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COMMUNIQUE OF ACTION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE NETWORK FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

We, the members of the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the State Houses of Assembly met in Abuja, from the 24th through the 25th of July, 2017 at a summit dedicated to the launching of a national legislative network on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), at the invitation of the Chairman, Senate Committee on Health Senator (Dr.) Olanrewaju Tejuoso and under the Chairmanship of the Senate President and Chairman of the National Assembly- Senator (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki.

We gathered in Abuja to undertake a critical review and assessment of the statutory functions of the National and State Assemblies, and how to leverage these for improved health financing and advancement of UHC.

We recognize and commend the efforts of the Ministries of Health and related MDAs at all levels and acknowledge the support that the development partners; USAID, UKAID, World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Civil Society Organizations, and other stakeholders are providing in raising awareness around UHC and their delivery of critical technical support.



WE SOLEMNLY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

Nigeria's lawmakers are **DEEPLY CONCERNED** by the slow pace of progress towards expanding health insurance coverage and financial protection to the majority of Nigerians, chronic under-investment in the health sector, and huge inefficiencies in the health sector.

We **RECOGNISE** the Legislative Network on UHC as a veritable platform for harnessing and aligning the statutory functions of lawmakers towards achieving UHC in Nigeria.

We consider UHC to be a worthy cause. To this end, we **RESOLVE** to work towards the success of the Legislative Network on UHC and take all the necessary measures within our legislative mandate to ensure Nigeria makes significant progress towards UHC and work closely with the Executive arms of government to ensure every Nigerian can obtain essential health services at high quality without suffering financial hardship.

Under the specific under listed legislative functions, **WE COMMIT OURSELVES** to:

Legislation

1. Pass appropriate health legislation and legal frameworks that mandate universal healthcare at all levels e.g. laws establishing State Health Insurance/Contributory Schemes.
2. Ensure the inclusion of key clauses that guarantee financial risk protection, equity and improved access to quality services are introduced into all health legislations.

Appropriation

3. Recall and reaffirm Nigeria's commitment to the Abuja declaration of 2001 which recommends the allocation of at least 15% of government budgets to the health sector and pledge to comply by providing increased health sector funding and ensuring at least 70% budget performance.
4. Ensure the inclusion and preservation of all earmarked funding for health e.g. at least 1% Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) dedicated to the vulnerable population enrolled into Health Insurance Schemes at Federal and State levels.

Accountability

5. Establish mechanisms to monitor progress of UHC with process, output and outcome level indicators.



6. Work closely with the Executive arm of government at all levels to guarantee the implementation of health laws and ensure compliance with the rule of law.
7. Hold relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs) accountable towards effective and efficient implementation of UHC related policy thrusts including decentralization of health insurance scheme, PHC Under One Roof (PHCUOR), PHC Revitalization for UHC and other policy thrusts
8. Work closely with civil societies to ensure that there is an effective legislative – CSO interface towards effective implementation of UHC interventions.
9. To ensure that UHC is raised high on the political agenda of Nigerians and advocate for its inclusion in manifestos of political parties as a sustainable movement.

Oversight

10. Foster open access to information for improved transparency and accountability of health expenditure through effective oversight functions.
11. Employ a performance framework to track legislative efforts at actualizing UHC at all levels of Nigeria.
12. Provide oversight on UHC related policy reform including domestic resource mobilization, decentralization of health insurance scheme, PHC Under One Roof (PHCOUR), PHC Revitalization for UHC, performance based financing and other policy thrusts
13. That the following State Houses of Assembly will provide coordination support for the Legislative network for each geo-political zone viz: South West - Ogun State, North Central - Kwara, North West – Sokoto, North East – Bauchi, South South – Cross River and South East – Abia State.

We state that all declarations in this communique are subject to the provisions of the Law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that in areas of contravention, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria will take precedence.

Abuja, Federal Republic of Nigeria
26 July, 2017



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