

REQUEST BY NON-STATE ACTORS TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT AT THE HYBRID SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Non-State actors participating, either in person or virtually, in the hybrid session of the Seventy-second Regional Committee for Africa and wishing to make a statement must submit the complete form hereunder to the Secretariat not later than one week prior to the start date of the session that is **by 15 August 2022**.

Oral statements should not be more than one-minute long, while written statements should not be longer than 600 words. Each statement should focus on technical issues and should be directly relevant to both the agenda item under which it is presented and to the document prepared for the item. The statement should not raise issues of a political nature that are unrelated to the agenda item and should not contain any inappropriate or offensive reference to Member States. While there should not be reference to any individual Member States, or areas of Member States, it is recalled that nomenclature must follow that of the United Nations.

The Chairperson of the Regional Committee shall decide whether to accept or reject a statement in light of its relevance to the discussion, compliance with the time and word limits and the rules stated above. During the meeting, the Chairperson of the Regional Committee shall decide whether to grant a non-State actor the right to present an oral statement in light of time constraints or any other reason. Written statements admitted shall be published on the Regional Committee webpage for a limited time period and will not be retained thereafter.

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Name and acronym of non-State actor (in English,):

Federation of African Medical Students' Associations (FAMSA)

☒ Written statement

☐ Oral statement

Name of person delivering the statement

Modality of participation: ☐ In person ☐ Virtual

Agenda item (number, title): 17.1 Progress report on the regional oral health strategy 2016-2025: Addressing oral diseases as part of non-communicable diseases.

Statement (in English,):

Considering oral diseases as non-communicable diseases is a really great idea due to the burden and the connection with the other non-communicable diseases where they share common risk factors. So as to bring more concerns to these oral diseases, as they are being neglected and not taken seriously as they are ; bringing to the non-communicable sector will make it more exposed and through more problems are solved across the African continent as well the huge problems are to be solved, then we live more healthy.

In context of this strategic plan of addressing these huge neglected oral diseases to non-communicable diseases, we are content and eager to contribute to take a part to contribute to this strategy. Here are some recommendations to emphasize in this good journey of bringing positive change on health care in Africa.

- Improvement of clinical professionals and training in the domain of oral health and special training to primary health care workers at first line.
- Promoting awareness among the African countries at country levels and requesting them to have plans accordingly.
- Favored essence of research and surveillance; further evaluation of planned actions.
- Ranking the countries that are making improvement and get motivated and encourage others to work.
- Promoting more local outreaches campaign very near to the community especially the vulnerable population.
- Raising funds in this domain especially in infrastructure improvement, equipment and more improved services delivered.
- Influence the insurance companies to adopt oral health too, and make it easily accessible.
- To get universal health coverage it's great to mutually distribute the care to the one who needs it most rather than those who are not at high risk.

Counting the oral diseases as one of non-communicable diseases, as the WHO strategic plan is a necessary policy in Africa for universal health coverage.

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