

الهيئة النقابية للأطباء السودانيين

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MEDICAL SERVICES IN SUDAN

The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

For a Health Care System that addresses the physical, mental and social needs of the individual and an environment that caters for the dignity of both the patient and the doctor.

INTRODUCTION

The Sudan Doctors Union in UK and Ireland (SDU-UK&I) and leading Specialist Associations in the Sudan (SAS) have been engaged in widespread consultations regarding the healthcare delivery system and medical education in the Sudan.

We believe that the provision of healthcare is a basic human right to which every individual is entitled for. It is incumbent on any government to provide such care.

The past few decades have witnessed systematic dismantling of health delivery system, rendering it to a mere luxury, affordable only to a few financially able individuals.

The educational institutions weakened by years of under funding and the creation of other poorly resourced medical schools , that do not conform to any national strategy, have compounded the decline of the standard of medical education and training.

Moreover, the traditional democratic and independent regulatory bodies which protect both the patients and the doctors have been replaced by in-effective, subordinate institutions that lack transparency and accountability.

Central to any health delivery system is the medical profession. This has been subjected to arbitrary dismissal, marginalization and in some cases harassment and grievance bodily harm. Employment is based upon political affiliation, favouritism and nepotism.

This has led to wide spread public discontent and disillusion that translates into a complete lack of confidence in the service and its providers. The only conclusion being a “Not fit for purpose” service felt by everyone, no more so than within the medical profession embodied by the specialist associations in the Sudan and abroad.

Taking all this into account, we propose to hold a joint consultative workshop in the UK to address the deteriorating health situation in the Sudan. Hopefully we can produce a blueprint document, which would be the basis/foundation for a second larger meeting in Khartoum to be held in early January 2007.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To identify the failures and short comings in the current healthcare system and to propose viable solutions.**
- 2. To strengthen and consolidate the role of the professional organisations & institutions.**
- 3. To rally the support of the medical profession, the public, the media, the civic society organisations and the political parties across the spectrum for the implementation of such alternative Vision.**

WORKSHOPS

We have identified FOUR areas that directly affect the medical profession and indirectly impact on the healthcare delivery.

We propose a two session meeting in the form of workshops.

THE MORNING SESSION (11am – 2pm), consists of four workshop stations running simultaneously each addressing one of the issues:

1 - THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE SUDAN

- The current structure of healthcare delivery system & its deficiencies.
- To develop collective holistic vision towards improving the system taking into account the role of the state and the private sectors, the regulations, insurance, etc...

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2 - REGULATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

- Protecting the patient (SMC):
Democratisation of the Sudan Medical Council, review of its charter towards an independent, transparent and accountable council which commands the confidence of the patients, the public & the doctors.
- Good Medical Practice. Medical Ethics.
- Protecting the profession and the doctor:
Sudan Doctors Union & Medical Defense/Litigation...

Facilitator: Hatim Ali
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3. UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING AND INTERNSHIP

- Review of the Medical Schools and their curricula.
- Basic medical training and the internship.

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4. CAREER STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Reform of the Medical Specialisation Board, review of its charter.
- Post-graduate career planning and continuous medical education (CME).
- Research and development, Audit, Clinical Governance, Appraisal and peer review.

Facilitator: Seif Babiker
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THE AFTERNOON SESSION (3 – 6pm) will see the merging of the previous four sessions into one with a joint debate on the work and recommendations of the workshops, to come out with a draft document for the proposed meeting in Khartoum.

You are invited to join the workshop of your choice. Your views and ideas are very valued and will assist in developing a better Sudan.

You are also welcome to contact the respective facilitator via e-mail if you wish to share your thoughts to any of the workshops before the meeting. You will have the chance to be involved in the overall discussions and to take part in the development of the recommendations in the afternoon session.

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