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**COMMONWEALTH WEST AFRICAN REGIONAL MEETING ON eHEALTH  
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH**

**10-11 December 2009  
Abuja, Nigeria**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

<b>DAY ONE</b> <b>Thursday, 10 December 2009</b>	
<b>08:30-9:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:30-10:30</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcoming Remarks by Dr Mohammed Lecky, Director, Health Policy, Research and Statistics, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria</li><li>2. Remarks on Commonwealth eHealth programme: Dr Joseph Amuzu, Commonwealth Secretariat</li><li>3. Remarks by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Olawale Maiyegun, Africa Union</li><li>• Dr Peter Eriki, Country Representative World Health Organization Nigeria</li><li>• Mr. Getachew Sahlu, World Health Organization</li><li>• Mr Albert Ouedraogo, WAHO- West Africa Health Organization</li></ul></li><li>4. Keynote Address to declare the meeting open by: Prof. Babatunde Osotimehin OON, Hon. Minister of Health Federal Republic of Nigeria.</li></ol>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b><i>Tea/Coffee Break</i></b>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>The Challenges and Opportunity for eHealth in West Africa</b>  <b>Country Presentation highlighting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy, strategy &amp; plans</li><li>• Available infrastructure &amp; services</li><li>• Interoperability issues</li><li>• Legislation</li><li>• Capacity</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Cameroon</b></li><li>➤ <b>Gambia</b></li><li>➤ <b>Ghana</b></li></ul> <b>Moderator/Rapporteur:</b> <i>Dr Joseph Amuzu, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b><i>Lunch Break</i></b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>The Challenges and Opportunity for eHealth in other African countries</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Sierra Leone</b></li><li>➤ <b>Kenya</b></li><li>➤ <b>Nigeria</b></li></ul> <p><b>Moderator/Rapporteur:</b> <i>Dr Adesina Iluyemi, Chair, Global Health Commission-NEPAD Council</i></p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<p><b>Structured discussion of Ideas and Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>eHealth and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;</b></li><li>• <b>eHealth and the renewal of the Primary Health Care;</b></li><li>• <b>ICT for disease surveillance and epidemiology;</b></li><li>• <b>ICT for data management and reporting;</b></li><li>• <b>Electronic health records as a source of public health data;</b></li><li>• <b>Pandemic alert and public awareness;</b></li><li>• <b>Health mapping and Geographic Information Systems;</b></li><li>• <b>Networking and data mining.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Moderator/Rapporteur:</b> <i>Prof Kwankam, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth</i></p>
<b>17:00</b>	<i>End of Day One</i>

<b>DAY TWO</b> <b>Friday, 11 December 2009</b>	
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<p><b>Summary and matters arising from Day One</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identifying common issues in the region</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on possible actions</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Nigeria</i> <b>Rapporteur:</b> <i>Joseph Amuzu, Commonwealth Secretariat</i></p>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<p><b>eHealth governance, policies, strategies and quality measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health systems challenges hampering eHealth mainstreaming in Africa;</b></li> <li>• <b>Information and communication infrastructure in Africa and the uptake of eHealth;</b></li> <li>• <b>Global, Continental, National policies and strategies development: priorities, processes, the stakeholders?</b></li> <li>• <b>Standardization and interoperability: what if we don't have it?</b></li> <li>• <b>Legal, ethical, legislative and regulatory frameworks for eHealth implementation: are we there?</b></li> <li>• <b>Where is the evidence and information for eHealth strategy development and planning?</b></li> <li>• <b>Where are the needs of people?</b></li> <li>• <b>eHealth pilots and initiatives: how to evaluate, what have we learned, when should they scale up, and how?</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Commonwealth Secretariat</b> - Dr Joseph Amuzu - Health Adviser. "ComSec experiences in eHealth strategy development – lessons for Africa".</li> <li>❖ <b>Federal Ministry of Health Nigeria</b>- Dr M. Lecky</li> <li>❖ <b>AU - Africa Union</b> - Dr Olawale Maiyegun/Dr. Benjamin Djoudalbaye "Overview on e-Health and Telemedicine in Africa".</li> <li>❖ <b>WAHO</b> – Mr Albert Ouedraogo "Efforts of WAHO in promoting eHealth in West Africa".</li> <li>❖ <b>Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, South Africa</b> - Prof Maurice Mars. "Legal and Ethical issues, Capacity Development in eHealth".</li> <li>❖ <b>International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth</b> – Prof S. Yunkap Kwankam</li> <li>❖ <b>NEPAD Council</b> – Dr Adesina Iluyemi - Chair, Global Health Commission. "eHealth as a National Socio-economic Development Strategy "</li> <li>❖ <b>Society for Telemedicine and eHealth in Nigeria</b> - Dr Olajide Joseph Adebola. "Driving eHealth and Telemedicine in Nigeria"</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Gambia</i> <b>Rapporteur:</b> <i>Dr Peter Drury, Director, CISCO</i></p>
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<p><b>Presentations of best practices and new initiatives on e-Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mobile communication technologies and health applications: experience from the field;</b></li> <li>• <b>Convergence of mobile computing and mobile communication technologies;</b></li> <li>• <b>mHealth for healthcare professionals and for the masses;</b></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Texting for health;</b></li> <li>• <b>Portable health and medical books;</b></li> <li>• <b>Mobile vs. low band width internet: which can reach more people?</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Africa Health Infoway project</b>, - Mr Getachew Sahlu, Programme Manager, WHO</li> <li>❖ <b>WAHO</b> - Dr Dandjinou Mesmin. "Telehealth and some of the policy and the strategy".</li> <li>❖ <b>mPedigree</b> – Mr Bright Simons. "Emergent mHealth Platforms for Quality Assurance in Regulation and Delivery"</li> <li>❖ <b>Connecting Communities</b> - Dr Peter Drury, Director, Connected Health, Emerging Markets, Internet Business Solutions Group, CISCO</li> <li>❖ <b>Digital He@lth Initiative (Update)</b> – Mr Denis Gilhooly UN Office for Partnerships and the Digital He@lth Initiative</li> <li>❖ <b>medinetNigeria</b> - Dr Segun Ebitanmi MD Synapses, Lagos, Nigeria. "A national integrated medical information network - the road ahead."</li> <li>❖ <b>Pan- African Telemedicine Network University College Hospital, Ibadan University of Ibadan Oyo State, Nigeria</b> -Dr Dania Simpa Co-ordinator. "Role of Superspecialist Hospitals in Telemedicine Projects: Lessons and Implication for the future"</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Sierra Leone</i>  <b>Rapporteur:</b> <i>Dr Adesina Iluyemi, Chair, Global Health Commission-NEPAD Council</i></p>
16:00-16:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
16:30-17.30	<p><b>Structured discussion of Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eHealth awareness for managers, planners and decision makers.</b></li> <li>• <b>Moving eHealth from fragmentation to integration: is this a cost containment option?</b></li> <li>• <b>Budgeting and financing of eHealth as part of national health systems: what are the possibilities and options;</b></li> <li>• <b>Public private partnerships in eHealth: the role of the private sector in building eHealth infrastructure and capacity;</b></li> <li>• <b>Economic value of eHealth and impact on health (return on investment analysis);</b></li> <li>• <b>Funding opportunities for eHealth projects</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ghana</i>  <b>Rapporteur:</b>  - <i>Professor Mars, Professor of TeleHealth</i></p>
17:30	<p><b>WAY FORWARD</b>  <b>Panel:</b>  AU, WHO, WAHO, ComSec</p> <p><b>CLOSING STAEMENT BY FEDERAL MINISTER OF HEALTH, NIGERIA</b></p>