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AFRICA LEADERSHIP MEETING

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African leaders gathered on February 9th, 2019 in Addis Ababa for the African Leadership Meeting (ALM) with the objective to increase commitments for investments in the health sector across the continent and to emphasize on the importance of partnerships in order to grow this critical sector.

H.E. President Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and the outgoing African Union (AU) Chairperson led the ALM: Investing Health. High-level stakeholders convened to further their commitments in healthcare. Attendees included African Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Health and Finance, business leaders and global donors and partners.

Africa Health Business (AHB), on behalf of the AU, ensured representation of the private sector via the curation of a private sector only exhibition and networking area prior to the meeting.

Africa Health Business (AHB) is a Kenyan based company that focuses on strengthening the (private) healthcare sector in Africa. The company offers high level consultancy and program management services for development partners and international and local businesses.

As a private sector liaison, AHB's role at the ALM involved:

- 1. Curating the exclusive exhibition area of private sector organizations in order to showcase the diversified range of investments taking place in Africa's healthcare space.**
- 2. Providing technical input and expertise to the working groups and organizers to ensure the private health sector voice was included in a robust way in the agenda and through participation in the meeting which included moderation by AHBs Executive Chairman Dr. Amit Thakker in the "Domestic Financing for Health, Effective Partnerships and Private Sector Engagement" Session. Panelists in Dr. Thakker's session were **H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta (President of Kenya), Mrs. Tsitsi Maasiyiwa (Higherlife Foundation, Co-Founder and Co-Chair), Mr. Ade Ayeyemi (Ecobank Group, Chief Executive Officer), Dr. Tedros Adhanom (WHO, Director General), Mr. Peter Sands (GFATM, Executive Director), Dr. Seth Berkley (Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, CEO), and Mr. Alex Asiedu (Africans for Africa, Chairman).****





H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya, acknowledged that investments in health were integral to achieving the social economic agenda and that it was necessary to build partnerships to achieve Universal Health Coverage. The Kenyan President urged other leaders to create an enabling environment for the private sector in order to build confidence and attract investments into health systems.

This was echoed by other speakers who noted that an additional US\$200 billion annually could be raised through improved and appropriate tax and revenue collection systems. H.E. President Kenyatta also addressed the donors and private sector attendees by saying that it was important for donors and the private sector to respond to initiatives already rooted in the country context through partnerships and collaboration. In this way, these partners could align to government planning.

It was stressed that the health sector is a viable investment area where the return on investment is substantial such that investors can expect between 9 – 20 times the level of investment. The meeting led to increased commitments of US\$200 million from both public and private health sector and donor governments (Higherlife Foundation, The Government of Ireland and the Government of France), to end epidemics and achieve Universal Health Coverage.



H.E. President Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia, called on the African leadership to bring hope and opportunities to the people of Africa through transformational leadership. Investments in healthcare would improve the quality of life across the continent and allow African populations to lead full, productive and prosperous lives. She emphasized that investments in healthcare underpin national development. **Mr. Bill Gates**, Co-Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, urged immediate action in order to end epidemics and meet health targets.

H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, AU Commission Chairman stressed that in order to meet global targets in relation to health outcomes, there is a need to substantially increase domestic investments and look for ways to collaborate to improve health indicators in the continent. H.E. President Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia, called on African leadership to bring hope and opportunities to the people of Africa through transformational leadership.



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Mr. Peter Sands, said he was inspired by African led initiatives in healthcare space and the solidarity seen at the ALM. He stated, ***“Working together with governments, civil society, communities, and the private sector; we can save lives and overcome urgent health challenges.”***

Dr. Thakker emphasized that deepening private sector integration within the African health system is a non-negotiable. He urged the government leaders to embrace the private sector and improve both Public-Private Dialogue and engagement in the respective African countries through the Ministries of Health. Countries that practice this openly have already shown positive results



Dr. Amit N. Thakker

The African leadership panel





Dr. Amit Thakker welcomes Bill Gates to the inaugural Africa Leadership Meeting: Investing in Health



Nishi Shah (AHB Director) being introduced to the president of Niger H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou

It was suggested that African Ministers of Health should meet more frequently to work together on the health status in the continent and report their progress to the AU Heads of State and Government Summit. In this way, African governments can learn from initiatives across the continent, identify synergies that unlock efficiencies and collaborate in relation to continental priorities. African leaders urged their counterparts to focus on improved efficiency in order to strengthen national health systems.



Mr. Billa Gates



H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou



H.E. Amira Elfadil

For the private health sector, the meeting was received as a key step towards acknowledging sustainability and private sector efforts towards health outcomes. The meeting was an important platform to build on Public Private Dialogue, create awareness and commitments in relation to investments in healthcare in Africa and urge the African leadership to create an enabling environment for business. This shall lead to a stronger private health sector which can further contribute to economic development and goals towards achieving Universal Health Coverage in an efficient and affordable manner.

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