

## Fostering South to South Collaboration Between Healthcare Federations of Africa and India to Achieve Universal Health Coverage



### EVENT PROCEEDINGS REPORT

*\* Map of Africa and India: Not-to-Scale; For illustrative purpose only.*

Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is critical to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. **NATHEALTH - India** and **Africa Healthcare Federation** recognize the role of south-south cooperation towards achieving this vision and through its Knowledge Partners IPE Global and PwC hopes to fast track progress in the health sector.

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# Background

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**H**ome to over two billion people, India and Africa are natural allies with a strong historical and cultural connect that goes back to centuries. Their common commitment to inclusiveness and to the creation of a world that is fair to all its inhabitants makes it only natural for them to work together.

Healthcare in both India and Africa face common challenges. Shortage of healthcare specialists and workers, lack of robust infrastructure, rapid urbanization, limited financing options, high burden of disease, etc. often negate their development efforts. The Sub-Saharan region alone accounts for nearly 11% of the world's population and yet, it bears 24% of the Global Disease Burden (GBD) as per WHO<sup>1</sup>. India, on the other hand, also shares similar statistics and with 17.5% population of the world, bears nearly 20% of GBD as per a senior economist with the World Bank<sup>2</sup>.

Providing universal quality healthcare to their people is of prime concern to both India and Africa. This reflects well in their respective health agendas. The African Union Summit in 2015 outlined an Agenda 2063 for a more prosperous Africa by ensuring good health and wellness to all citizens by 2063. India too outlined its health commitments in its National Health Policy 2017 that aims to reach everyone in an integrated manner through preventive and promotive health care measures. Complementing several government efforts for development cooperation in the health sector, the India-Africa Health Summit is a step forward to facilitate increased public-private sector engagement to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

*India & Africa represent two of the world's most dynamic economic growth stories*

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<sup>1</sup>WHO, 2006 World Health Report

<sup>2</sup>[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/56485089.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/56485089.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

## Accelerating Sustainable & Equitable Progress through Collaboration & Innovation in Healthcare

**India-Africa Health Summit 2020** was a first-of-its-kind landmark event organized by NATHEALTH - India and Africa Healthcare Federation with IPE Global and PwC as Knowledge Partners. The Summit aimed to foster south-to-south collaboration between the healthcare industries of India and Africa. The objective of the event was not only to come up with suitable solutions that would help make Universal Health Coverage a reality but also address some of the critical issues in the sector thus help chalk out a path in transforming the healthcare trajectories of both India and Africa.

The Summit emphasized the fact that federations and associations across countries must engage, collaborate, deliberate to find solutions to barriers of access to quality healthcare, essential infrastructure for patients, technology and find ways to improve patient outcomes.

Sharing best practices and collaborative health programs can reduce costs, accelerate health outcomes, and promote health security. Addressing these issues, the Summit highlighted the need for Government and Industry leaders to come together to create a conducive policy, regulatory and legal framework around which public-private partnership (PPP) models can be developed seamlessly on a sustainable basis. With the current pandemic disrupting the global economy, healthcare and socio-economic fabric of countries, the Summit presented an opportunity for public and private healthcare sector to chart out a path ahead together. It called for immediate

development response to remedy the short terms problems caused due to COVID-19 and address the long-standing structural gaps for meeting critical demands to urgently address the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

The half-day virtual Summit witnessed setting up of task forces on present significant issues of sustainable and medical value travel, skill transfer, infrastructure development (hospitals and diagnostics), training, research, artificial intelligence, and manufacturing. A white paper on South-South innovation transfer was also released at the event. A landmark occasion of its kind between India and African federations, the Summit kicked off a new course to bring in the much-needed change in the healthcare space of India and Africa.

**Collaborating for a just, representative and, democratic global order**

India-Africa Health Summit:  
Bringing together two geographies for the well-being of 1/3rd of humanity that lives in India & Africa

## Event Summary

The India-Africa Health Summit 2020 had close to 150 delegates comprising of Government officials, policy makers, sector experts, private healthcare providers, etc. with representation from India, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, Nigeria, Tanzania, Senegal, Ghana, Congo, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia.

The deliberations revolved around the need for strengthening healthcare in India and Africa with an objective to not only come up with suitable sustainable solutions that would help make universal health coverage a reality but also catalyze sector transformation through effective partnerships. The discussions focused around improving health infrastructure, funding, capacity building, training and increasing public-private sector engagement for a holistic and equitable development.

## Thematic Sessions

### **Session I: Inaugural Plenary**

emphasized that collaboration is central to realizing the goal of Universal Health Care and it was important for key stakeholders to work together and drive new initiatives to fix infrastructural gaps, improve health access and outcomes.

### **Session II: Technical Plenary**

discussed on the existing gaps in health systems and the need for technical handholding for achieving desired health outcomes. The session gave impetus to broad areas of concern in terms of ease of doing collaboration, capacity building, private sector engagement and investment opportunities.

The potential areas of collaboration in healthcare that emerged from the India-Africa Health Summit 2020 were:

- » Sustainable Medical Value Travel
- » Skill Transfer & Training
- » Infrastructure Development for Hospitals and Diagnostics
- » Manufacturing, Research and Artificial Intelligence



## SESSION I

### Session Summary

The session highlighted how the Summit could build development partnership between India and Africa for providing *improved, affordable and, accessible* healthcare services. The discussions ranged from how learning and sharing of best practices with each other could reduce costs, accelerate health outcomes, and promote health security so that no one is left behind.

A historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NATHEALTH-India and AHF to increase healthcare collaboration between the two federations with a potential to result in increased investment and business in healthcare between India and Africa. In partnership with NATHEALTH, PwC India released a white paper titled, *Unlocking the Potential of India-Africa Collaboration for Healthcare Innovation* during the session. The paper focused on how disruptive value-based innovation critical to shaping the future of healthcare.

### JOINT WELCOME ADDRESS: SETTING THE CONTEXT



#### DR. PREETHA REDDY

President – NATHEALTH and Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals

“The partnership between NATHEALTH - India and Africa Health Federation (AHF) is a beginning of a long exciting and committed journey that would create an all-new trajectory in building robust healthcare ecosystems of the future. Path breaking cross-country platforms like this Summit would enable exchange of skills, technologies, research, medical education and bridge gaps in the health systems, and eventually lead to the shared goal of Universal Health Coverage. However, achieving this would require everyone to rise above the conventional silos, and focus on collaboration, partnerships and innovation.”



#### DR. AMIT N. THAKKER

President – Africa Healthcare Federation & Executive Chairman, Africa Health Business

“They say crisis leads to an opportunity. The pandemic has opened doors for collaborative efforts to create mechanisms through which public-private partnership models could develop seamlessly on a sustainable basis to build a better healthcare ecosystem so that billions of livelihoods benefit and our life expectancy improves in the future.”

### Special Address: Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan

“Over 35% of the world population resides in India & Africa. Sustainable innovation & exchange of best practices can go a long way in achieving health for all.”

Talking about India's flagship program, Ayushman Bharat for attaining Universal Health Coverage, the Hon'ble Minister added, "India aims to digitize healthcare by creating a countrywide digital healthcare ecosystem. With the ongoing pandemic, it is even more critical to ensure quality healthcare, address the shortage of skilled medical professionals, build essential medical infrastructure and harness technology."



## KEY SPEAKERS



**RAJESH BHUSHAN**  
Union Health Secretary,  
Ministry of Health & Family  
Welfare



**H.E. AMIRA ELFADIL**  
Commissioner for Social  
Affairs, Africa Union  
Commission



**DR. LIA TADESSE,**  
Hon'ble Minister of Health,  
Government of the Federal  
Republic of Ethiopia



**V. MURALEEDHARAN**  
Hon'ble Minister of State  
for External Affairs,  
Government of India



**H.E. ALEM TSEHAYE  
WOLDEARIAM**  
The Dean of African  
Missions in India



**DR. HARSH MAHAJAN**  
Senior Vice President  
NATHEALTH and Founder  
& Chief Radiologist,  
Mahajan Imaging



**MS. CLARE OMATSEYE**  
Vice President, AHF &  
President, West Africa  
Private Healthcare  
Federation

Representing the Government of India in the inaugural session, **Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India** highlighted the rich and long-standing historical and cultural ties between India and Africa and called the collaboration between NATHEALTH-India and AHF “an integral part of the overall umbrella of cooperation between India and Africa.” Meanwhile, **H.E Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam, the Dean of African Missions in India**, in his address, pointed out that while COVID-19 has created challenges for African countries, it has opened many doors. With health being a key component under the rubric of India-Africa cooperation, social development and capacity building initiative, the opportunity is beholden to various initiatives taken by the Government of India.

Likewise, **Dr. Lia Tadesse, Hon’ble Minister of Health, Government of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia** spoke about the long-standing history of shared ties between India and Africa and expressed, “Covid-19 has exposed our weaknesses and challenged even the most advanced health systems and strong economies.”

“The pandemic has shown how interconnected is our world. It has brought forth the importance of solidarity, resilient health systems and the need for universal health coverage.”

**Dr. Lia Tadesse**

Listing the steps taken by the public and private sector of Ethiopia to fight the pandemic, Dr. Lia added, “India and Africa’s future is closely

interlinked. Our private sectors and entrepreneurs further strengthen the partnership and create a win-win scenario. Ethiopia looks forward to a closer and stronger collaboration between Africa and India.”

Highlighting the importance of public-private partnership in key policy decisions, **H.E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, Africa Union Commission** stated “it is imperative that private sector is supported by the government for any collaboration to succeed. This is aptly clear with the ongoing pandemic. Citing Africa’s success in response to COVID-19, she added that it was possible largely due to a strong engagement between the public and private sector.”

Praising the timing of the health summit, **V Muraleedharan, Hon’ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India** said, “India enjoys a special relationship with the countries of Africa because of the shared values, anti-colonial struggle and age-old people to people ties. Since both India and Africa are facing the common threat of the pandemic, there is a need to ensure supply chain diversification and resilience, especially in the healthcare sector. Countries have to re-assess their healthcare infrastructure requirements; focus on availability and affordability of medicines and develop reliable supply chains for critical healthcare products.” With India taking a lead in engaging the world leaders for evolving a coordinated response to the pandemic, the minister added that India was able to rapidly increase its pharmaceutical production to respond to the growing global demands. The country has the willingness and capability to act as a responsible partner guided by the ancient philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam or the world is one family.

**Dr. Harsh Mahajan, Senior Vice President NATHEALTH and Founder & Chief Radiologist, Mahajan Imaging** in his concluding remarks re-emphasized the need for increased global south-south collaboration. He added, “while the pandemic has exposed the fragility in the health systems, it has provided an opportunity to rethink the healthcare delivery mechanisms.”

“Disruptive innovations, focus on digital technology and collaborations between different healthcare delivery systems have the potential to provide high quality healthcare while ensuring accessibility and affordability.”

**Dr. Harsh Mahajan**

Thanking everyone **Ms. Clare Omatseye, Vice President, AHF & President, West Africa Private Healthcare Federation** considered “India-Africa Health Summit as a real opportunity for policymakers and industry leaders in both the public and private sector to exchange ideas, deliberate constructively and look at core issues that are cross-cutting between the two.”

Ms. Omatseye looked forward to the partnership and setting up of task forces to build upon the identified four areas of priority resulting in increased partnerships, PPP projects, technology transfer and investments.



#### PRESENTER

**DR. RANA MEHTA**

Healthcare Industry Leader, Partner, PwC India



#### RELEASE OF WHITE PAPER

In partnership with NATHEALTH, PwC India released a white paper titled, *Unlocking the Potential of India-Africa Collaboration for Healthcare Innovation* during the session. The paper mentioned about the importance of innovative healthcare approaches that can transform the traditional healthcare systems thus ensuring quality healthcare for all. The paper also identified potential areas for India-Africa collaboration in the health sector, which would enable the sector to emerge stronger and become future-ready.



## SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

NATHEALTH-India and AHF signed a path-breaking MoU at the Summit to increase healthcare collaboration between the two federations with a potential to result in increased investment and business in healthcare between India and Africa.

The MoU identified specific areas of partnership such as sustainable and medical value travel, infrastructure development for hospitals and diagnostics, training and research, skill transfer and artificial intelligence and manufacturing. A joint Task Force has been set up under each thematic area to further the goals and objectives of the partnership. Each task force would consist of seven to nine members and will be jointly led by representatives from NATHEALTH-India and AHF respectively who will be responsible for the overall functioning and goals of the thematic area assigned. The main objective of the agreement was to find solutions to the barriers of access to quality healthcare, building essential infrastructure for patients, harness technology, address shortage of skilled workforce and medical professionals and find ways to improve patient outcomes.

**Refer to Page 16 below for details** on the Joint Task Force set-up and broad scope of work under each thematic area.



*“Health is the core of  
human development”*

**- Gro Harlem Brundtland**

Former Director-General, World Health Organization



## SESSION II

### Session Summary

The session deliberated around how framing better health policies, building technical capacity, more funding, improving investment climate & policy implementation, innovation & technology could be central to addressing key healthcare challenges. It emphasized the need to build capacity and learn from each-others' best practices that would further help meet the healthcare goals.

The discussions also highlighted how the growing healthcare sector offers a world of opportunities to both India and Africa. Growing urban middle class, improved income and awareness levels coupled with vibrant eco-systems, conducive policy measures, appropriate regulatory environment are pushing healthcare innovations in both the regions.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



#### RAHUL CHABBRA

Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India

“Public-Private Partnership is critical to achieving sustainable healthcare goals. India and Africa can together demonstrate a leap-frogging effect towards growth and creation of an inclusive global society. India has long been engaging with several African nations to help alleviate the spread of diseases like HIV, TB, Malaria. The Summit presents an opportunity to further strengthen the Indo-Africa ties in Healthcare and build on initiatives like *India for Humanity* that create hope for the future.”

### MODERATOR



#### ASHWAJIT SINGH

Founder & Managing Director, IPE Global

“About 55% poor and vulnerable live in Africa and India – home to nearly 35% of the world population. If we were to improve their situation in terms of health, nutrition, sanitation, climate change, economic development and poverty, there needs to be an increased focus on this progressive partnership. The Summit is an opportunity for policy makers and industry leaders from across the world to exchange knowledge, deliberate and discuss core issues which are the bedrock of the healthcare sector for a more equitable world.”



## KEY SPEAKERS



**DR. SANGITA PATEL**  
Director, Health Office,  
USAID/India Mission



**M HARI MENON**  
Country Director, Bill  
& Melinda Gates  
Foundation India



**BIJU MOHAN DAS**  
Principal Investment  
Officer, International  
Finance Corporation

Dr. Sangita Patel, Director, Health Office, USAID/India Mission applauded the insightful session by the panelists and mentioned the need to have a common agreement between India and Africa to advance on providing lower cost medicine, lower cost services and care.

“ It is in times like these when the world is rebounding from a global pandemic, the role of private sector becomes critical. Such partnerships go a long way in cementing the private-public sector engagement and improving health for all.”

Dr. Sangita Patel

Mr. M Hari Menon, Country Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation India spoke on India's initiatives in implementing Universal Health Coverage and the importance of policy for collaboration and digitalizing healthcare systems.

He added, “South Asia and Africa are key to the success of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There is a strong case for governments on both sides to come together as the world is going through geo-political shifts.” With countries shaping their destinies, he called out to partners to find ways to align with transformations to further the development agenda.

Mr. Biju Mohan Das, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation emphasized on the need for private sector funding not just at the secondary & tertiary levels but also at the primary healthcare level to include the lowest strata of the population. Sounding optimistic, he mentioned that a combination of government efforts, market-led consolidation of healthcare providers, private investors and digital technology can transform the sector gradually. He added, “A thread of technology can build a foundation for both India and Africa towards achieving universal health coverage, reduce medical costs and deploy universal health insurance.”





*“Improving access to affordable healthcare  
through Public-Private engagement”*

## Event Summary & The Way Forward

**India-Africa Health Summit 2020** presented an opportunity for the regions to collaborate and innovate on viable healthcare solutions through an integrated and sustainable approach. Realizing that challenges are massive so is the potential, the Summit emphasized on the need to focus on learning and adapting from each other's experiences to achieve the goal of Universal Health Coverage.

### Industry leaders come together

Both NATHEALTH-India and AHF looked forward to increased industry support to make national programs more successful. Nearly 30 industry leaders from both sides lent their support at the Summit to take forward the agenda of building a healthier future for all. These included:

- » **Dr. Harsh Mahajan**, Senior Vice President, NATHEALTH, Founder and Chief Radiologist, Mahajan Imaging
- » **Ms. Clare Omatseye**, Vice President, Africa Health Federation (AHF) & President, West Africa Private Healthcare Federation
- » **Dr. Ashutosh Raghuvanshi**, Secretary, NATHEALTH, Managing Director & CEO, Fortis Healthcare Ltd.
- » **(Hon) Brig. Dr. Arvind Lal**, Former President, NATHEALTH and Chairman & Managing Director, Dr Lal PathLabs
- » **Dr. H. Sudarshan Ballal**, Former President, NATHEALTH and Chairman, Manipal Hospitals Group
- » **Mr. Sushobhan Dasgupta**, S Former President, NATHEALTH and Vice President DePuy Synthes, Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific
- » **Mr. Daljit Singh**, Former President, NATHEALTH and Advisor, Mentor, Coach at Fortis Healthcare
- » **Mr. Amit Mookim**, Governing Council Member, NATHEALTH and Managing Director-South Asia, Iqvia Consulting and Information Services India Private Limited
- » **Ms. Layla Sentissi**, Treasurer, AHF
- » **Mr. Danny Mutembe**, Governing Council Member, NATHEALTH and CEO, P.D. Hinduja Hospital and MRC
- » **Mr. Himanshu Baid**, Director East Africa, AHF and CEO, MD Conseil Medical Supply and Managing Partner, Pharmacy Conseil



- » **Mr. Himanshu Baid**, Governing Council Member, NATHEALTH and Managing Director, Poly Medicure Ltd.
- » **Dr Mohamed El Sahili**, Secretary, AHF
- » **Mr. Pavan Choudary**, Governing Council Member, NATHEALTH and Managing Director, Vygon India Pvt Ltd
- » **Dr Lucien Dossou-Gbete**, Director West Africa
- » **Mr. Sandeep Makkar**, Governing Council Member, NATHEALTH and Managing Director, Johnson & Johnson Medical India
- » **Dr Joseph Boguifo**, Director, AHF
- » **Dr Shravan Subramanyam**, Treasurer, NATHEALTH and President & CEO, GE Healthcare India & South Asia and Managing Director, Wipro GE Healthcare
- » **Mr. Sunil Thakur**, Governing Council Member NATHEALTH and Managing Director, Quadria Capital Advisors Pvt Ltd
- » **Prof Morgan Chetty**, Director, Southern Africa
- » **Ms. Vinita Sethi**, Governing Council Member NATHEALTH and Senior VP Corporate Affairs, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd
- » **Mr. Ashwajit Singh**, Knowledge Partner, AHF and Founder & MD, IPE Global

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research diagnosis preventative.  
SAFE trust insurance clinic community  
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responsibility  
treatment  
**healthcare**  
is a global priority



## Joint Task Force set-up

The Summit identified four key thematic areas of collaboration and a joint Task Forces has been set up under each to further the goals and objectives of the partnership. Each task force would consist of seven to nine members and will be jointly led by representatives from NATHEALTH-India and AHF respectively who will be responsible for the overall functioning and goals of the thematic area assigned. The task force will include industry partners, development partners, government representatives, key experts, and knowledge partners.

### Thematic areas identified under the MoU:

#### Sustainable Medical Value Travel (MVT)

Under this, the focus will be to bring transparency in referral mechanism/fees and the need of travel for treatment, for smooth VISA processing and Immigration. The task force on Sustainable MVT will also focus on easy availability of information on health facilities including quality and cost differentials, standardized rating mechanism, etc., existing accreditations and grievance redressal mechanisms. Establishing partnerships for diagnostic tests, emergency air evacuations will also be a priority.

#### BROAD SCOPE FOR TASK FORCE

- » Addressing the fragmented market - identify gap areas in the medical tourism value chain
- » Bringing transparency in referral mechanism/fee and need of travel for treatment
- » Bringing transparency in ways to standardize cost of treatment
- » Having a code of conduct for companies involved in MVT
- » Collaborating with Indian authorities for smooth VISA processing and immigration
- » Exploring areas of collaboration with travel and hospitality industry for special schemes, plans/ vouchers, etc.
- » Providing easy availability of information on health facilities – quality and cost differentials, standardized rating mechanism, existing accreditations, etc.
- » Setting up of a possible Grievance Redressal Mechanism
- » Sharing of learnings from MVT
- » Establishing partnerships for Diagnostic Tests, Emergency Air Evacuations, etc.

### Skill Transfer and Training

NATHEALTH and AHF will map skill transfer and training requirements to identify the key gaps that need attention and look at the potential for e-learning and use of other technologies (simulation, augmented virtual reality, etc.) to bring down the costs. They will also work towards establishing twinning programmes between Indian and African institutions and improve scope and potential for building capacity of local health care companies and financial intermediaries.



## BROAD SCOPE FOR TASK FORCE

- » Understanding relevancy of skills and key gap areas & mapping of skill transfer and training requirements
- » Creating a vehicle for job creation for the skilled resources, particularly in greying nations
- » Exploring potential for e-learning and use of other technologies (simulation, augmented virtual reality, etc.) to bring down costs
- » Identifying delivery and recipient organizations/stakeholders
- » Establishing twinning programs between Indian and African institutions
- » Identifying scope and potential for building capacity of local health care companies and financial intermediaries

## Infrastructure Development for Hospitals and Diagnostics

Under this, the two federations will identify gap areas by gauging industry interest on both ends for investments and categorise the ways and policy interventions needed to safeguard investor interests and highlight the alternate financing mechanisms available like PE/VC funds, viability gap funding, impact investments, etc. The task force will also look at ways to improve the business environment by working with governments to expand the public-private partnerships.

## BROAD SCOPE FOR TASK FORCE

- » Mapping successes and failures and addressing key challenges for inbound investments into Africa
- » Identifying gap area and gauging industry interest on both ends for investments
- » Analyzing ways and policy interventions needed to safeguard investor interests
- » Identifying improvements needed for regulatory oversight of private healthcare
- » Identifying alternate financing mechanisms available – PE/VC funds, Viability Gap Funding, Impact Investments, etc.
- » Exploring ways to improve the business environment by working with governments to expand public-private partnerships

## Manufacturing, Research and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The key focus areas under this include addressing the need for harmonization of regulatory requirements and building expertise for pharmaceutical manufacturing in Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). The task force will also explore the ways to reduce market fragmentation to achieve economies of scale and discuss how to create regional economic communities thereby creating regional markets. The focus will also be on increasing investment into R&D in Africa through collaborative research, twinning programmes that include galenic development, centre of API manufacturing, etc. Identifying areas with potential to leapfrog with use of AI and machine learning will also be explored through initiative pilot partnerships.

## BROAD SCOPE FOR TASK FORCE

- » Assessing need for better production facilities and distribution/retail systems for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies in Africa (mainly concentrated in North and South Africa)
- » Addressing the need for harmonization of regulatory requirements and building expertise for pharmaceutical manufacturing in GMP
- » Exploring ways to reduce market fragmentation to achieve economies of scale which include addressing:
  - How to create regional economic communities creating regional markets
  - Form stronger and efficient Market Accords
- » Collaborating for research, twinning programs that may increase investment into R&D (both in Africa and India)
- » Identifying areas with potential to leapfrog with use of AI and machine learning







Health is one of the greatest challenges to economic development. Both India and Africa have a lot to offer to each other. Complementing government efforts, the private sector can play a critical role in realizing their goals. The India-Africa Summit 2020 is just the beginning to a long-lasting partnership that aims to positively influence the health outcomes in these regions for achieving Good Health and Well-Being for all (SDG Goal 3).

# AGENDA



## INDIA-AFRICA HEALTH SUMMIT

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2020**

**2:00pm to 4:30pm (IST)  
8:30am to 11:00am (GMT)  
11:30am to 2:00pm (EAT)**

### AGENDA

**"Fostering South to South Collaboration between Healthcare Federations of Africa and India to achieve Universal Health Coverage"**

TIME	INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION
2:00 PM IST 8:30 AM GMT	<b>Welcome address:</b> Ms. Preetha Reddy, President, NATHEALTH & Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Dr. Amit N. Thakker, President, AHF & Executive Chairman, Africa Health Business
2:15 PM IST 8:45 AM GMT	<b>Special address:</b> H.E. Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam, The Dean of African Missions in India Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, MOHFW, Government of India
2:30 PM IST 9:00 AM GMT	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Hon Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health Ethiopia Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India
2:45 PM IST 9:15 AM GMT	<b>Address by Chief Guests:</b> Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of India & Chairman, WHO Executive Board H. E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, Africa Union Commission
3:00 PM IST 9:30 AM GMT	Cementing partnership between AHF & NATHEALTH Release of Summit Innovation Whitepaper
3:05 PM IST 9:35 AM GMT	<b>Concluding remarks and vote of thanks</b> Ms. Clare Omatseye, Vice President, AHF & President, West Africa Private Healthcare Federation Dr. Harsh Mahajan, Senior Vice President NATHEALTH & Founder and Chief Radiologist, Mahajan Imaging

### TECHNICAL PLENARY SESSION

3:20 PM IST 9:50 AM GMT	<b>India Africa Healthcare Industry Collaboration, A World Of Opportunities</b> Dr. Rana Mehta, Healthcare Industry Leader, Partner, PwC India
3:30 PM IST 10:00 AM GMT	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary DOE, Government of India (Chair) <b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator - Mr. Ashwajit Singh, Founder & Managing Director, IPE Global <b>Key Panelists</b> Mr. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary DOE, Government of India Mr. Biju Mohan Das, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation Mr. M Hari Menon, Country Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation India Ms. Sangita Patel, Director, Health Office, USAID/India Mission
4:10 PM IST 10:40 AM GMT	The Voice of Healthcare Industry Leaders Across Indian and African Countries - Short Video
4:20 PM IST 10:50 AM GMT	<b>Task Force announcement and Concluding Remarks</b> Ms. Preetha Reddy, President - NATHEALTH & Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Dr. Ian Clarke, Chairman, International Medical Group, Uganda

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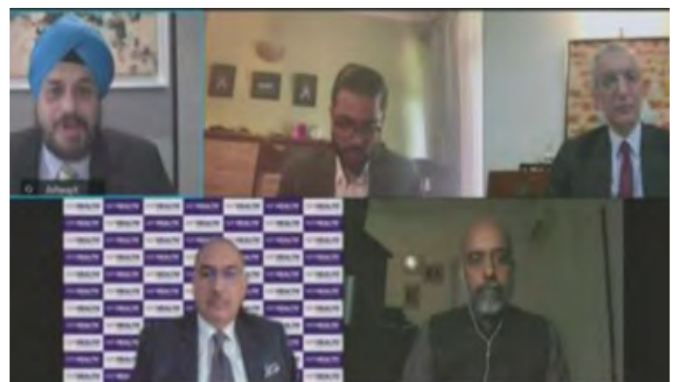
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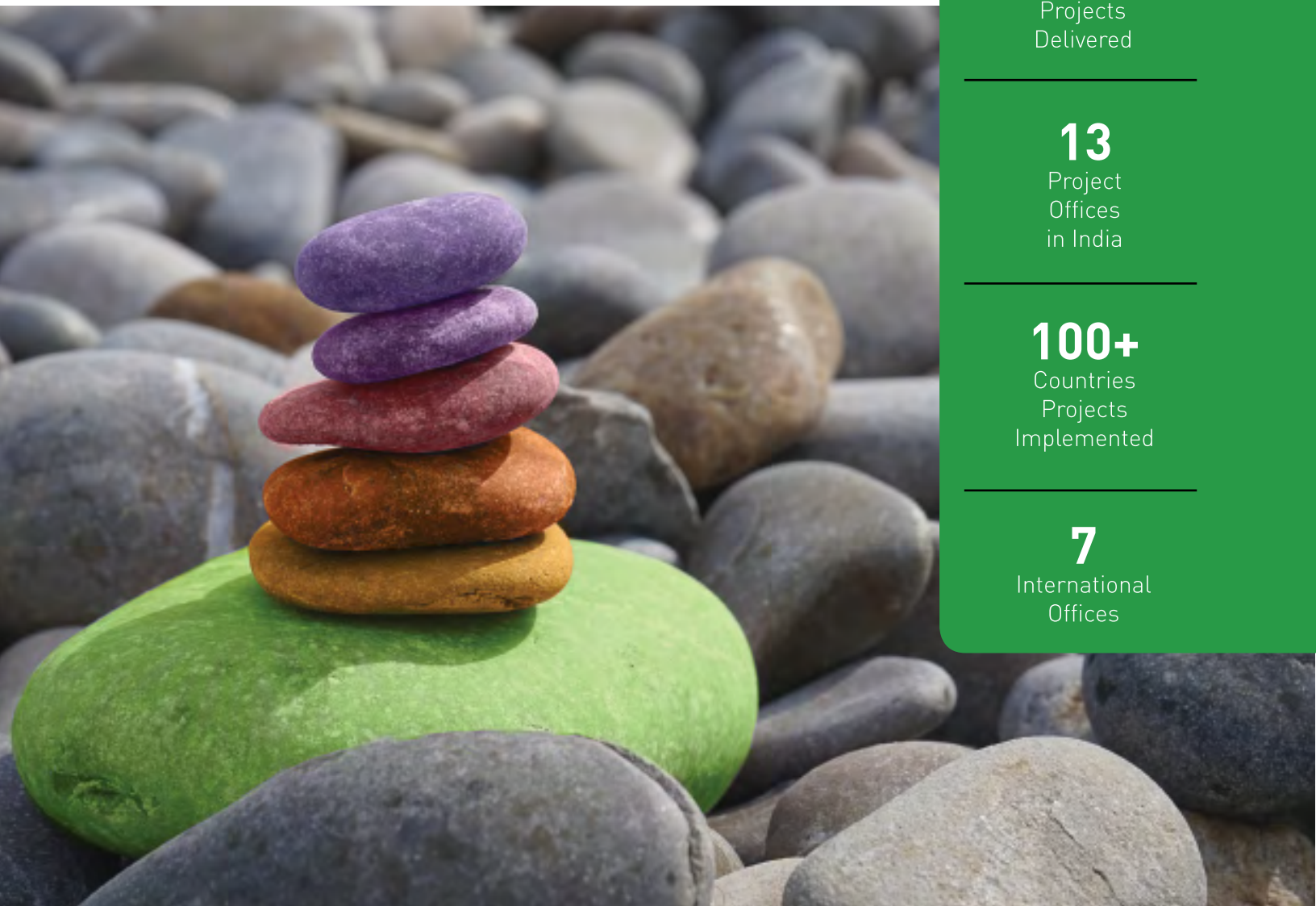
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International Offices





## **AFRICA HEALTHCARE FEDERATION (AHF)**

AHF is a pan-African umbrella organization currently unifying 27 private federations under two fully formed regional federations - The West African Healthcare Federation (FAOSPS) and the East African Healthcare Federation (EAHF). AHF mentors country federations to ensure sustainability post their inception through a targeted and contextualized technical assistance. Through its engagement with Ministries of Health, the African Union, and other regulatory bodies, AHF fosters a supportive policy environment that enables the private sector to work collaboratively with the public sector towards Universal Health Care (UHC) via Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and private sector advocacy. AHF strives to amplify the voice of the private sector, facilitate cross-federation learnings, and promote public-private partnerships to improve health outcomes for all Africans.

<http://africahf.com>

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## **NATHEALTH-HEALTHCARE FEDERATION OF INDIA**

NATHEALTH-Healthcare Federation of India is a common platform to power the next wave of progress in Indian healthcare. It has been created with the vision to "Be the credible and unified voice of the healthcare ecosystem in improving access and quality of healthcare." Leading healthcare service providers, medical technology providers (devices & equipment), diagnostic service providers, health insurance companies, health education institutions, healthcare publishers and other stakeholders have come together under NATHEALTH Federation. It is an inclusive institution that has representation of small & medium hospitals and nursing homes.

NATHEALTH is committed to working on its mission to encourage innovation, help develop and optimize healthcare infrastructure, bridge the skill and capacity gap, assist in shaping policy & regulations, support best practices, promote accreditation and, enable the environment to fund long term growth. It aims to help build a better and healthier future for both rural and urban India.

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