



# AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM

## 2022 - 2023 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

**Forum name: AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM (APF)**

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### **Current Member Organisations (formal members) as of May 2023**

- 1) Nigeria
- 2) Ghana
- 3) Cameroon
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) Benin
- 6) South Africa
- 7) Kenya
- 8) Algeria
- 9) Zambia
- 10) Uganda

### **Main activities of the Forum between June 2022 and May 2023:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022: Digital Health needs assessment for Africa; on the theme “How can digital health support national pharmaceutical care delivery?” co-moderated by Dr Hiag and Dr Anyango Esther (FIP - YPG Early Career Regional Supporter – Africa).
- May 3-5, 2022: Geneva Health Forum (GHF), in Geneva, was launched under the theme “Covid-19 pandemic and environmental emergency: Reinventing global health in a time of global change”. Dr Hiag was officially invited and he contributed in a workshop on “How to develop a sustainable pharmaceutical distribution in African countries?” He used this occasion to talk about the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and the activities of the African Pharmaceutical Forum (APF) which is one of the Regional Forums of FIP. Dr Didier Also attended the meeting.
- 18-19<sup>th</sup> September 2022: FIP World Congress in Seville, where all APF Executive Committee members attended. Attendance at the APF meeting was well attended by members from the region.
- 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Annual General Meeting of the AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM (APF) – 2022 in Seville, Physical and Online. The issues of member subscriptions was raised. The representatives of Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa were given the opportunity to talk about the 2024 FIP Congress to be held in Cape Town. Members were invited to attend and make it a success, being the first FIP Congress to be hosted in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 2022: Association of Schools of Pharmacy in African (ASPA) was launched in 2022, with the offices in Nigeria. Work is still in progress to gain support from other schools or faculties of pharmacy in the region (Ghana, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Algeria, Rwanda, to name a few)
- 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022: Fifth edition of the Dispensary Forum was held in Tunisia, attended by Dr Hiag and he spoke on the “Impact of the contribution of the dispensary pharmacist in preventive health: point of view of the FIP”.
- 14 October 2022: Second Cameroon Young Pharmacists (CYP) association organized a symposium on Hospital Pharmacy of Cameroon, and was co-hosted by APF.
- 23-24<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Sixth edition of the OFFICINE EXPO 2023 PHARMA AFRICA MEETING was held in Morocco, where Dr P Hiag and Dr Didier Moulioum attended.
- APF Exco Meetings are held every month using online platforms. Social media is also used to share information and other matters.

### **Highlights of events in the region between June 2022 and May 2023 where the Forum was involved:**

42nd PSK Annual Scientific Conference, held from 1st to 5th June 2022 at Diani Reef Hotel, Mombasa Kenya, under the theme “Disruptive Advances in Pharmacy for Improved Healthcare”, where Dr Hiag and Dr Jocelyn Chaibva were invited, were unable to attend due to other commitments. (PSK has been agreed to host the 2024 APF Symposium / Workshop, and more details will be available later in the year)

4-5 June 2022: participation in the 3rd International Conference of Egyptian Organization of Pharmacy (EOP) in Egypt, APF was represented by Dr Hiag attended.

31<sup>ST</sup> October –5th November 2022: The 95th annual national conference of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Nigeria was held under the theme: “Medicine Security in an Unstable Economy”.

21 – 22nd December 2022: National Congress of the Algerian Federation of Pharmacy was held in Algeria, under the theme: "The Pharmacist at the heart of health innovations". A special meeting on pharmacy education was attended by representatives from some schools of pharmacy (Algeria as host country, Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria, Zimbabwe) APF was represented by Dr Prosper Hiag, Pharm Jocelyn Chaibva, Pr Gisèle Marie, Dr Arinola Joda, and Pr Papa Madieye Gueye.

15 – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023: SAPHEX (South African Pharmacy Expo) and The Pharmacy Show (TPS) were held at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg. The President of FIP Mr D Jordaan was a guest and he made presentation about FIP and its policies. He also talked about *FIP Congress 2024* to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. One of the topics covered is “Role of pharmacists in point-of-care (POC) testing” (APF was represented by South Africa in the TWG in formulating the FIP paper on POC) Pharm Jocelyn Chaibva attended the conference in Johannesburg..

31st May – 04th June 2023: 22nd edition of *forum pharmaceutique internationale* in Senegal, under the theme “Pharmaceutical sovereignty: challenges and opportunities for Africa”.

### **Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)**

Collaboration with deans of pharmacy schools in the region for the establishment of the Association of Schools of Pharmacy (ASPA) is ongoing. Dr Arinola Joda is the APF coordinator for the association, which is in the formative stages.

### **Current projects:**

- 1) Access to renewable energy to community pharmacies in Africa
- 2) Establishment of an “Association of Schools of Pharmacy in Africa” (FIP DG 1)
- 3) Access to quality medicines, devices & services (FIP DG 18)
- 4) Expanding FIP-UNESCO-UNITWIN project
- 5) Fight against substandard and falsified drugs (FIP DG 19)
- 6) Vaccination training for pharmacists (FIP DG 5)

### **Main challenges:**

- There is need to increase the level of participation in APF region and collaborating

with other Forums of FIP and implementation FIP guidelines in APF region.

- There are financial constraints due to non-payment of subscriptions by Member Organisations. In most cases, regional travel is covered by officers from personal funds. There is need to identify partners to support the work of Forum.
- We have identified pockets of sub-regional activities (East Africa, Southern Africa and Central Africa, and West African Countries). Language barriers are also a major setback to the growth of the Forum. (This could be overcome by use of translators). Currently, there are few members who are bilingual or multi-lingual, and have been very important asset to the Forum.
- There is need to promote pharmacy education programs in the Region, to align with “ONE FIP” concept.
- The fight against the circulation of illicit drugs in the region is hampered by various factors including economic challenges.


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