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## KHF holds the 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Stakeholders Forum (MSF) at Afya House with the new Cabinet Secretary Dr. Cleopa Mailu.



Cabinet Secretary for Health Kenya Dr. Cleopa Mailu hosted his first Ministerial Stakeholders Forum (MSF) at Afya House Nairobi in May 16th 2016. The forum which was co-chaired by Dr Amit N. Thakker, Chairman of Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) was well attended by Ministry of Health officials, KHF Directors and Committee Chairs, Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), NGOs and KEPSCA coordinators.

Speaking during the meeting, Ministry of Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Cleopa Mailu said the purpose of the MSF is to deliberate on all issues that are of concern to members and stakeholders. The voices of the stakeholders are to be heard with the aim to resolve all of the concerns. Consequently, all resolutions of the MSF should be scheduled for implementation immediately and members to be updated on progress regularly.

The co-chair of the meeting Dr Amit N. Thakker who is the Chairman of Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) concurred with the Cabinet Secretary on inclusiveness which will bring out the voice of the non-state actors like CHAK, KCCB, SUPKEM and HENNET as members of MSF. This inclusiveness will also see the County Governments on board at the MSF once they stabilize.

### Managed Equipment Services

The Cabinet Secretary appraised members on the good progress by the Managed Equipment Services (MES) project on equipping of 98 hospitals across the Counties. However, he observed that the main bottlenecks include lack of physical facilities and manpower to run the equipment.

### Free Maternity

Speaking on free maternity claims by counties, the CS mentioned that the delays came about because the mode of relaying statistics to MoH is facility by facility.

This delay can be minimized by changing the mode of relaying statistics to county by county, making it easy for the counties to track claims.

MOH is in the process of developing a mechanism to bring the Faith Based Organizations facilities (FBOs) on board for areas with only FBOs facilities available.

### Parallel Importation

The parallel importation of medications has caused high price differentials across the region. The current guidelines for parallel importation are in place and will be revised by June 2016 to ensure the pricing is harmonized. A mechanism of enforcing the guidelines will also be put in place.

### VAT on Medical Commodities

The private sector outlined VAT on Medical Equipment and supplies as a major recent challenge to which the private sector through KHF is in the process of commissioning PWC to undertake an analysis on impact of VAT on healthcare cost.

### 1, 200: NHIF Capitation rate.

NHIF Acting C.E.O Mr. Geoffrey Mwangi clarified that they will hold a dialogue meeting with the private health sector to solve the concern and has agreed to isolate chronic diseases from the primary healthcare in order to make the Kshs.1, 200 capitation rate for primary health care only.

## KHF Engages IFC Stakeholders on Health Bill and Joint Inspection Checklist

Kenya Healthcare Federation held a meeting with the IFC World Bank stakeholders on the 10th of June 2016 to discuss the private health sectors input to the Health bill 2014-2030. The meeting which was championed by the KHF's Healthcare Regulations and Quality & Standards committee (HR and Q&S) was chaired by Millicent Olulo of Pharm Access Foundation (Chair of the committee) and KHF Chair Dr Amit N. Thakker.



Kenya Health Professions Oversight Authority (KHPOA) establishment, emerged as an area of discussion in the Health Bill as a way to create a level playing ground for the regulatory issues that need to bring all sectors together, and that details of the KHPOA will be mentioned after the bill is enacted.

Also emerging was the issue of the office of the roles of the office of the Director of Medical Services (DMS), the Principal Secretary's (PS) and the Director General (DG).

Speaking at the meeting Dr. Njeri Mwaura of IFC World Bank Group highlighted the fact that this is going to be the first Health Bill that includes the Private Health Sector. The office of the Cabinet Secretary will provide overall leadership followed by the Principal Secretary's (PS) office, which will be in charge of administrative and accounting roles for the Ministry of Health.

KHF, led by the HR and Q&S committee Chair Millicent Olulo represented the Private Health Sector at the Health Bill hearing of 15th June 2016 at KICC with a detailed paper on all the issued from different members of the federation.

Dr Frank Wafula of IFC World Bank Group informed the meeting of the Joint Inspection list initiative which exist to help minimize duplication of inspection by several regulatory boards in order to implement common inspection standards. IFC is currently supporting all the regulatory board technically to ensure basic minimum requirements for the health service deliveries. The current inspection list version is a pilot study by IFC that will run in the month of July 2016.

## East Africa Healthcare Federation Conference 2016 concludes in Kampala.

The just concluded East Africa Healthcare Federation (EAHF) conference 2016 held in Kampala brought together over 300 participants drawn from the private and public sectors across Africa, Europe, Asia and America. This year's EAHF conference with the theme 'The Role of the Private Sector in Attaining the Healthcare Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' was organized and hosted by the Uganda Healthcare Federation (UHF) and was officially opened by the EAHF Chair Dr. Ian Clarke.



Dr. Ian Clarke.



US Ambassador to Uganda Deborah Malac

Day one kicked off with the East Africa Ministers panel moderated by Dr. Amit N. Thakker, Chair of the Kenya Healthcare Federation followed by; mHealth discussions; interventions on how to reach the BoP; leapfrogging innovations in health; social franchising and benchmarking quality improvement in health.

The successful and informative first day which included over 30 speakers presenting sessions on broad range of issues affecting the EA health sector, was concluded by a Gala

The East African Healthcare Federation leadership successfully hosted delegates from all over the world at the recently concluded 5th EAHF Conference in Kampala.

At the closing ceremony, moderated by Prof. Khama Rogo, Health in Africa Director and Lead Specialist, World Bank Group summarized the key take home messages for the sector by raising pertinent issues affecting the various countries in Eastern Africa comprising of over 300 million people. The heads of the private health sector from each country outlined their action plan and commitments which will be followed up and progress will be reported next year in Tanzania.

At the event the EAHF shield was officially handed over to Dr. Kaushik Ramaiya of APHFTA (Tanzania) by Dr. Ian Clarke, Chair of UHF at a colorful ceremony witnessed by both public and private sector leaders within East.



We take this opportunity to thank all the officials, delegates and partners for this event that included : World Bank Group, Pharm Access, USAID, Philip, PSI, ACA, GE, Global Financing Facility, The Nairobi Hospital, Biolitec, AAPC, UHMG, PACE, Access Mobile, SMART, Fanem, Sanugit, IHK, UCMB, Strathmore Business School and Africa Health Business

## Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) holds its Members Meeting in an Exclusive Lunch event at Crowne Plaza Hotel



Healthcare in Kenya is one of the most essential human requirements, and its disbursement should be addressed with the requisite sensitivity to prevent loss of life and decrease in human capital. Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) has in the 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 Crowne Plaza Hotel on the 23rd June 2016. The meeting which was well attended with members, guests and Development Partners was graced by Dr Samuel Were, the Head of PPP Unit and a Health System Specialist, Ministry of Health (MOH) Kenya and Dr Njeri Mwaura of IFC World Bank.

Private Sector Partnership for Health (PSP4H) who supported the meeting is leading the way in in a three-year action research project, funded by DFID Kenya (UKAID) to explore the markets in which poor people pay for-profit providers for healthcare. The overall objective of the PSP4H programme is to learn lessons of how a market systems approach might benefit pro-poor health interventions, to inform future programming.

This was evident in a presentation given by Dr Ambrose Nyangao and Ms. Rachel Gikanga of PSP4H on “Closing the Loop on Affordable Primary Healthcare”



Dr Samuel Were of MOH shared a presentation with the private sector stakeholders on the current Ministerial Stakeholders Forum (MSF) agenda, the ministry is working on with KHF. Healthcare Financing, Regulations, Human Resource for Health, Public Private Partnerships and Supply Chain are some of the priority issues in the agenda.



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In the past KHF through the unification of its members as one voice managed to reverse taxation on imported pharmaceutical raw materials. Today KHF is working with the Ministry of Health with the support of research from PwC to reverse taxation on medical equipment to try and bring down the cost of healthcare to the common “*mwananchi*”



Ms. Beatrice Wafula of PwC

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



Focusing on its mission “an enabling environment that supports quality affordable healthcare for all” KHF is partnering with Pricewaterhouse Coopers. (PwC), Kenya's leading professional services firms focused on providing Audit & Assurance, Advisory and Tax services to carry out a research on how taxation is affecting Healthcare industry in Kenya. Ms. Beatrice Wafula of PwC present at the meeting shared with members in a presentation an overview on taxation affecting the Health Industry in Kenya.