

News Update

Note from the CEO



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Greetings and welcome to another edition of our News update.

I would like to start by deeply appreciating the members and partners of our Coalition for their unwavering commitment in the joint work to reduce disease burden and improve health outcomes in Africa; a commitment we take very seriously as custodians of the Coalition's Resources for Health development efforts and interventions, more so at this crucial time when ABCHealth becomes the new Office for the Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa (CAMA), marking another great milestone in our journey towards mobilizing private sector resources to enhance health systems across the continent.

This year, Health financing and Strengthening Health Regulatory landscape topics have topped the focus of our discussions, with Health insurance conversations expanding across several multi-governmental summits, roundtables and webinars held, including the Second UK-African Investment Summit in London, Medic West Africa in Nigeria, World Future Health Africa (GITEX 2024) in Morocco, Africa Health ExCon 2024 in Egypt, Africa Social Impact Summit (ASIS 2024) in Nigeria and the Medic East Africa in Kenya.

As the second fastest-growing economic region in the world (after Asia) at 4 per cent, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), our challenges still persist from new conflicts, forceful regime changes, slow post-COVID-19 recovery realities, increased food insecurity, political instability and weak global growth not to mention the deepening Israel-Gaza conflict and the lingering Russia-Ukraine war inclusively contributing to stifling better growth across the continent.

Building capacity within Africa's health economy and assessing its value chain through the Academy for Health Entrepreneurs - a venture-building initiative led by ABCHealth and other strategic partners to support established health businesses across the continent to develop and defend strong value propositions to attract investors, access funding and scale investments, have also kept us busy.

On a more positive note and in spite of these challenges, governments across Africa are increasingly focused on delivering good governance (especially health) across the continent and it is expected that the fruits of various investments will begin to yield. Some of those yields are the expected African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), emerging as a central initiative intended to address these intra-African trade issues is poised to enhance economic integration and increase trade flows within the continent by creating a single market for goods and services.

Indeed, 2024 has so far been an interesting year; the transition of CAMA as announced in a press release that has received global coverage as well as our collaborations with regional and global health-focused institutions has positioned us as Africa's leading advocates for equitable access to quality and affordable healthcare that would lead to improved health outcomes across the continent.

Another key leverage is the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) powered tools that are revolutionizing healthcare service delivery. These are areas that the Coalition is focused on, advocating for and engaging critical stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

With a lot of warmth from all of us at ABCHealth, we re-affirm our commitment to this course and once again extend our appreciation to all our Partners, Board, Management team, and every stakeholder working with us. Together, we can make Africa healthy and prosperous again.



Technology can Improve MNCH Outcomes in Africa

In Africa, technology is increasingly becoming a potent tool for enhancing maternal and child health as stakeholders work to improve outcomes in MNCH.



The Benefits of Investing in Workplace Health

Africa records over 59,000 work-related fatalities and 4 million non-fatal accidents each year according to the International Labour Organisation.



Using AI to Decolonize Health Care in Africa

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to revolutionise global and digital health in Africa; leading innovation and driving change.

Join the Coalition and Fix Africa's Health

The African Business Coalition for Health (ABCHealth) 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.

CAMA Secretariat Transits to ABCHealth

The Global Business Coalition for Health, New York (GBCHealth) marks a pivotal moment in its journey towards enhancing health systems as it transits into a fully-African led entity ending a twenty-five year run of supporting the continent's fight against diseases and working with critical stakeholders to improve the continent's health outcomes.

The social enterprise recorded a number of successes in its mandate working across sectors and industries alongside its global development partners who have consistently invested in the welfare of Africans. The move to shut down its operations aligns with its vision to become a truly African-led institution and as such, has transferred some aspects of its work to ABCHealth one of which is



Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa (CAMA).

CAMA was launched by Marathon Oil in 2006 and its sole purpose was to coalesce the private sector to lead and support innovative malaria prevention, control and treatment activities across Africa.

Its member companies collectively deploy their vast resources and competencies in order to malaria programs, serving the needs of malaria-affected places including communities and workforce.

Since 2006, GBCHealth had provided management, coordination & advisory services to CAMA members catalyzing collective action, creating partnerships with the public sector and providing thought leadership across the board to companies, governments and partners. These responsibilities have now been transferred to ABCHealth which is fully committed to moving CAMA further.

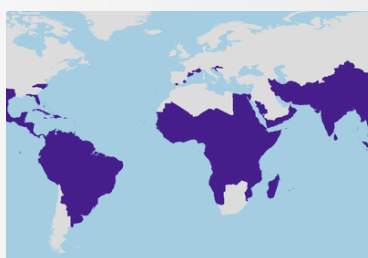
Placing the leadership and management of CAMA within ABCHealth is a testament to its Theory of Change in Cultivating Partnerships and Mobilizing Private Sector resources to improve healthcare in Africa and change the way it works; creating more opportunities for partners in both public and private sectors to drive improved health outcomes.

Health Updates



Dangerous mosquito-borne diseases

The miniscule bug responsible for Africa's 'ancient disease' is even more dangerous than most people are aware. Mosquitoes are associated with malaria but these tiny insects are also responsible for spreading various other diseases including Dengue fever, Yellow fever, Zika and a host of others.



Dengue Fever - things you need to know

The spread of Dengue Fever is threatening global health progress, and with almost half of the world's population (about 4 billion people) living in areas with a high risk of dengue, it is critically important to know everything necessary about this life threatening disease.



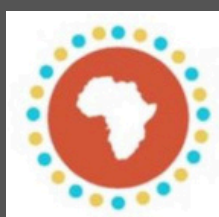
Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Several diseases that impact the world are spread by the innocuous mosquito highlighting the need to completely eradicate this pest. Here are five simple but extremely effective ways to protect yourself from mosquitoes and to limit your family's exposure to mosquito-borne diseases.



Aliko Dangote heads End Malaria Council in Nigeria

Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Chairman of Dangote Industries Limited, has been named the Chair of the End Malaria Council inaugurated by the Federal Government of Nigeria to coordinate national efforts amongst stakeholders to ensure a unified approach to combating malaria in the country.



Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa - CAMA

The fight against malaria, Africa's 'ancient disease' is a key focus in CAMA and partnerships remain a critical component to achieve the successes stakeholders desire. Join us and let us work together to eradicate malaria from Africa forever.

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Recent Events and Activities across the Coalition

The Coalition has been deeply involved in global and regional health aligned forums, leveraging these to ensure partners and members have access and visibility. The engagements during the period have been fulfilling with many more projected

West Africa

ABCHealth hosts Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Webinar

ABCHealth hosted Zouera Youssoufou, MD/CEO Aliko Dangote Foundation and other high profile business leaders as well as subject matter experts at the first edition of its maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH) webinar series titled; “Global Perspectives of Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH): Discussing Trends for a Healthy Africa.” The webinar discussed the linkages between primary health care, nutrition, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and malaria within Africa’s Population Health; and also explored the actionable steps and urgent interventions needed in order for Africa to reach its SDG targets. The conversations dovetailed into a series of podcasts which focused on current trends, challenges, and innovative solutions in respective areas of development health as it concerns MNCH. Listen to the podcasts.



ABCHealth hosts Investment Summit at Medic West Africa 2024

Following the first edition of the Africa Investment Forum in 2021, ABCHealth, in partnership with Informa Markets hosted a second edition titled; “Healthcare Investments in Africa – Mobilizing Private Sector to Drive Healthcare Investments in Africa”, a Private multi-sector session to steer investment conversations in Health, targeting public and private sector key stakeholders, decision makers and investors. The session, which held in Lagos, Nigeria aimed to analyze key opportunities for private sector investment in Africa’s healthcare landscape, identifying high-impact areas that could benefit from increased funding and resources.

ABCHealth Panel & Roundtable Session at ASIS 2024

At the heart of this year’s ASIS was ABCHealth’s highly anticipated Panel and Roundtable sessions. The Panel titled; “Envisioning Africa’s Growth through the Lens of a Thriving Health Economy: Private Sector Perspectives” featured Dr. Abdu Mukhtar, National Coordinator of the Presidential Initiative for Unlocking the Healthcare Value Chain (PVAC) alongside subject matter experts from the public and private sectors with focus on the impact of private sector investments on health outcomes; while the Roundtable convened Honorable Health Commissioners of Nigeria led by Dr. Oyebanjo Filani, Chairman Health Commissioners Forum (HCF) and other critical stakeholders from the private sector and development world to discuss the importance of collaboration whilst aiming to unlock opportunities, enhance healthcare delivery, and ensure equitable access to quality health services in Nigeria.



North Africa

ABCHealth hosts Global Health Forum at GITEX Africa 2024

ABCHealth hosted its Global Health Forum titled; “Global Perspectives of Private Health in Africa: Improving Health Outcomes”; leading a number of delegates drawn primarily from Africa’s private sector to speak at the forum which was convened at the GITEX Africa 2024 in Marakech in Morocco. The Global Health Forum explored the dynamics of private sector health investments and its impact in Africa as well as focused on the impact investments that will improve Africa’s health outcomes. GITEX Africa 2024 was organized under the high patronage of His Majesty, King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco. Through this institutional partnership with the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC), ABCHealth remains at the forefront of birthing a more focused approach to solving Africa’s health challenges and improving the continent’s health outcomes.



ABCHealth leads 20 Delegates to 2024 African Health ExCon

A follow up to the Coalition’s participation at the 2023 Africa Health ExCon, ABCHealth co-hosted twenty delegates drawn from Africa’s public, private and development sectors at the 2024 edition of the conference. Africa Health ExCon 2024 focused on sharing insights and evaluating Africa’s progress and commitment to advancing healthcare across the continent. The delegation met with a number of the continent’s leading healthcare providers, regulators, investors and practitioners at several sessions over the course of the two-day conference; and also with Ameer El Telwany, CEO, Egypt Healthcare Authority to exchange country health knowledge towards advancing healthcare across the continent.



ABCHealth in 2024 Medic East Africa and Medlab East Africa

ABCHealth was at the Medic East Africa and Medlab East Africa Conference convened in partnership with the Kenya Ministry of Health. The conference convened senior government officials, policymakers, healthcare service providers and critical stakeholders in the healthcare space to discuss ideas and showcase innovative technologies that will transform healthcare delivery across East Africa; providing an unparalleled opportunity to share thoughts and ideas on improving health outcomes in the region. The 2024 edition of this conference, organised by Informa Markets, a partner with ABCHealth, is indicative of the robust opportunities within Africa's healthcare space. Plans for a 2025 edition are already underway and promises to be one of the biggest health gatherings in Africa.



Dr. Ohanyido, DG WAIPH; Dr. Aduloju, CEO, NESG; Ms. Youssoufou, CEO ADF; Dr. Filani, Chairperson HCF; Prof. Abayomi, Health Commissioner Lagos State at the Roundtable session at ASIS 2024 in Lagos, Nigeria



Speakers at the 2024 Medic West Africa in Lagos, Nigeria where discussion focused on mobilizing the private sector to drive health investments in Africa



ABCHealth CEO alongside Ameer El Telwany, CEO, Egypt Healthcare Authority with business leaders and development partners at the Africa HealthExCon 2024 in Cairo, Egypt



ABCHealth CEO alongside delegates from African countries at the Medic East Africa and Medlab East Africa Conference 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya



ABCHealth at GITEK 2024 in Casablanca, Morocco; with its high-level delegation of speakers with focus on advancing improved health outcomes in Africa



Speakers at the ABCHealth-led panel session focused on private sector perspectives for growing the continent's healthcare space at ASIS 2024 in Lagos, Nigeria

Key Upcoming Events



Africa Digital Health Conference – Oct 23; Cape Town
 ABCHealth's panel session titled; "Building a Sustainable AI and Digital Health Ecosystem in Africa" will discuss the unique opportunities artificial intelligence (AI) and digital technologies presents in revolutionizing healthcare delivery across Africa.



Big Ideas West Africa – Oct 21-23; Johannesburg
 Focusing on innovation, change and partnerships, this three-day workshop provides a forum for critical stakeholders in Africa's healthcare space to forge partnerships aimed at addressing shared challenges, drive collective impact and drive actions



EmpowerHer: Women in Healthcare – Oct 24; Cape Town
 Unlocking the hidden potential of female entrepreneurs to enable them navigate the business world is a critical step in changing Africa's healthcare narrative. This session will showcase proven strategies for scaling healthcare venture sustainably.



International Health Ministers Summit – Dec 4-7; Rwanda
 ABCHealth is leading a session titled; "Driving Sustainable Healthcare in Africa through Improved Local Production Capacity of Drugs and Medical Commodities". The session will focus on sustainable healthcare in Africa through boosting local production of drugs and medical supplies.



2024 Africa Film Finance Forum (AFF) – Nov 28; Nigeria
 ABCHealth is hosting a panel session titled; "Unlocking Private Sector Investments: A Business Case for Leveraging Storytelling and Cinematography to Achieve Sustainable Healthcare in Africa" to discuss health-oriented storytelling in film to facilitate new funding opportunities.

- 2025 UK-Africa Conference – Mar 20
- Medic West Africa and Medlab 2025 – Apr 25
- GITEK Africa 2025 – May 30
- Africa Health ExCon 2025 – Jun 06

