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## Africa Healthcare Federation (AHF) launched at the inaugural Africa Health Business Symposium (AHBS) themed “Growing the Business of Health in East Africa”

On October 5th to 7th, 2016, Nairobi played the proud host for the inaugural Africa Health Business Symposium (AHBS) at Safari Park Hotel. This Symposium was attended by 380 delegates from over 35 countries across the globe. The symposium was officially opened by Hon. Dr Cleopa Mailu, the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Kenya, after the VIP address delivered by H.E. Dr Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, the Commissioner of Social Services at the African Union.



[L-R] Dr Ramesh Bholla (Southern Africa), Dr Ardo Boubou Ba (Western Africa), Dr Amit N. Thakker (Chairman, AHF and Africa Health Business), H.E. Dr Mustapha Siddiqi Kaloko (Commissioner of Social Services, African Union), Dr Ian Clarke (Eastern Africa), Dr Jean Daniel Ovaga (Central Africa), Dr Hatem El Gabaly (Northern Africa) at the launch of the Africa Health Federation (AHF)

The Minister's panel facilitated by Dr Amit N. Thakker, Chairman of Africa Health Business Symposium, comprised of Hon. Dr Jane Ruth Aceng, Minister of Health, Uganda, Hon. Dr Bernard Haufiku, Minister of Health, Namibia and Hon. Dr David Parirenyatwa, Minister of Health, Zimbabwe. This engaging session focused on the need for synergies between the public and private health sectors, as well as on the ways the private health sector can support public sector challenges.

Before the closure of the 3 days Africa Health Business Symposium, the Guest Ministers, VIPs and delegates were witness to a historic moment during which healthcare leaders from all 5 regions of Africa – the Northern, Southern, Central, Western and Eastern joined hands to pledge their commitment towards a joint entity that unites the regional private health sectors of Africa, the Africa Healthcare Federation (AHF).

A Communique that reiterated their leadership role towards the development of AHF was signed, and the Africa Health Federation logo was unveiled.



Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Health Kenya, H.E Dr Cleopa Mailu

With this, AHBS marked the official launch of the Africa Healthcare Federation which will advocate, mentor, collaborate and unify the private health sector of Africa.



AHBS Opening Ceremony [LR]: Dr Amit Thakker, Hon. Dr Bernard Haufiku, H.E. Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, Hon. Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng, Hon. Dr. Cleopa Mailu, Hon. Dr. David Parirenyatwa, and Kartik Jayaram

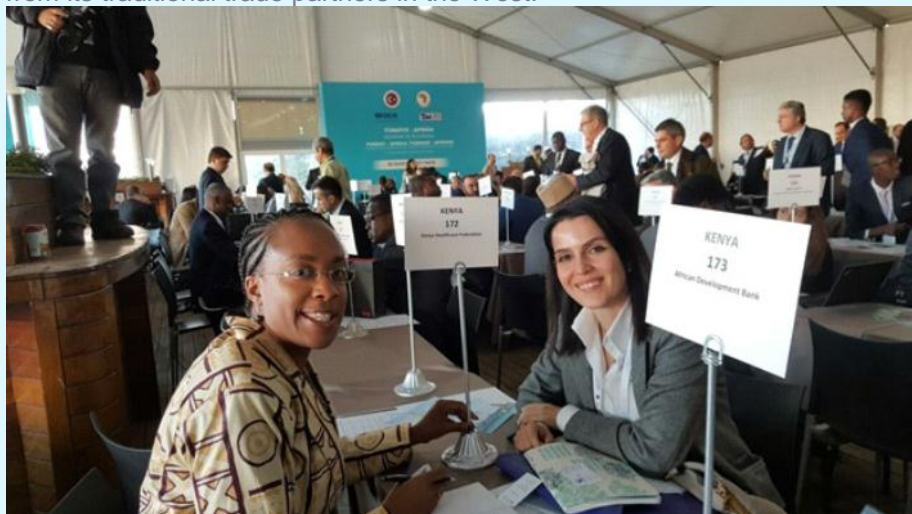
This will also ensure the scaling up and strengthening of health systems, spurring greater investments as well as development of affordable, accessible and quality healthcare delivery across the continent, thereby rising Africa to global standards.

This symposium indeed proved to be a platform for intra-regional discussion and was well represented by partners from the public health sector, private health sector as well as development partners providing for an all-inclusive dialogue, as well as strengthening of public-private partnerships. In collaboration with all the key players, it was decided that AHBS 2017 will take place in Dakar, Senegal in the Western region of Africa.

## TURKEY-AFRICA ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS FORUM

Turkey hosted the Turkey-Africa Economic and Business Forum in November 2-3, 2016 in Istanbul. The Forum, co-organized by Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Turkey and the African Union Commission, provided a unique platform for the business circles of Turkey and African countries to create a long-lasting cooperation. The forum was well attended with over 40 African countries represented and over 1000 delegates. The Kenyan contingent of 120 strong was the largest.

The opening ceremony officiated by the President of Turkey brought out with clarity Turkey's interest in doing business with Africa as it looks away from its traditional trade partners in the West.



Dr Jacqueline Kitulu – KHF Director at the event.

B2B session was very well set up with clear register of various sectors that sought business opportunities in Africa. It was an opportunity for even the African countries businesses attending to network amongst each other.

Dr Jacqueline Kitulu and other African Leaders at the event



In the health sector various companies showed interest in medical tourism opportunities for Turkish specialty centers, distribution of Turkish pharmaceuticals, capacity building of our human resources in health as well as infrastructure sourcing with profit share with interested hospital partners.

KHF Director Dr Jacqueline Kitulu who attended on behalf of KHF witnessed the concept of Turkey's Strategy to Enhance Bilateral Trade and Economic Relations with Africa and in accordance with the decisions taken during the Turkey-Africa 2015-2019 Partnership event in 2014.

Finally there was an opportunity to see the well-kept heritage sites in Istanbul dating back to the 15th century. Thanks go to KEPSA for excellent organization of the event.



## Speaker's Roundtable with National Assembly at Pride Inn Beach Resort & Convention Center, Shanzu Mombasa.

The Speaker's Roundtable is one of the Public-Private Dialogue established by Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) to provide a platform of dialogue on policy and legislative issues of concern to the Private Sector in relation to Kenya's economic development. The Speaker's Roundtable is specifically focused on the legislature. The theme of the 2016 Speaker's Roundtable was: "Securing Kenya's Competitiveness through an enabling Legislative Framework". It focused on two areas namely, enhancing Kenya's competitiveness and the role of the National Assembly and KEPSA in sustaining economic momentum in the pre-election period.



[R-L] Gloria Ndekei, CEO & Founder, Tuwaa Women's Institute, Dr Amit Thakker Chairman KHF, Capt. James Karanja, Chair, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, Hon. Julius Kibiwott Melly, MP.

The Speaker's Roundtable was convened by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. Justin Muturi. It was also attended by the Leader of Majority Hon. Aden Duale, the Leader of the Minority Hon. Francis Nyenze and Minority Chief Whip Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo. Also present were the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of Departmental Committees, Members of Parliament and Members of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance led by the CEO, Carole Kariuki.

The health sector board for KEPSA Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) was represented by the Chairman Dr Amit N. Thakker who was a session panelist in session III "Social Imperatives in enhancing Kenya's Competitiveness". Dr. Amit pointed out that the provision of health care must be well funded and that the provision of healthcare can be a significant drain on resources for Counties since this was an area of significant demand.

It was noted that under the new Constitution, health care has been decentralized and devolution has had a positive impact on healthcare. It was important to strengthen all aspects of the supply chain in provision of healthcare. The Private Sector also called for progress in the enactment of the Health Bill. Whereas the Constitution had guaranteed the right to emergency care, to ensure there was no denial of health care for those at risk of losing life, there was no health fund to provide resources for costs incurred by the Private Sector in providing emergency health care.

## KHF 2016 Board Retreat: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

The Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) Board of Directors held its end year board retreat on the 27th October 2016 in a half day event

The meeting which was well attended by Board members and the secretariat team reviewed the comprehensive KHF goals placed on the previous retreat meeting when this board documented a strategy plan for the three year term.

The main objectives for this retreat was to document one year achievements and challenges, review the governance structure and the constitution amendments, amend the nomination process, establish the KHF risk register, put down the directors terms of reference, define the key performance indicators and strengthen the committee structures and reporting.

The meeting reflected progress in terms of achievements in just one year from the strategy plan of November 2015 and activities underway to complete certain long term strategies.

The Board of any organization is tasked with continuously assessing risks facing the organization and putting in place mitigation strategies. In evaluating possible KHF risk, the treasurer presented an impact analysis based on likelihood of the risk crystallizing and the impact this might have, The session built on the foreseen key risks and reached consensus on the impact and mitigation strategies to pursue.

The board reviewed and restructured the KHF five committees' key terms of references to strengthen the ongoing discussions that act as the backbone of KHF deliverables. The meeting that was chaired by the federation Chairman Dr Amit N. Thakker urged the Board to keep up the energy towards the success of the federation with key focus on member's satisfaction.

## **Afya Elimu Fund (AEF)**

### **Launch: 29th September 2016**

On the 29th September 2016, the Government of Kenya, USAID, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Intrahealth International, Funzo Kenya Project and Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) launched a new loan programme targeting mid-level medical trainees such as nurses, clinical officers, nutritionists and lab technologists in a bid to increase the country's health workforce.

The Launch which was at the Radisson Blu Hotel was graced by H.E US Ambassador H.E Robert Godec, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Education Dr Fred Matiang'i and Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Health Dr Cleopa Mailu, Mr. Charles Ringera CEO Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Carol Karutu Chief of Party Funzo Kenya Project and Dr Amit Thakker Chairman of Kenya Healthcare Federation.



CS Health, CS Education, US Ambassador and AEF Leadership team during the launch

Speaking during the official launch of the fund, the Health cabinet secretary Dr Cleopa Mailu says the initiative will go a long way in addressing shortage of human resource in the health sector as well as improve on the services offered.



KHF Board of Directors and members at the AEF Launch

The launch was well represented by private health sector with KHF Chairman, Directors, members, and leading private healthcare organizations. . This revolving fund hopes to bridge the gap of inadequate human resources in Kenya and to provide essential health services.



KHF Chairman Dr Amit N. Thakker addressing the private health sector on the role they need to play in the AEF project as a way of bridging the Human Resource for Health gap in the country.



## KHF holds its Members Meeting in an Exclusive Lunch Event at Pride Inn Hotel Westlands on 25th October 2016.



Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) has in the recent past worked with the Healthcare agencies, NGOs, FBOs and Ministry of Health to address quality, affordable and accessible healthcare, in a bid to transform the sector for enhanced efficiency and sustainability. This was evident at a grand KHF members meeting held at Pride Inn Hotel on the 25th October 2016. The meeting which was well attended with members, guests and Development Partners was graced by Mr. David Kamenderi, Manager of Reward & Remuneration at Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC).



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Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) who supported the meeting shared a presentation on their intervention to trends in health sector.. The presentation which covered challenges in the Kenyan health industry, PwC intervention, HR survey and salary survey brought about a heated discussion on healthcare data availability and accessibility.

During the meeting, chaired by Dr. Amit N. Thakker and attended by over 50 members and guests, deliberations over updates from the following KHF committees occurred: . Healthcare Regulations and Quality & Standards committee, Supply Chain Committee, and Human Resource for Health Committee and Healthcare Financing Committee



Dr Lorraine Mugambi-Nyaboga of the National TB programme

Present in the meeting also was Dr Lorraine Mugambi-Nyaboga who shared a presentation updating the private sector on national TB programme opportunities for collaboration. She encouraged members to support the ongoing campaign dubbed “Mulika TB, Maliza TB” that integrates childhood TB screening in Universal Package of Care within the private and public health sectors, support for nationwide CMEs through KHF & other platforms, increase the index of suspicion for TB among all HCWs (private and public sector), support waiving of CXR charges for all childhood TB.

Focusing on its mission “an enabling environment that supports quality affordable healthcare for all” KHF continues to work through its various committees and partnerships to deliver better healthcare policies and regulations to its members thus better healthcare provision to Kenya.

This holiday season, KHF is wishing you a healthy month ahead as we look forward to more updates in the month of December 2016 with KHF Newsletter, *“Your everyday peek behind the health scenes at KHF, with exclusive sustainability news resources, tips and more”*

KHF wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2017

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Merry Christmas  
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