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CONCEPT NOTE

Ministry of Health

“Investing in health in AFRICA, perspectives and challenges”

The City of Culture, Tunis, Tunisia
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<http://www.santetunisie.rns.tn/>

1. Context

Tunisia is currently engaged in the implementation of the national health policy for 2030, centered on the constitutional right to health. Considered as the culmination of a long work of societal dialogue, spread over 10 years, with a large-scale participatory approach, the national health policy was adopted on April 07, 2021, to be implemented on the basis of a synergistic and dynamic approach. The 2023-2025 three-year development plan, currently being validated, constitutes part of the operationalization of the national health policy in the devoted period.

The implementation of this plan enables to draw up strategic objectives centered on the citizen, by improving health coverage and health services in order to ensure available, accessible and quality health services. Promoting research and innovation in the medical, biomedical and pharmaceutical fields is highly important to enhance global competitiveness and society-oriented research, all in a logic of strengthening leadership and governance of the health system.

It is in this context marked by a strong commitment of our country to achieve these objectives that the Ministry of Health organizes the panel “Investing in health, perspectives and challenges” in the side events of the 8th edition of the Tokyo International Conference on Development in Africa (TICAD8), with the participation of official representatives of Japan and Africa and innovative structures in the pharmaceutical industry sector, health services, distance training. This event is an opportunity to present and share African success stories as well as African and Japanese experiences within the framework of tripartite exchange.

2. Objectives

- Present Tunisia's competitive advantages in the health sector, particularly in the following areas: the pharmaceutical industry, medical care services, training.
- Expose opportunities for investment and partnership with Japan and African countries in the various fields of health.
- Present African success stories in certain areas of health.
- Promote north-south and south-south cooperation and sharing of experience and know-how with African countries in the fields of health.

3. Expected results:

- Strengthening the export of health-related services to Tunisia.
- More opportunities for partnership between Tunisian-Japanese and Tunisian-African investors.
- Exchanging experiences in the field of health services.
- Transferring technology and promote the triangular exchange between Tunisia and Japan and other African countries.
- Targeting common projects related to health services.

4. Organization and side event format

Organizer :

- **Ministry of Health**

- Partners :

- World Health Organization (WHO).
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
 - **Panel:** chaired by the Minister of Health, and composed of Speakers, a moderator
 - **Number of participants:** about 60 participants
 - **Venue:** The City of Culture (Tahar Chariaa Room)
 - **Duration:** 4 h

5. Participants and target audience

National partners :

Presidency of the government, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Defense (High direction of Military health), Export Promotion Center CEPEX , National Council of the Order of Pharmacists CNOP, National Council of the Order of Physicians CNOM, Tunisian Union of commerce and handcraft UTICA.

International partners :

- WHO Representative - Tunis office
- UNICEF representative - Tunis office
- PNUD representative - Tunis office
- Association of African Economy and Development Japan AFRECO
- TOYOTA TSUSHO CORPORATION
- GCUBE
- Japan International Cooperation Agency JICA

6. Speakers

The Professional Moderator: Mrs Donia Chaouch

The Moderators: Pr. Nadia Fenina, Pr. Ines Fradi

President: Pr. Ali Mrabet, Minister of Health, Tunisia

Honor Guests (TbC)

- Minister of Health of Japan,
- Minister of Health of Mauritania
- Minister of Health of Gabon
- Minister of Health of Cote d'Ivoire.

Panellists/Speakers expected from:

- Tunisian Union of Industry, Commerce and Arts and crafts (UTICA).
- National syndical union chamber of private clinics.
- National syndical union chamber of medical services support companies.
- National syndical union chamber of pharmaceutical industry.
- National Health Federation.
- International medical services SMEDI.
- MÉDIS pharmaceutical laboratories.
- CHU Fattouma Bourguiba, Monastir.
- Medical Simulation Center.
- The Institute of Health Professions.
- Computer Center of the Ministry of Health (CIMS)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

7. Agenda

Schedule	Program	Intervention form
08:30-09:00	Welcome and registration	
09:00-09:15	Official Opening panel : Pr. Ali MRABET, Minister of Health, Tunisia	Face to face
09:15-09:25	Dr. Tarek ENNAIEFER, President of the Tunisian Federation of Health (UTICA)	Face to face
09:25-09:35	Dr. Boubaker ZAKHAMA, President of the national union chamber of private clinics	Face to face
09:35-09:45	Mr. Ghazi MEJBRI, CEO and President of the Syndical chamber of medical services support companies (UTICA)	Face to face
09:45-10:00	Discussion	
10:00-10:10	Mr. Najib SOUSSIA, Honorary Consul in Cameroon and CEO of a clinic of a medical assistance company in Cameroon	Face to face
10:10-10:20	Pr. Habib GAMRA, Department chief, CHU Fattouma Bourguiba Monastir	Face to face
10:20-10:30	Mr. Lotfi ALLANI, General Director of CIMS and Mrs Sandra MARTINS, Head of the program of developpment for little childhood, UNICEF-Tunisia	Face to face
10:30-10:45	Discussion	
10:45-10:55	Mr. Tarek HAMMAMI, President of the syndical chamber of Pharmaceutical Industry	Face to face
10:55-11:05	Dr. Lassaad BOUJBEL, General director of MéDIS	Face to face
11:05-11:15	Pr. Chadli DZIRI, Director “Medical Simulation Center”	Face to face
11:15- 11:25	Mr. Ghazi DARGHOUTH, CEO of the Institute of Health Professions	Face to face
11:25-11:40	Discussion	
11:40-12:00	Coffee Break	
Ministerial Session		
12:00-12:25	Pr. Ali MRABET, Minister of Health , Tunisia	Face to face
	Mr. Katsunbu KATO, Minister of Health, job and social affairs , Japan	On line
	Mr. Mokhtar OUELD DAHI, Minister of Health , Mauritania	On line
	Dr. Guy Patrick OBIANG NDONG, Minister of health , Gabon	On line
	Mr. Pierre DIMBA, Minister of Health, Cote d’Ivoire	On line
12:25-12:40	Dr. Ibrahim EL-ZIK, WHO Representative - Tunis office	Face to face
	Mr. Roberto BENES, Director of the UNICEF office in Tokyo	Face to face
	Mrs. Céline MOYROUD , PNUD resident representative , Tunisia	Face to face
12:40-12:45	Mr. Shinsuke SHIMIZU, Ambassador of Japan in Tunisia	Face to face
12:45-13:00	Closing panel Pr. Ali MRABET, Minister of Health , Tunisia	