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## Africa Health ExCon 2024: A Triumphant Third Edition

**Continental Cooperation, AI Utilization, and Transferring Egyptian Experiences to African Countries are Key Recommendations**

**Bahaa El-Din Zidan: A New Generation is Leading a Significant Transformation in Africa in Various Fields in the Coming Period**

**Chairman of the Unified Procurement Authority Thanks President Sisi for His Directives to Support the Conference**



He further noted the emergence of a highly educated, aware, and skilled new generation in Africa, poised to drive significant progress across all sectors. He highlighted the interest and commendation from both Egyptian and African participants for the remarkable success achieved during the third conference session. He highlighted that this edition's significant outcome and indicator of success is the announcement that the next conference will serve as the foundational platform for Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This development marks a substantial advancement for the conference and exhibition, affirming its effectiveness in meeting its objectives. He emphasized that numerous discussions took place on healthcare and medical services in Egypt and Africa during the third session of the exhibition. He underscores the Africa Medical ExCon as a platform where African doctors unite to discuss and assess critical issues affecting the continent. He highlights Egypt's collaborative role with all African nations, emphasizing the shared responsibility and unified vision for the continent's healthcare sector. He anticipates the ongoing success of the exhibition and conference in its future sessions, a testament to the power of collective action.

Major General Dr. Bahaa El-Din Zidan, Chairman of The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA), expressed gratitude to His Excellency President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Republic, for initiating the 3rd edition of the African Medical Exhibition and Conference. This platform enabled fruitful discussions on critical health matters concerning the African continent and facilitated the exchange of valuable information and experiences between the participating parties. During his closing remarks, Dr. Zidan emphasized the achievements of the third session of the African Medical Conference and Exhibition, "Africa Health 2024." He highlighted the substantial participation from both the Egyptian and African sides, with numerous crucial health issues in Egypt and Africa being addressed throughout the conference.



The closing session of the third edition of the "Africa Health ExCon 2024" featured the attendance of Dr. Maha El Rabbat, former Minister of Health, and Dr. Adel El-Adawi, former Minister of Health and Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Conference. The third edition of the Africa Health ExCon exhibition and conference was themed "Your Gateway to Innovation and Trade."



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" It was held from June 3 to 6 under the patronage of His Excellency President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and attended by Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, the Prime Minister. The conference resulted in several recommendations to enhance the healthcare system across the African continent.



Thanking President Sisi for graciously approving the conference and all its activities under his auspices. He also appreciated the Prime Minister's assignment to inaugurate the conference, recognizing that this endorsement significantly contributed to the success of the Africa Health ExCon.

Stressing a dedication to realizing the goals outlined in Africa's Agenda 2063, particularly regarding citizens' access to healthcare services.

Endorsement of governmental endeavors to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan to guarantee universal well-being and promote healthy living.

Fulfilling the health security needs of African nations necessitates forging extensive partnerships and closely monitoring the activities of the Africa Health Initiative.

Backing public health institutions and expanding the production of medicines and medical supplies in collaboration with the African Union.

Striving to establish a unified electronic database that links all African countries.

Continuing to explore the feasibility of launching a unified system for managing health facilities across the continent.

The ongoing development of healthcare workers in Africa is achieved through coordination between the African Union and the World Health Organization, the enhancement of medical curricula, and the standardization of evaluation methods for licensing doctors.

Continental cooperation is necessary to achieve optimal healthcare outcomes in Africa, especially given the geopolitical challenges facing the continent and the world.

Calling for a larger share of development funding to be allocated to the health sector and to provide care for the most needy countries on the continent, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing the most vulnerable groups within local and regional healthcare systems.

Focusing on endemic diseases in Africa and combat the infections that cause their spread, particularly in light of recent periods marked by mutations of many viruses and pathogens.

Promoting intra-African cooperation in the research and development of medical services and pharmaceutical industries tailored to the continent's needs.



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Focusing on research, development, and pharmaceutical studies aligned with the needs of the African continent and directing these efforts toward eradicating the most prevalent diseases in Africa

Collaborating with the private sector to allocate a larger share of medical investments and funds for the development and manufacture of medicines to countries on the African continent would enhance the overall healthcare system.

Focusing on the health of women and children in Africa, especially considering internal conflicts in some countries that disproportionately affect these vulnerable groups.

Utilizing advanced technologies like machine learning and artificial intelligence to optimize healthcare systems and employing these technologies to create health databases that serve the public interest across the African continent.

Focusing on developing renewable and sustainable energy resources, as the continent suffers more than others from climate change, which leads to increased pathogens, mutations in infection causes, and challenges in accessing equitable health services in the medium and long term.

Encouraging African countries to unite and collaborate in facing potential epidemics, especially post-COVID-19, considering its extensive health, social, and economic repercussions globally. Thus, it's crucial to prepare for similar future crises.

Drawing from Egypt's experience in Unified Procurement Systems and negotiating to secure the best prices and highest quality for medical services and diverse health products, this approach aims to achieve economic savings in hard currency for all rural countries facing financial challenges, which may otherwise deprive many of essential health services.

Transferring and leveraging Egypt's experience in early disease detection, such as through initiatives like the 100 Million Health Initiative for Women's Health and early cancer detection, among others, in African countries.

Sharing Egypt's successful experience eradicating hepatitis C with other African countries to implement similar models in tackling the most severe and prevalent diseases.

Enhancing the availability of safe and sustainable food sources, which are crucial in disease prevention and maintaining public health.



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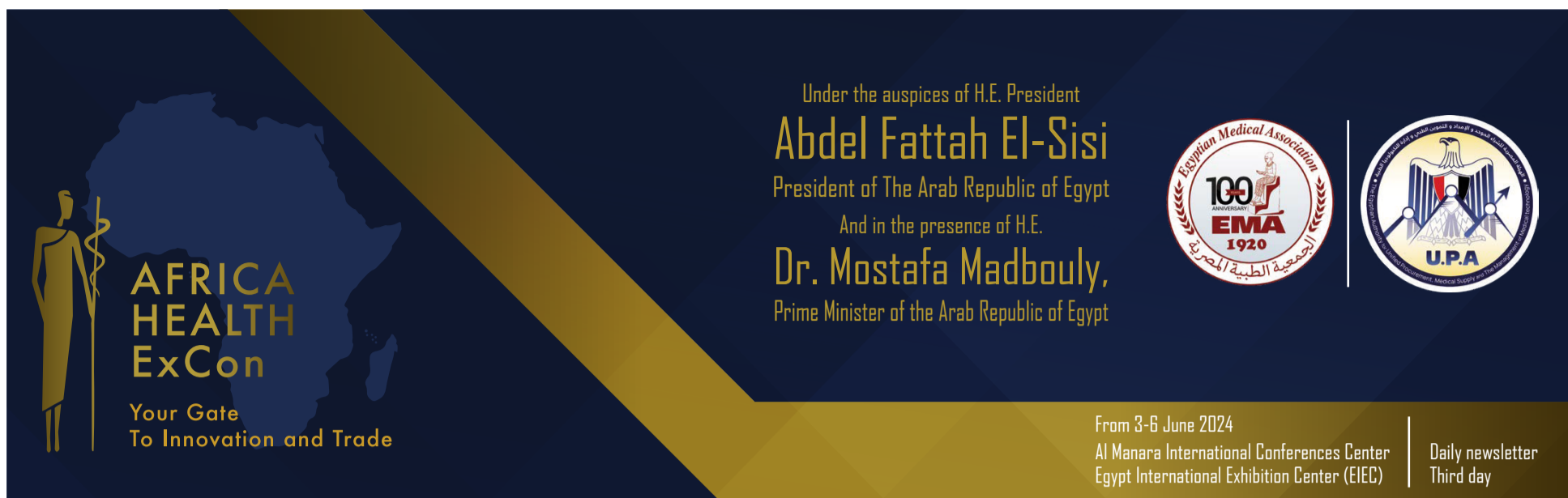
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## UPA is Hosting The "Africa Health Excon" Closing Ceremony at The Base of The Pyramids

The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA) orchestrated a monumental ceremony at the base of the pyramids, a testament to the resounding success of the third edition of the African Health ExCon. This edition was graced with the unwavering support of H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and was inaugurated by H.E. Prime Minister, Dr. Mostafa Madbouly. Major General Dr. Bahaa El-Din Zidan, Chairman of The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA), expressed his gratitude to all the parties supporting the exhibition. He noted that the current edition is the largest in the exhibition's history across its three sessions. Zidan said, "The authority's celebration at the pyramids area was to honor the historical and cultural contributions of the ancient Egyptians, who were the first to teach humanity the meaning of health care and medicine. Their monuments and inscriptions still witness the medical innovations they shared with the world, immortalized in the surgical instrument panel at the Temple of Kom Ombo in the Nile Valley." He added, "The current session of the exhibition reflects the continuation of that vision from the past into the future, especially with the unprecedented support for the health and pharmaceutical sector and the directives of the political leadership towards localizing medical services and the pharmaceutical industry in Egypt during this historical stage of building the new republic." Dr. Kamal Obaid, Executive Director of the Africa Health ExCon, emphasized the uniqueness of the current edition, which spanned 10,000 square meters and featured participation from 100 countries. It included over 1,200 Egyptian speakers and 150 international speakers and hosted 350 sessions and 26 workshops with contributions from 368 exhibitors. He continued, "The exhibition witnessed the signing of numerous memorandums of understanding and protocols, a testament to the event's impact on developing Egypt's health system and exporting medical and health services to many countries across the continent. Additionally, partnerships with major international companies were announced to manufacture strategic medical equipment in Egypt, a significant step towards enhancing the health system in Egypt and providing future generations with the highest levels of health care."





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## Nevine El-Kabbaj: Conditional Social Protection Programs Guarantee Access to Healthcare for The Lowest-Income Groups


Nevine El-Kabbaj, Minister of Social Solidarity, participated in the conference's concluding day activities, focusing on the significance of safeguarding women's health. She emphasized that Egypt's Ministry of Social Solidarity integrates healthcare within its specialized social protection framework and programs to address multidimensional poverty. These programs encompass education, health, housing, and nutrition. She mentioned that the Ministry's programs encompass around 5 million families, with %52 of cash assistance recipients being women. The cash support programs include conditional protection initiatives like "Takaful," which directly involves health check-ups, vaccinations, and health education sessions.



This approach ensures heightened awareness and improved health outcomes, benefiting lower-income groups. In her speech, she added, "The Ministry also prioritizes reproductive and maternal health by offering free family planning resources, maternal healthcare services, and early detection programs for diseases like breast and cervical cancer, particularly targeting rural areas with limited access to healthcare." The Minister highlighted the importance of collaboration with non-governmental organizations, as nearly 12,000 NGOs deliver between 30 and %32 of health services, particularly in reproductive health and cancer care. Despite these efforts, she noted challenges persist, including cultural barriers, data accuracy, digital transformation, and financing. Addressing these issues necessitates a comprehensive and interconnected social protection mechanism.



## The Minister of Finance Presents Egypt's Plan to Enhance the Comprehensive Health Insurance System

Dr. Mohamed Maait, Minister of Finance, presented Egypt's experience in implementing the comprehensive health insurance system. He highlighted the establishment of more efficient financing systems, the creation of substantial reserves to ensure the financial sustainability of the comprehensive health system, and the consolidation of cooperation with international partners to achieve human development and advance the health sector. This presentation was given during one of the conference sessions.



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## The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA) and the Union of Arab Pharmacists Signed a Cooperation Protocol During "Africa Health Excon"

Africa Health ExCon featured the signing of a cooperation protocol between the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA) and the Union of Arab Pharmacists. The agreement entails that the Union of Arab Pharmacists obtains medical



contracts from Arab and African countries, representing their medicines and medical supplies requirements. These contracts will be implemented through the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement via supply orders, as stipulated in the agreement signed by both parties. The protocol was signed by Dr. Hisham Stit, Vice President of the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply and Technology Management (UPA), mentioned in this agreement, and Dr. Ali Muhammad Ibrahim, serving as General Secretary of the Union of Arab Pharmacists.



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## The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply, and Technology Management (UPA) Renewed the Cooperation contract with the Zambia Medicine and Medical Supplies Agency.

The Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, Medical Supply, and Technology Management (UPA) signed a contract to renew its cooperation with the Zambia Medicine and Medical Supplies Agency. The signing occurred in the presence of Dr. Victor Nyasulu, the agency's Director General, and Brigadier Hatem Salah, Director General of Contracts at UPA.

## The Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Authority welcomed the Chairman of the Directorate of Pharmacy, Medicines, and Traditional Medicine of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Today, Dr. Ali Al-Ghamrawi, Chairman of the Egyptian Drugs Authority, met with Dr. Christian Ntumba, President of the Congolese Pharmaceutical Regulatory Authority (ACOREP), in the presence of several leaders from the Authority. The meeting focused on investment opportunities in the pharmaceutical sector in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as outlined in the memorandum of understanding signed between the two sides in 2023. They also reviewed the progress of the memorandum of understanding and discussed various aspects of cooperation related to pharmaceutical affairs, supervision, and regulation processes. This effort is part of the Authority's ongoing commitment to strengthen collaboration with counterpart entities in sister African countries. It is rooted in its regional leadership role and aims to support endeavors that facilitate the entry of Egyptian pharmaceutical products into African markets. This includes backing investments to meet the pharmaceutical needs of these markets.

## The Chairman of the Chairman of the Egypt Health Care Authority Met With the Minister of Health of Zimbabwe to Discuss Methods of Enhancing Mutual Cooperation

Dr. Ahmed ElSobki, Chairman of the Egypt Health Care Authority and General Supervisor of the Comprehensive Health Insurance and Decent Life projects at the Ministry of Health and Population, met with Dr. Douglas Mombeshora, Minister of Health of Zimbabwe, to discuss strategies for enhancing collaborative cooperation. The Zimbabwean Minister of Health commended Egypt's role under President Sisi's leadership for consistently supporting African countries and sharing Egyptian expertise in various fields, particularly healthcare. This includes health planning, infrastructure development, capacity building and training of healthcare professionals, modernization, and digitalization of services. He expressed a keen interest in adopting these experiences in Zimbabwe, especially regarding the comprehensive health insurance project.



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## Signing a protocol with the Fahim Foundation to promote awareness about mental health

The Egypt Health Care Authority announced signing a bilateral cooperation protocol with the Fahim Foundation for Psychological Support. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Ahmed ElSobki, Chairman of the Egypt Health Care Authority and General Supervisor of the Comprehensive Health Insurance and Decent Life projects at the Ministry of Health and Population, Ambassador Nabila Makram, President of the Board of Trustees of the Fahim Foundation for Psychological Support, Dr. Hani Rashid, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Egypt Health Care Authority, and Dr. Lamis Najm, a member of the Board of the Fahim Foundation for Psychological Support, along with several leaders and officials from both sides. Dr. Ahmed ElSobki, Chairman of the Egypt Health Care

Authority and General Supervisor of the Comprehensive Health Insurance and Decent Life projects at the Ministry of Health and Population, expressed his satisfaction at signing the cooperation protocol with the Fahim Foundation for Psychological Support. expressed her delight regarding the collaboration between the Health Care Authority and the Fahim Foundation for Mental Health Support. She aimed to enhance the quality of health services and prevent mental illness. She stressed that this cooperation strengthens community partnerships in mental health support and awareness, reduces stigma, and enhances comprehensive healthcare for individuals and communities.

## The Chairman of the Healthcare Authority Conducts an Inspection Tour of the Pharmaceutical Companies, Medical Devices and Supplies, and Technology Companies' Pavilions at the Exhibition







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