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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 16TH ANNUAL CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & FAMILY EVENT OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS (CANPAD) HELD AT THE FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAURIER, OTTAWA, ONTARIO FROM THURSDAY, 3RD TO SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2017.

PREAMBLE: The 16th Annual Continuing Medical Education Conference & Family Event of the Canadian Association of Nigerian Physicians and Dentists tagged Ottawa 2017 was held at the historic Fairmount Chateau Laurier, Ottawa from 3rd to 7th August 2017. The theme of the conference was **The Medical Entrepreneur: Skills and Practice**. The conference was designed to highlight strengths, challenges, and opportunities for medical entrepreneurship in Canada and Nigeria. By the end of the conference participants recognized the role of entrepreneurship in achieving a self-sustaining and developed economy within the evolving and complex health system.

ACTIVITES

- The CME conference attracted over 100 physicians across Canada. There were three plenary and one parallel sessions during which experts provided high quality presentations. Poster Abstracts were also presented.
- “Walk d Doc” a 1.5km walk that attracted over 45 physicians and their family members.
- Variety of family and social events.
- 16th Annual General Meeting
- Award of two scholarships to deserving students in tertiary institutions in Canada. One to a Canadian student of Nigerian ancestry and the other to a Canadian student of African ancestry (non-Nigerian).
- Election and induction of newly elected CANPAD Executives for 2017-2019.

OBSERVATIONS

1. CANPAD observed that the health care system in Nigeria need to be revamped particularly in the areas of infrastructure, delivery systems, education and residency training.
2. CANPAD recognized the need to continue a two-prong approach to developing health services in Nigeria: 1) to modernize and beef up the public sector and 2) to create enabling environment for the private sector to thrive, including the public-private partnerships.
3. CANPAD observed the non-implementation of the National Health Care Act by the Federal Government of Nigeria.
4. CANPAD welcomed the “ElevenPlusOne” initiative proposed by the Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria.

5. CANPAD noted with dismay the Government of Canada's proposed tax reform for private corporations.
6. CANPAD noted the ongoing effort of Nigerian Psychiatrists in Canada to float a professional association.
7. CANPAD observed the continuing effort of Diaspora partners including Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA), Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain (MANSANG), and Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) Germany in improving healthcare services in Nigeria.

RESOLUTIONS

1. CANPAD members are fully committed to improving healthcare delivery and growing the economy in both Canada and Nigeria.
2. CANPAD calls on the Canadian government to reconsider the proposed tax reform, as it will impact medical professional corporations and cause severe instability in the healthcare sector
3. CANPAD calls on the Federal Government of Nigeria to implement the National Health Act
4. CANPAD will encourage its members to participate in the proposed "ElevenPlusOne" program once detailed information is available from the Federal Ministry of Health.
5. CANPAD will collaborate with the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria to facilitate services for physicians and dentists living in Canada including licensure renewal, obtaining letter of good standing and other related documents.
6. CANPAD call on Nigerian leaders to demonstrate their support and vested interest in the Nigerian healthcare system by patronizing the system rather than promoting medical tourism.
7. CANPAD welcome the newly proposed Association of Nigerian Psychiatrists in Canada (ANPIC). CANPAD collaborate with ANPIC towards achieving its vision and mission.
8. CANPAD will continue to promote collegiality, foster personal and professional growth, amongst its members.
9. CANPAD will continue to collaborate with ANPA, MANSAG, and NMA Germany in our quest to improve healthcare system in Nigeria.
10. CANPAD endorsed the joint NMA-CANPAD Continuous Medical Education proposed for NMA Annual General Conference/Delegate Meeting in 2019.

APPRECIATIONS

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2. Hon. Arya Chandra, Member of Parliament, House of Commons, Ottawa

3. Prof Mike Ogirima, President Nigerian Medical Association
4. Dr. Johnson Adeyanju, President, Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas
5. Dr. Babatunde Gbolade, President, Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain
6. Invited Speakers and Sponsors
7. The Ottawa 2017 Local Organising Committee.

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