

**OPENING REMARKS BY D.I. ARABI, ACTING DIRECTOR  
GENERAL BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS (BPSR) ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE LUNCH TIME REFORMS SEMINAR  
HOLDING AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY  
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It is indeed my honour and great pleasure to welcome you to second Edition of the 2018 Lunch Time Reform Seminar, this Edition has the theme: **“The Role of Health Management Organization (HMOs) in the Successful Implementation of National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)”**. I wish to, particularly, extend my warm welcome to our distinguished Guest Speaker for today’s event, Professor Usman Yusuf, Chairman Senate Committee on Public Service, Chairman House Committee on Public Service. The topic is apt and timely, especially as the issue of health is very key and important in the delivery of service to the public. These Seminars serve two important purposes. First, to provide information to the Public Servants about governance reforms and the Second is to hold the drivers of reforms accountable for the reforms they are driving by providing an opportunity for Public Servants and the Public to understand the way reforms are being handled by the drivers of government Policies and Programmes.

2. However, the present administration is working hard to strengthening the National Health Sector in order to meet

the challenges of the Nigerian Public in the health service delivery system, for instance the Health Insurance Scheme, which is basically a social security system that guarantees the provision of the needed health services to persons on the payment of a token contributions at regular intervals, where the insured pays costs out-of-pocket and is then reimbursed by the insurer.

3. As part of the various studies carried out by BPSR research, we conducted a study on waiting time to see a Doctor in Public Hospital with the aim of improving the process of accesses to Health Care in Nigeria, Policy Briefs on this study are been submitted to the Federal Executive Council through the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

4. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Seminar is part of the BPSR's function of disseminating information on all aspects of Public Service Reforms, and also complementing the efforts of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation to enlighten Public Servants on the Policies and Programmes of government. It is also to raise the Capacity of Public Servants on all the essential elements of the reforms. It is my earnest hope that, at the end of the Lecture you would find the Seminar rewarding, educative and beneficial.

5. Permit me, at this juncture, to use this opportunity to thank the EU-SUFEGOR Programme for their support in

organising this Lunch Time Seminar. We greatly cherish their strategic partnership.

Thank You.