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FDA Meets with Nigerian Delegation

Today, FDA officials, led by Associate Commissioner for Global Policy and Strategy Mark Abdo, hosted a delegation from the Nigerian National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), the Nigerian Senate Committee on Health, and the Nigerian House of Representatives Committee on Healthcare Services. Among the topics discussed during the meeting, which was held at the FDA's headquarters in White Oak, Maryland, were the FDA's strategic priorities for Africa, the agency's ongoing collaboration with NAFDAC, and NAFDAC's own regulatory priorities.

The Nigerian delegation also met with experts from the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and the FDA's Office of Financial Management (OFM) to learn about the FDA's user fees programs.

Leading the Nigerian delegation was NAFDAC Director General Mojisola Christianah Adeyeye; Dr. Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe, Chairman of the Nigerian Senate Committee on Health; and Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu, Chairman of the Nigerian House of Representatives Committee on Healthcare Services. Other members of the delegation included Dr. Fortune Amezhinim Ihua-Maduenyi, Clerk of the Senate Committee on Health; and Dr. Mufutau Bolaji Yahaya, Chairman of the NAFDAC Council.

Other FDA officials participating in the meetings included Ravi Bharwani, Principal Policy Advisor, Office of Global Policy and Strategy (OGPS); Anna Ferus, International Policy Analyst, OGPS; Sema Hashemi, Senior International Policy Advisor, OGPS; Douglas Shaffer, Senior Advisor, OGPS; Lauren Paulos, Legislative Director – Drugs, Office of Legislation, Office of Policy, Legislation, and International Affairs; Harinder Chahal, Senior Public Health Advisor and Researcher, Office of Public Health Strategy and Analysis; Theresa Mullin, Associate Center Director - Strategic Initiatives, CDER; Andrew Kish, Director, Office of Program and Strategic

Analysis, CDER; Benjamin Moncarz, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, Budget, Acquisition, and Planning; and Olufunmilayo Ariyo, Acting Director of User Fees, OFM.

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