



**THE 6<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AIDS**  
**SHERATON HOTELS LADI KWALI STREET, WUSE, ABUJA, FCT**  
**FROM 17<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

**COMMUNIQUE**

The 6th National Council on AIDS with the theme *“Innovative Approaches towards HIV Epidemic Control and Programme Sustainability at State Level”* held at the Sheraton Hotels Ladi Kwali Hall, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja, FCT, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The event was organised by the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA).

The National Council on AIDS considered memoranda submitted by stakeholders on various issues bordering on the national response to HIV in Nigeria and agreed on policy resolutions to facilitate epidemic control as well as enhance the implementation of sustainable programmes for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Nigeria, especially at the sub-national levels.

The 6<sup>th</sup> National Council on AIDS was a three-day event and was attended by 248 participants including the Honourable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development Hon. Dame Pauline Tallen KSG, OFR; Rep of SGF, Dr. Maurice Nnamdi Mbaeri, Rep of Min of Health Dr. M.O. Alex- Okoh; Director, Public Health, NACA Board Chairman, Senator Dipo Odujinrin MFR, DG NACA Dr. Gambo Gumel Aliyu, Rep of NEPWHAN, Deputy National Coordinator South Region , Mr. Humphrey Ubanyi, Rep of WHO Mr. Alexander Chimbaru, Rep of UNAIDS Mrs. Evra- Jean Stevens - Murphy, CEO, NIBUCCA Dr. Ayo Adegbola, Hon. Minister of Defence ably represented by Dr. Audu Abubakar, MD/ CEO HIV Trust Fund, Dr. Jekwu Ozoemena, PEPFAR Coordinator Mrs. Funmi Adesanya, PEPFAR Deputy Coordinator Dr. Murphy Akpu, NHIS Executive Secretary Prof. Mohammed Nasir Sambo, Dr Akudo Ikpeazu, National Coordinator National AIDS and STI Control Programme; Honourable Commissioners and representatives of State Governments. Chief Executive Officers, Directors General/Executive Secretaries and staff of Agencies for the Control of AIDS from 36 states and the FCT; Executive Secretaries/National Presidents and representatives of umbrella bodies of Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental organisations involved with HIV and AIDS; heads and representatives of constituent bodies of persons living with HIV in Nigeria; representatives of Media organisations, MDAs, and Faith-based organisations; and representatives of the United Nations system, representatives of PEPFAR, Development partners, Implementing partners, and others.

The Technical Session of the Council was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 and was declared open by the Honourable Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development Hon. Dame Pauline Tallen KSG, OFR. A total of 72 memoranda submitted by stakeholders were considered. At the conclusion of proceedings, 12 memos were recommended for Council consideration and approval; 41 memos were recommended for Council notification; 13 memos were withdrawn, and 6 memos were not recommended to the Council. There is a need for more clarity in some memos submitted to the Council, as the technical session witnessed memos with mixed/non-specific prayers.

The Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 was declared open by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) Mr Boss Mustapha, ably represented by the Permanent Secretary GSO OSGF, Dr. Maurice Nnamdi Mbaeri. The event was attended by the UNAIDS Country Director Dr Erasmus Morah, represented by Mrs. Evra- Jean Stevens - Murphy and was chaired by the Director-General of NACA Dr. Gambo Gumel Aliyu. At the conclusion of the proceedings, a total of 9 memos were approved.

Subsequent to the above and as a result of all the issues considered, the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council on AIDS approved the following resolutions:

### **Recommended memoranda for council consideration and approval**

1. **NCA/06/01:** Memorandum on the Status of Implementation of Resolutions of the 5th National Council Meeting

**Resolution: Adopted**

2. **NCA/06/04:** Memorandum of the USAID-Funded Health Policy Plus Project on Strengthening Public Financial Management Processes in Enhancing Domestic Resource Mobilization at the Sub-National Level

**Resolution: Approved**

3. **NCA/06/05:** Passage of the Anti-Discriminatory Law in Kogi State

**Resolution: Noted**

4. **NCA/06/06:** Optimization of Coverage in Implementation of PMTCT Focused HIV Trust Fund (HTF), Through Involvement of SACAs, For Program Sustainability

**Resolution: Approved**

5. **NCA/06/15:** Memorandum of Association of Women Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria

**Resolution: Approved**

6. **NCA/06/16:** Memorandum on the Need for SACAs Capacity Assessment towards Organizational Sustainability at Sub-National HIV Response.

**Resolution: Approved**

7. **NCA/06/19:** Memorandum on Improving the Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) Coverage through the Community PMTCT Approach.

**Resolution: Approved**

8. **NCA/06/35:** Folder System of Keeping HIV/AIDS Patients Record versus Electronic System of Keeping Other Patients Record in a Facility as a Nidus for Discrimination.

**Resolution: Approved**

9. **NCA/06/46:** Memorandum of the USAID-Health Policy Plus Project on the National Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Strategy for HIV 2021-2025

**Resolution: Repeated**

10. **NCA/06/56:** Memorandum on the Need for World Bank Credit as a Gap Filling Funds for National and Sub-National HIV Response

**Resolution: Approved**

11. **NCA/06/66:** Memo on the Need to Share Information and Data on the Federal Constituency Project Carried out HIV at Community Level with SACAs.

**Resolution: Approved**

12. **NCA/06/67:** Memorandum of Accelerating Epidemic Control by Enhancing Access to Safe and Equitable HIV Services for Key Populations.

**Resolution: Stepped down (prayers, to be amended)**

The Communique of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council on AIDS was adopted by Council and Council approved that the 7<sup>th</sup> National Council on AIDS will hold in Lagos State, South-West geopolitical zone.

*Signed*

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