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FOASPS/ WAPHF: Who we are...

FOASPS stands for the "Fédération Ouest Africaine du Secteur Privé de la Santé" / WAPHF stands for "West African Private Healthcare Federation". We aim to unify the voice of private health sector and create a platform to engage and partner with Ministries of Health and the public sector in general, to address the most critical cross-cutting public health issues that West Africa currently faces. Our Vision is upheld via our social engagement to upscale Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the ECOWAS Region.

Our Member Country federations



Message from the President : Why a newsletter by FOASPS/WAPHF?

When I became President of FOASPS at the handover in July 2019, in Cotonou, Benin, one of milestones I wanted to achieve was to improve the communication between our nine Country's Federations and our Governing bodies.



Mrs. Clare Omatseye

Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to announce the release of the first edition of our FOASPS Quarterly Newsletter, as a further sign of the Boards commitment to make FOASPS a formidable organization dedicated to the rise of the privately operated enterprises in the health sector whilst working together with Governments, Technical and Financial partners to improve the 'access to quality health' to the growing population of West Africa.

A newsletter can be described as a printed/electronic report containing news concerning the activities of an organization that is sent to its members, customers, employees or subscribers, and partners. This perfectly describes what we expect this special instrument to be. In addition, I would

also like this to be a forum for us to hear from our Readers. So I urge our Country Federations, their Executive bodies as well as their administrative secretariat staff to please share articles and their success stories with us. With the support of the Permanent Secretariat team "Healthy West Africa" should become one of the common sources of inspiration, to improve creativity and innovation in the Healthcare ecosystem.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our amiable Vice President Dr. Lucien Dossou - Gbete and Dr. Joseph Boguifo for their incredible support to me and our dedicated and passionate Secretariat Team in our quest to take FOASPS to even greater heights.

Cheers to the newborn "*Healthy West Africa*"

High level policy conference and FOASPS 's General Assembly in Abidjan 7th and 8th July 2023

The West African Private Healthcare Federation has planned to organize the next High-Level Policy Conference in Abidjan. The event description is as follows:

Theme: Opportunities of Public-Private Dialogue in West Africa, to advance the agenda of UHC in a one health context

Side Event: Exhibition of Healthcare products and services (Medical Equipment and Pharmaceuticals)

Number of participants: 100 to 300 to be drawn from 9 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo)

Number of VIPs, guest speakers, and Ministers: 10 – 20 VIP's

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Looking back: Our history and last AGMs

Dakar, 27th and 28th May 2016

FOASPS/ WAPHF was incorporated in Dakar during the constituent General Assembly held on the 27th - 28th of May 2016. The meeting was attended by delegates from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. At the end of the meeting, the statutes and articles of regulations were adopted and the authorization was given to the President Dr. Ardo Ba to take the necessary actions for the registration of the Federation.

Dakar, 6th and 7th November 2017

African Health Business (AHB), the Senegal Ministry of Health and Social Action, and FOASPS/ WAPHF organized a High-Level Policy Symposium under the theme "Transform public-private partnerships in the health sector in Africa". Besides the Symposium, FOASPS General Assembly took place and allowed country federations, to share their achievement for the creation of their country federation and progress for those that were already incorporated,

before the creation of FOASPS/ WAPHF.

Dakar, July 8th, 2019

The Senegal Ministry of Interior gave formal accreditation to FOASPS.

Cotonou, July 10th - 13th 2019

From the 10th to the 13th of July, 2019 at Sun Beach Hotel in Cotonou – Benin Republic, the Benin Federation PSSP-Benin organized a symposium paired with a medical equipment and materials exhibition that mobilized as many as 300 participants, including partners and country federations members.

During the symposium, FOASPS/ WAPHF held the General Assembly on July 10th, 2019. Present were the representatives of most member federations and platforms of the Private Health Sector.

The meeting progressed with the following: (i) Received the activity report, (ii) Formally adopted the minutes of the constituent General Assembly held in Dakar 2 years ago, (iii) Amended some articles of the Constitution and (iv)

Elected the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, while the former Vice-President became the President in line with the Constitution.

Therefore, at the end of the AGM, a new Board was set in place with the following officers:

President: Mrs. Clare OMATSEYE, of the Healthcare Federation of Nigeria; 1st Vice-President: Dr. Lucien DOSSOU GBETE, of PSSP Benin; 2nd Vice-President: Dr. Joseph BOGUIFO, of PSSP-CI, Cote d'Ivoire, represented at the meeting by Dr. Jean Maurin Sery.

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In Memory of our first Executive Director



The pain of the loss of our first Executive Director **Dr Kunle Adeyemi Doro** is still strong, but knowing that he is with God consoles us in our pain. We will remember a true leader, a deeply good and loving person whose example will continue to inspire us for a long time to come.

Union of prayers for you Kunle and the rest of your family.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT (Period of september to december 2022)



Mr. Kofi Kumodzi

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

At the start of her term, the President of FOASPS, Mrs. Clare Omatseye commits herself with the support of the two Vice presidents, Dr. Lucien Dossou-Gbete and Dr. Joseph Boguifo to focus her efforts on achieving the organization's financial sustainability. In that vein, they've engaged the organization in a response to a call for proposal launch in early 2020 by USAID West Africa.

From that date till mid-2022, a proposal writing committee including country federation members and expert advisors worked hard to respond and take FOASPS/ WAPHF through the process. On July 2022, it was announced that FOASPS/ WAPHF will receive the grant, in a form of a Fixed Amount Award (FAA). Therefore, some more work was done to comply with this new

format and prepare the grant agreement that was finally signed on the 8th of September 2022 and approved on the 12th of September 2022.

In this newsletter, we are sharing a synthesis of our quarterly report with the following highlights:

MAJOR EVENTS/ PROCESSES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PERIOD

The Permanent Secretariat was involved in four major activities:

Working towards the delivery of the major milestones:

The Permanent Secretariat submitted and received approval on six milestones. That generates a total of \$ 300,000.00 and enables FOASPS to be able to easily face its financial obligations.

Supporting FOASPS/ WAPHF Governing and Management bodies:

Main events organized by the permanent secretariat include: (i) 7th - 9th September 2022: Medic West Africa in Lagos; (ii) 17th October 2022: Online Briefing session in relation to the Country Federations' assessment; (iii) 27th - 29th October 2022: JLN Meeting in Lagos for onboarding of the CF to the project's dynamics; (iv) 9th and 12th December 2022: Online Briefing session for the sub-grant call for proposals (1 session for Franco-phone and 1 for Anglophone).

Designing the organizational development and administration tool:

This activity was key to helping

FOASPS/ WAPHF operate as a proper administration with pertinent functional tools. It was based on an internal rigorous organization. In the same period, the permanent secretariat was also involved in the amendment or design of management and procedures documents.

Implementation of side contracts in the secretariat advisory services mandate:

In the thrust of our mandate of providing advisory services to other organizations, FOASPS received a sub-grant to support the Healthcare Federation of Liberia and is working to deliver the services. There is a negotiation that will end soon for another sub-grant to provide similar services to the Country Federation of Madagascar called by Groupement du Secteur Privé de la Santé (GSPS) and other similar organizations.

NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUSION

During the next quarter, January - March 2023, the permanent secretariat team will be involved in: (i) Delivery of other key milestones, (ii) Finalization and harmonization of individual work plans and road maps, (iii) The Preparation of the FOASPS upcoming AGM, (iv) Finalization and amendment of legal documents for the AGM's approval, (v) Adoption of the training/ learning plan for the Permanent Secretariat, (vi) Provision of Technical assistance to Country federations.

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News from our country federations

Healthcare Federation of Nigeria (HFN) held its Annual General Meeting on the February 3th, 2023.

Officially opening the exhibition at the HFN Annual Conference and AGM recently by **the Honourable Minister of Health Dr Osagie Ehanire and Chairman Senate Committee on Health Senator Oloriegbe** while the President Dr Pamela Ajayi, Vice President Njide Ndili, Trustee Chief Ifianyi Okoye and others

look on...

Dr. Pamela Ajayi-Jackson was reelected President for a new term. She leads an Executive of five (5) members. **The 2023-2024 HFN Executive L-R**

Mrs Abimbola Adebakin (Publicity Secretary), **Mrs Chinyere Okorocha (Treasurer), Dr Pamela Ajayi (President) Mrs Njide Ndili (Vice President) and Segun Ebitanmi (Financial Secretary)**



Officially opening by the Honourable Minister of Health

AGENDA

Save the dates...

13th – 15th April, 2023: **BENIN HEALTH 2023** at Palais des Congrès in Cotonou, Benin Republic

Youpy!!!! the COVID confinement is over. The permanent secretariat and the Board are preparing **FOASPS/ WAPHF's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** to be held in July.

Highlights and best practices from the “country side”

Benin federation, the PSSP announces its major event of the year:

BENIN HEALTH 2023 to be held from April 13 to 15, 2023 at the “Palais des Congrès” in Cotonou, Benin Republic.

The main theme chosen for this event is: “Contribution of the private sector to strengthening the health system to increase resilience: which pillar (s) to start with?”

The Board in Action



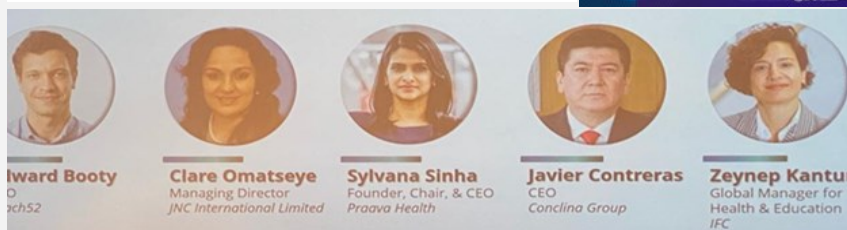
The President Mrs. Clare Omatseye and the Acting Permanent Secretary Mr. Kofi Kumodzi attended Arab Health exhibition and conference, organized by Informa Markets From 30th January 2023 to 2nd February 2023 in Dubai. During their mission, the President signed a MOU with Informa Markets the organizers.

In the light of this MOU, FOASPS will promote Informa Market's events in west Africa through its country federations using the channels of High-level Policy Conferences, web site, contact lists of health actors, identification of high-profile speakers, recruitment of volunteers (young men and women) during exhibitions.

Informa Markets will support FOASPS/ WAPHF, to improve the impact of its important meetings (AGM and High-level Policy conferences by offering full participation of two Exco members (including travel Hotel and onsite F&B), simultaneous translations, meeting rooms, discount on exhibition booths during MWA 2023, a meeting room and a stand at Arab Health 2024, a bilingual congress program.

Press release

FOASPS President Speaks at the Closing Plenary Session of IFC Conference 2023



The 9th IFC Health Conference was held at Cape Town International Convention Center, Cape Town on February 14th-15th 2023. FOASPS President Mrs Clare Omatseye represented the Federation at the Closing Plenary Session which gave an overview of the sessions held during the conference and take-aways from each of the sessions crucial for developing resilient healthcare systems.

What's going on in the Permanent secretariat?



*The Permanent Secretariat is working hard to release its first learning material. It will aim at developing our stakeholders' capacity in **coaching and mentoring**.*

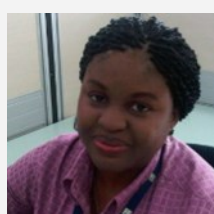
This program is designed to be offered in a face-to-face mode or on line. Expected delivery date: End of April 2023.

Those who are serving FOASPS – J2Su

For those who never meet with the permanent secretariat team...



Mrs. Clare Omatseye
President of FOASPS



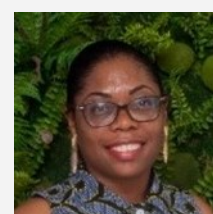
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