



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Thank you, Chair.

We recognize that oral health is essential to overall health and well-being, and we support the implementation of Resolution WHA74.5 on oral health. Nigeria is aware that 29 African countries have developed roadmaps for the global oral health action plan.

Nigeria faces notable challenges including:

- **Inadequate production and deployment** of oral health professionals, particularly at the PHC level;
- **Limited infrastructure** and resources for oral health service delivery;
- **Low awareness and health-seeking behaviour** among the population regarding oral hygiene.

To address these gaps: Nigeria has taken significant steps to integrate oral health into its **primary healthcare (PHC)** system. Key national efforts include:

- Integration of **preventive, promotional, and curative oral health services** at the PHC level;
- Development of **National Oral Health Policies** to guide service delivery;
- Ongoing efforts to improve **community-level access** to oral health services through mobile clinics and community-based health initiatives.

Nigeria is also partnering with stakeholders to **scale up training** for oral health professionals and exploring **innovative, cost-effective approaches** to expand outreach and service coverage.

We call on the WHO and development partners to continue providing **technical and financial support** to Member States in implementing national oral health strategies.

In conclusion, Nigeria reaffirms its commitment to the global oral health agenda and urges sustained international cooperation to ensure equitable access to essential oral healthcare.

Thank you.