

MINUTES OF THE THE SPECIAL HERBAL MEDICINAL PRODUCTS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH HELD ON 15TH MARCH, 2019 AT THE NAFDAC AUDITORIUM, CENTRAL LABORATORY COMPLEX OSHODI LAGOS.

1.0 Attendance List

S/No	Name	Organization Represented
1.	Prof. Christiannah Mojisola Adeyeye	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) Chairperson
2.	Mrs. Ijeoma Ukachi Nwankwo	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
3.	Mrs. Rametu O. Momodu	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
4.	Prof. Maurice Iwu	Bioresources Development Group (BDG)
5.	Pharm. Iduh Joseph	Bioresources Development Group (BDG)
6.	Mr. Olajuwon Okubena	Health Forever Products
7.	Prof Ray Ozolua	University of Benin (UNIBEN)
8.	Prof. Moses A. Akanmu	Obafemi Awolowo University Ile Ife (OAU)
9.	Dr. Aminu Musa	Ahmadu Bello University Zaria (ABU)
10.	Mrs. Fatokun Omolola	University of Ibadan (UI)
11.	Mrs. Onuigbo Ebele B.	University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN)
12.	Prof. Olukemi Odukoya	University Of Lagos (UNILAG)
13.	Mrs. Zainab U. Shariff	Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH)
14.	Mr. Bibinu D. S.	Nigerian Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA)
15.	Mr. Kadashi Y. Dammy	Moringa Development Association of Nigeria (MDAN)
16.	Gen. Isiaka Olaseinde Williams	Pan African Strategic And Policy Research Group (PANAFSTRAG)
17.	Bello Arinola S.	Pan African Strategic And Policy Research Group (PANAFSTRAG)
18.	Mrs. Alabede Bolanle	Pax Herbal Clinic & Research Laboratories
19.	Mr. Ganiyu A. Longe	NECKANDAIIR Lagos
20.	T. Dr. Y. S. O. Akande	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
21.	Mr. F. N. Okonkwo	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Ebonyi State

22.	Dr. J. O. Idowu	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) /RITFAM
23.	Dr.Abbass Waziri	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)/Tradomed
24.	Dr. E. O. Nwachukwu	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)/NATVP SE Zone
25.	Mr Adeyemi Aderambo	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Ogun State
26.	Mr. Saliu Maguju	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
27.	TDr. Tele Ajadi	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Ogun State
28.	TDr. Isiaka Jimoh	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos State
29.	Mr. Ibraiim	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
30.	Mr. Robert U.	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
31.	Mr AdeotiI rawo	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)
32.	T. Dr. Uthman A. O.	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Agegge
33.	Mr Jimba Quadry	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)Oshodi
34.	Mr M. W. Adekunle	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Ojokoro
35.	Mr Josiah Elegbede	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)

36.	Mrs. Adetutu Bose	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)Ikeja Lagos
37.	Mr I. A. Adebisi	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)Oshodi /Isolo
38.	Mr Odubella J. O.	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)
39.	Alh. Ashiru Halilu	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) NWZ
40.	Mrs. Mary Okposo	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)
41.	Mr. Sanusi Ademola	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)
42.	Chief Oluwogo	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
43.	Mr Olamidi Akinueokeja	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) Lagos
44.	Mr Tutu Elizabeth	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)
45.	T. Dr. D. C. Nwogu	National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP)Uyo
46.	Mr. Farayola L.	ATIPO V. L. Ogbomosho
47.	Mr. Adegboyega	ATIPO V. L. Ogbomosho
48.	Dr. Isaac AdeolaOdeyemi	Verit Herbal LTD. Lagos
49.	Dr. Ahmad	AJOR Osun
50.	Dr. Ojediran Michael	ITT Medicent
51.	Prof. AdebukolaOlusholaAdefule -Ositelu	Reke Gloria Eye Clinic Lagos
52.	Dr. Mrs. S. Omozuwafo	OmozuwafoTrado Materials
53.	Mrs. Oluwatoye	VIDS
54.	Dr. Lambo Adebisi	NECRADMI Lagos
55.	Owoyele Semiu	Awise Herbs
56.	Mr F. Badmus	A.M.B.

57.	Mrs. Edith Josephs	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) Secretariat
58.	Mr. Matthew Adeoye	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) Secretariat
59.	Miss Pauline Agbroko	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) Secretariat

1.1 IN ATTENDANCE

S/No	Name	Organization Represented
1.	Mrs. S. O. Onabajo	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
2.	Dr. Adegboye A. O.	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
3.	Mr. Bitrus Fraden	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
4.	Dr. Beno Yakubu	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
5.	Mrs Lawal Olabisi	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
6.	Mr Adeka G. O.	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
7.	Mrs Anselem - Onuwa Nelly C.	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
8.	Mr Amusa A. O.	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
9.	Miss Pauline Agbroko	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)
10.	Mrs. Elizbeth EzeObilam	National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC)

1.2 APPOLOGIES

S/No	Name	Organization Represented
1	Prof Martins Emeje	NIPRD

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was organised at the instance of the DG NAFDAC to enable Academia interact with Herbal manufacturers and practitioners. It is anticipated that collaboration between the Agencies and academic

institutions will bridge the gap between research and product development.

There were extensive discussions and deliberations, the following were agreed on:

- The name of the committee was formally adopted as “Nigerian Herbal Medicinal Products Committee”
- Seven (7) Terms of reference were identified
- Seven (7) subcommittee were created
- The committee was inaugurated
- Creation of Linkage group between academia and manufacturer/practitioner who has new or unique ideas and need guidance.

3.0 DISCUSSION

S/No	ITEMS	DELIBERATION	ACTION
3.1	OPENING/RECOGNITION/SELF INTRODUCTION	The meeting commenced at 10.30am with the national prayer followed by recognition of NAFDAC directors present by DD (H&N) and then self-introduction of everyone present.	
3.2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The agenda was amended as follows Deliberation on Terms of Reference third bullet to now read “Templates for Record of use and Efficacy of Traditional Medicine Products” after which the Agenda was adopted by Prof. Olukemi Odukoya and seconded by Dr Abass Waziri.	
3.3	WELCOME REMARKS	The Director (DER) NAFDAC welcomed every one present to the meeting on behalf of NAFDAC. She expressed her excitement at this collaboration between NAFDAC, academicians, Herbal manufacturer Practitioners and other stakeholders. She noted that a key policy of NAFDAC is to ensure that only quality and efficacious herbal medicinal products are produced and available to the general public and that these collaborations with experts will provide the required environment to make this transition.	

3.4	GOODWILL MESSAGES	<p>Prof Maurice Iwu In his goodwill message congratulated NAFDAC for summoning the meeting and for the clever title “Herbal Medicinal Products Committee”.</p> <p>He was particularly pleased that Nigeria has a regulatory framework for Herbal Medicines adding that even the USFDA has only two (2) registered herbal medicines.</p> <p>He explained that there is a huge difference between phytodrugs, Herbal Medicinal Products and extemporaneous herbal preparations</p> <p>He applauded the efforts of NAFDAC so far and called for advocacy for the technical funding of NAFDAC.</p> <p>General Olasehinde Ishola Williams In his remarks made a passionate appeal on the need to look at the entire value chain of herbal products rather than on the final products alone.</p> <p>He advocated for a national conference on herbal medicines in Nigeria to share knowledge, experience and ideas</p> <p>He said many African countries like Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, were ahead of Nigeria in the area of African Traditional Medicines citing examples of Registration Council for herbal Doctors in Ghana., herbal Research Institute, China herbal university and botanical forest and the Ayuverdic medicine policy in the National Health System of India</p> <p>Prof Olukemi Odukoya In her goodwill message bemoaned the lack of policy on herbal medicine in Nigeria.</p> <p>She advised the Agency to introduce stricter measures in the listing of foreign herbal medicines and called on Herbal practitioners to work together for the good of the patient.</p>	Advocacy for technical funding
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		<p>Dr. Abass In his remarks advised NAFDAC to liaise with FMOH on guidelines for clinical trials to simplify the procedures for herbal practitioners who are not literate nor knowledgeable on how to translate indigenous herbs into Herbal Medicinal products.</p> <p>Hajia Zainab Shariff She commended the DG NAFDAC for convening the meeting stating it was long overdue. She Conveyed greetings from minister who is a lover of Herbal medicines. She explained that Herbal medicine started as a program in the ministry in 1997, became a division in 2007, and a full-fledged department of Traditional and Complimentary Medicine (TCAM) in July 2018. She explained further that the Traditional Medicine policy was first published in 2007, the FMOH launched the Herbal Pharmacopeia in 2008 which was part of the policy. The ministry is currently in the process of revising the Traditional Medicine policy of 2007, and just concluded the review of Herbal Pharmacopeia 2008 One of the main objectives of Traditional medicine policy is the introduction of TM into the healthcare delivery system. Tradomal is the only herbal medicine that has been introduced for use by public health institutions and advised that products be brought forward for inclusion.</p>	
4.0	Opening Address by the Director - General NAFDAC	<p>The Director General Professor Mojisola C. Adeyeye in an opening address welcomed every one present. She briefly highlighted some of her achievements in the past one year since assumption of office as DG NAFDAC.</p>	

		<p>DG NAFDAC said Nigeria is sitting on a gold mine where traditional Medicine is concerned.</p> <p>She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to encourage research on herbal medicines to get data for clinical efficacy and to create a platform for herbal practitioners and the academia to translate research into products.</p> <p>She further explained that the USFDA does not have regulations engraved in gold on herbal medicines so that changes can be made as more up to date information becomes available, overall product must be efficacious and must not be toxic. Herbal practitioners cannot do it alone, citing the lack of a culture of agreement signing and confidentiality. She advised herbalists on the need to open up so they do not die with their ideas.</p> <p>The DG NAFDAC revealed her deep interest in herbal medicine, and the development of a herbal medicine for sickle cell anaemia “Faradin” in collaboration with Mr Farayola. Finally, she thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.</p>	Secretariat
5.0	Formal Inauguration of the Committee	<p>The Director General Professor Mojisola C Adeyeye performed the formal Inauguration of the committee supported by director DER, DD (H&N), Prof Maurice Iwu and Hajia Zainab Shariff</p> <p>The name of the committee was called for adoption as “Nigerian Herbal Medicinal Products committee” by Prof. Moses Akanmu (Obafemi Awolowo University) and seconded by Prof Oshietelu () and Mr Bibinu Daniel (NNMDA).</p>	
5.1	Constitution of the subcommittee members	<p>The Director General introduced the creation of the sub –committees. Members of the sub-committees are as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidelines for Claims Verification – 	

- Prof Elujoba (unavoidably absent)
- Mr. Farayola
- Prof Akanmu
- Mr. Idu Josephs

2. Protocol for Clinical Trial

- Prof Oshitelu
- Prof Ray Ozolua
- TDr. Akande
- TDr. Odeyemi
- TDr. Nwachukwu
- Mrs Tutu Elizabeth
- Mr. Robert Uzuh
- NNMDA representative

3. Record of use and Efficacy of Herbal Medicinal Products

- Prof Olukemi Odukoya (LUTH)
- Hajia Zainab Sheriff (FMOH)
- Chief Mrs G Oluwatoye
- Mrs Felicia Okonkwo
- Alh. Ashiru Halilu Maikada

4. Identification and Standardization of Herbal Medicinal Product

- Prof Maurice Iwu
- Dr. Aminu Musa
- Dr. Ebele Onuigbo
- Dr. Adetutu Bose
- Mrs Ibrahim NIPRD (In absentia)

5. Guidelines for harvesting and handling of herbal medicinal raw materials

- TDr. Odeyemi (Verit)
- Mr. Ahmad Abduleef
- Mr. Yohanna Kadashi
- Mr. Ademola Sanusi
- Mr. Gimba Quadri

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Olabisi Lambo <p>6. Herbal Medicine Vigilance (Safety Monitoring)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Waziri Abbas ● Mrs. Shakirat Omozufo ● Mr. I. A. Adebisi ● Mr Isiaka Jimoh ● Chief Toyin Ogatimiren <p>7. Formulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof Emeje ● Pharm. Ngozi Okoye ● Mrs. Alabede Bolanle (Pax Herbals) ● Prof Gloria Ajayi (LUTH) ● NAFDAC representative 	
6.0	AOB Networking of manufacturers /practitioners with Academia	<p>The DG NAFDAC encouraged committee members who have unique products to form linkage groups with members of the academia they would like to work with. She added that a confidentiality agreement would be signed between such groups. She raised the issue of patents especially for new products, stating that if such products are patentable, NAFDAC can assist in getting patent lawyers. Prof Maurice Iwu the informed the meeting that NOTAP can assist the companies with patent registration. He also added that NAFDAC should encourage Phyto drugs and such plants need not pass through all the Clinical Trial processes like Herbal Medicines. He stated the need to agree on templates for Herbal Medicines trials using the standard WHO templates and that NAFDAC staff in CT need to bridge the gap to provide an acceptable template for this class of products.</p>	NAFDAC
6.1	Linkages created	<p>LINKAGE GROUPS NNMDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Yohanah Dammy Kadashi 2. Adetutu Bose 	

		<p>3. Tutu Elizabeth 4. TDr. Y.S.O Akande</p> <p>PROF. IWU</p> <p>1. Hajia Zainab Sharriff 2. Dr. Robert Izu</p> <p>PROF. RAY OZOLUA & PROF AKANDE LINKAGE GROUP</p>	
7.0	CLOSING	The meeting came to a close at 4.53pm	