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**With the support of all of its partners in
development,**

The national round table for resource mobilization and stakeholders for the implementation of the Action Plan to invest in jobs in the health and social sector, in favor of growth inclusive economy in Niger.

ROUND TABLE

CONCEPT NOTE

AD'HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ROUND TABLE

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I. CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

Under the High Authority of His Excellency Mr. ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU, President of the Republic of Niger, the Government has resolutely turned in the implementation of bold reforms and vigorous interventions for the Renaissance of Niger. They aim, in the medium term, to **"strengthen the resilience of the economic and social development system"**¹ and, in the long term, to make Niger **"a modern, peaceful, prosperous country proud of its cultural values, underpinned by a sustainable, ethical, equitable and balanced development in a united and united Africa"**². In this dynamic, a National Action Plan (P.A.N) of investment in jobs in the health and social sector for economic growth in Niger was adopted by decree of the President of the Republic. It operationalizes the ten recommendations of the High Level Commission, created by the Secretary General of the United Nations, to "stimulate and guide the creation of at least 40 million new jobs in the health and social sector, and reduce the shortage. of 18 million health professionals, mainly in low-income and lower-middle-income countries, by 2030".^{3,4}

Today, more than ever, sustained investments in health personnel and social action constitute the fundamentals for properly ensuring Primary Health Care (PHC), Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and many other Objectives. of Sustainable Development (SDG). They are also essential for dealing with repetitive and increasingly frequent health crises (epidemics, pandemics). Therefore, the insufficiency or absence of these investments poses a serious threat to the resilience of the health system and, beyond that, to the economic and social stability of nations.

While the revitalization of PHC and the achievement of UHC require having 2.3 to 4.5 health personnel per 1,000 inhabitants, Niger is only 0.3 health personnel per 1,000 inhabitants, i.e. level 8 to 15 times lower than expected thresholds. The interventions of the P.A.N aim to significantly improve the availability, accessibility and quality of health personnel, while acting effectively on the other pillars of the health system, in a logic of health care and services centered on the person.

The PAN also incorporates an intersectoral "Rural Pipeline" approach which consists of helping communities develop all the local potential (human capital, physical resources, etc.) to sustainably meet the main challenges they face, while retaining their loyalty in their work. region.

1 Republic of Niger, 2017, Economic and Social Development Plan of Niger, PDES 2017-2021.

2 Republic of Niger, 2017, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth Strategy, SDDCI Niger 2035: A prosperous country and people.

3 High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, 2016, Commit to Health and growth: investing in health workers. , _ . .

4 High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, 2016, Rapport P

5 This ratio only takes into account three professional categories: Doctors, Nurses and Midwives.

Thus, high-impact interventions in the educational, agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector. A prominent place is given to youth entrepreneurship, the empowerment of women, the strengthening of the resilience of rural populations or those particularly facing multidimensional (environmental, security, humanitarian, and economic), in particular those of the regions of Diffa, Tahoua and Tillabéri.

Niger is launching a solemn appeal to the international community to actively support its efforts in the effective implementation of the interventions of the P.A.N for the period 2021-2023. To this end, with the support of the Agencies of the United Nations System, Niger is organizing, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. BRIGI RAFFINI, a round table for the financing of the PN 2021-2023, on October 29, 2020.

II. STRATEGIC AXES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021-2023 P.A.N

The interventions of the P.A.N are organized around four (04) strategic axes:

1. Strengthening the synergy of interventions and operational research on Human Resources for Health and Social Services and Universal Health Coverage

■ Cf. Program Sheet 1 on the expected effects and outputs, priority interventions and implementation costs.

2. The revitalization of primary health care and community health in a perspective of Universal Health Coverage

■ See Program Sheet 2 on expected effects and products, priority interventions and implementation costs.

3. Improving the quality of training and the availability of health and social workers, by exploiting the potential of information and communication technologies

■ Cf Program Sheet 3 on expected effects and products, priority interventions and implementation costs.

4. The Rural Pipeline Program (P.P.R) in the education, health and agriculture sectors to promote employment and economic development in the regions of Diffa, Tahoua and Tillabéri

■ See Program Sheet 4 on the expected effects and products, priority interventions and the costs of implementing the P.P.R - Diffa.

■ Cf Program Sheet 5 on the expected effects and products, priority interventions and the costs of implementing the P.P.R - Tahoua.

■ Cf. Program Sheet 6 on the effects and expected products, priority interventions and the costs of implementing the P.P.R - Tillabéri.

III. COST AND STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2021-2023 P.A.N.

The overall cost of implementing the interventions of the P.A.N over the period 2021-2023 is estimated at **one hundred and twelve billion sixty-one million five hundred and four thousand six hundred and forty three francs (112,061,504,643 F) CFA; or two hundred and three million seven hundred and forty-eight thousand one hundred and ninety dollars (\$ 203,748,190) USD.**

The State contribution is estimated at **thirty-one billion nine hundred and forty-five million eight hundred and ninety-five thousand francs (31,945,895,000 F) CFA; or fifty-eight million eighty-three thousand four hundred and forty five dollars (\$ 58,083,445) US.** It represents **29%** of the overall cost of the 2021-2023 P.A.N.

The implementation of the 2021-2023 NPP will be the subject of annual programming and an operational implementation, monitoring-evaluation and capitalization plan which will be subject to amendments and validation by all stakeholders.

Table: Overall cost, State contribution and financing need for the implementation of the P.A.N interventions (in CFA francs, then in US dollars).

	Cost of implementing interventions	Contribution of State	Funding research
Program 1: Strengthening the synergy of interventions and operational research on HR in Health and Social and UHC	489,885,000 CFA francs (890,700 USD)	90,000,000 F CFA (163,636 USD)	399,885,000 F CFA (727,064 USD)
Program 2 : Re-dynamization primary health care and community health with a view to CSU	72,220,759,000 CFA francs (131,310,471 USD)	17,951,040,000 F CFA (32,638,255 USD)	54,269,719,000 F CFA (98,672,216 USD)
Program 3: Improving the quality of training and the availability of health and social workers, by exploiting the potential of ICTs	3,904,887,320 F CFA (7,099,795 USD)	1,263,855,000 F CFA (2,297,918 USD)	2,641,032,320 F CFA (4,801,877 USD)
Program 4 : Rural Pipeline Program (PPR) for the Diffa region	7,014,000,000 F CFA (12,752,727 USD)	1,140,000,000 F CFA (2,072,727 USD)	5,874,000,000 F CFA (10,680,000 USD)
Program 5 : Rural Pipeline Program (PPR) for the Tahoua region	16,045,793,396 F CFA (29,174,170 USD)	5,820,000,000 F CFA (10,581,818 USD)	10,225,793,396 CFA francs (18,592,352 USD)
Program 6 : Rural Pipeline Program (PPR) for the Tillabéri region	12,386,179,927 CFA francs (22,520,327 USD)	5 681 000 000 F CFA (10 329 091 USD)	6,705,179,927 CFA francs (12,191,236 USD)
TOTAL P. AN	112 061 504 643 F CFA (203 748 190 USD)	31 945 895 000 F CFA (58 083 445 USD)	80 115 609 643 F CFA (145 664 745 USD)
% State contribution		29%	

IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE ROUND TABLE

The general objective of the round table is to share the Nigerien Government's priorities on the P.A.N, in order to mobilize all stakeholders and financial resources necessary for its implementation over the 2021-2023 period.

More specifically, the round table aims to:

1. Share the country's vision and discuss the 2021-2023 P.A.N priorities;
2. Mobilize stakeholders and collect their technical and financial commitments for the implementation of the 2021-2023 P.A.N;
3. Strengthen partnerships between the Government, Technical and Financial Partners, the private sector and civil society;
4. Set up a mechanism for monitoring commitments and financial flows geared towards the implementation of NAP 2021-2023 interventions, in line with the monitoring mechanism of the Economic and Social Development Plan and the Sustainable Development Strategy and of Inclusive Growth of Niger.

V. TARGET AUDIENCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ROUND TABLE

The round table targets all potential sources of external funding both public and private and including in particular:

- ✓ The National budget;
- ✓ Multilateral partners;
- ✓ Bilateral partners;
- ✓ Private investors;
- ✓ Sovereign funds;
- ✓ Other innovative sources of funding;
- ✓ Actors of civil society.

For the organization of the round table, an Ad'hoc Committee was created by order of the Minister of Employment, Labor and Social Protection. This Committee coordinates all activities related to the technical preparation, organization, evaluation and follow-up of the conclusions of the resource mobilization round table for the implementation of the 2021 - 2023 P.A.N.

VI. ORGANIZATION OF THE ROUND TABLE

The round table will take place on October 29, 2021 in Niamey, through a hybrid participation: face-to-face and by videoconference. It will be organized in two main phases:

- ✓ **Phase 1:** General presentation and political dialogue on the P.A.N 2021 - 2023
- ✓ **Phase 2:** Bilateral exchanges (Government, Technical and Financial Partners, Private Sector, Civil Society) and Announcement of contributions.

VII. THEMES AND PROGRAM OF THE TABLE

The thematic discussion sessions will be organized around the four strategic axes of the P.A.N, summarized through synoptic sheets which will be made available to all stakeholders when the invitations are sent and during the round table. They will be accompanied by the detailed program of the day.

VIII. DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED FOR THE ROUND TABLE

The following documents will be drawn up in three languages (French, English and Arabic) and made available to stakeholders:

1. Decree of adoption of the P.A.N by the Government of Niger
2. Concept note of the round table
3. Synoptic sheets N ° 1 to 6 of the programs of the P.A.N 2021 - 2023

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Agenda of the round table

Coming soon: Being finalized by the Ad'hoc Committee.

Annex 2: Recommendations of the United Nations Commission on health employment and economic growth

1. Stimulate investment in the creation of decent jobs in the health and social sectors, especially for women and young people, with the right skills, in sufficient numbers and in the right places.
2. Optimize the economic participation of women and encourage their empowerment through the institutionalization of their leadership, the fight against prejudices and gender inequalities and the resolution of gender issues in a reform process.
3. Develop high-quality initial and continuing training, enabling all health and social personnel to be equipped with adequate skills to meet the needs of the populations, allowing them to fully develop their potential.
4. Reform service models, which currently rely primarily on hospital care to emphasize prevention and high-quality, affordable, integrated, patient-centered and community-centered primary and out-patient care, with a focus on special attention to underserved areas.
5. Harness the potential of information and communication technologies to improve training in health and social areas, people-centered health services and health information systems.
6. Guarantee investments in the fundamental capacities of international health regulations, particularly in terms of developing the skills of national and international health professionals in humanitarian and public health emergency contexts, both acute and prolonged.
7. Raise sufficient funds from national and international sources, public and private, and consider ambitious health financing reform when necessary, to invest in the right skills and to recruit an adequate number of health and professional staff. social, in decent working conditions.
8. Promote intersectoral collaboration at national, subregional and international levels; mobilize civil society, unions and other associations of health professionals and the private sector; and align international cooperation to support investments in health and social workforce.
9. Improve international recognition of the qualifications of health and social workers to promote better use of skills; increase profits while combating the negative effects of migration and safeguarding their rights.
10. Undertake in-depth research and analysis on health labor markets, using harmonized indicators and methodologies, to strengthen available data, strengthen accountability and promote action.

6 High-Level Commission on Health Jobs and Economic Growth, 2016, Committing to Health and Growth: Investing in the Health Workforce.