Eko Convention Centre, Lagos. Online participation is also provided. [Register](#).

2nd African Conference for Health Harm Reduction



Under the High Patronage of His Majesty, King Muhammed VI of Morocco, the 2nd African Conference for Health Harm Reduction will hold from September 27 to September 29 at the Palais des Congres in Marrakech. Themed 'Water, Environment and Food Security', this event will host ministers, ambassadors, eminent academics, experts in health systems, international scientific organisations and institutions discussing effective means of enhancing health determinants from the perspective of achieving the Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 aspirations.

Nigeria Telehealth Technologies Summit 2023



Over the years' telehealth has gained significant attention and adoption across Nigeria, especially due to the country's growing population, limited healthcare infrastructure in rural areas, and the need for accessible and affordable healthcare services. Themed 'Enriching the Continuum of Care and Developing Sustainable Standards in Nigeria', discussion at the summit will focus on challenges, opportunities and the role of the private sector in supporting governments at national and sub-national levels to ensure improved access to quality health for all. The summit is virtual participation and will hold on August 16 and 17. [Register](#).

Africa Health Exhibition – Driving Innovation in Healthcare



Join the first ever Innov8 start-up competition at Africa Health 2023, This international event will feature 20 ground-breaking start-ups battling it out on stage, pitching their innovative ideas. Our esteemed panel of judges will consist of industry leaders, investors, government officials, and successful entrepreneurs, who will determine the ultimate winner. Don't miss this incredible opportunity! Join us in person from October 17th to 19th at Africa Health 2023. Showcase your start-up's potential and gain valuable exposure to a wide range of industry professionals and potential investors.

Submit your application [here](#).

Made to Live Africa Expo 2023



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Special Breakfast Club Meeting



In partnership with the Lagos Business School, the Coalition invites all its members and partners to participate in the Special Breakfast Club Meeting. Themed 'Shifting Gears from Health Initiatives to Sustainable Health Investments', this meeting provides opportunities for business leaders, the diplomatic community, policymakers, investment fund managers, high-profile medical professionals, and healthcare entrepreneurs to brainstorm, reflect, and chart a road map to solve challenges prevalent in the health sector on the African continent with Nigeria as the case study. Please visit our [website](#) and follow us on our social media platforms for more information on this meeting.

Partnership Updates

Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Intervention Program



Almost 95% of deaths in pregnant women occur in low and lower-middle-income countries, with Nigeria leading the negative indices in Africa - over 800 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births with a neonatal mortality rate of 33 per 1000 live births. The situation must be addressed and the Coalition, supported by the TGI Group, will be unveiling the MNCH Intervention Programme in the coming weeks to achieve a number of key objectives all of which are geared to impact positively on this particular disease burden. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Ending the AIDS Epidemic in Partnership with UNAIDS



Health and social inequalities exist within and between countries and communities; and this is no more true than in Africa where integrated services for HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care is sorely needed. In response to this, the Coalition is partnering with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to support the aims of the Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026 as it concerns Africa especially in terms of ending inequalities, eliminating new HIV infections in children, creating access to affordable care, building capacity within communities and providing access to funding. Visit the UNAIDS [website](#) for more information.

New Member Alert!



TROPICAL GENERAL INVESTMENTS GROUP



The African Business Coalition for Health is proud and honoured to welcome [Tropical General Investments Group](#) (TGI Group) into its membership. TGI Group is an international investment and holding company with diversified interests and investments across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and other emerging markets. Across markets, TGI Group owns over a hundred leading brands in Fast Moving Consumer Goods, Agricultural Inputs, Industrial Chemicals, Homecare Products and Pharmaceuticals.

Join the Coalition and Fix Africa's Health



The African Business [Coalition](#) for Health is a not-for-profit established to bring together businesses, philanthropists and development institutions that will collectively seek greater private sector contributions to improve health outcomes and save lives in Africa. You too can take action - [join](#) the Coalition today and let us work together to fix Africa's health.

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