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STATEMENT FROM AFRICAN DIASPORA HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

As key members of the African Diaspora of health professionals in the UK, we believe that we are a valuable asset to ongoing efforts to find sustainable solutions for better health in Africa.

As individuals/organisations, we are each working and engaging in projects and initiatives for health across Africa including advocacy here in the UK and beyond.

Whilst we remain supportive of these encouraging individual efforts, we believe that further benefits can be gained from a collective and strategic approach that would maximise our combined skills and resources to a greater scale that will impact on the whole of Africa.

To achieve this we have agreed to work together under a collective platform that would consolidate our common diaspora health voices - to advocate, engage and mobilise at strategic levels in the UK, Africa and globally.

This common platform will help us to better engage and contribute as diaspora with stakeholders; helping to strengthen our existing programmes as well as establishing new opportunities for action. This will also leave us better placed to collaborate with suitable partners in order to develop a robust advocacy platform to shape health policy and programmes for Africa.

We believe that a joint platform will encourage mutual support, help us focus on priorities and unmet needs, avoid duplication and promote sharing of expertise/resources. The current Ebola outbreak in Africa, shows how important it is to establish a network like better health for Africa, which can give a lot of support to the Continent.

We, as a group, believe that the sum (whole) of our collective impact would be better than our individual uncoordinated efforts.

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Delegates at the meeting of African Diaspora Healthcare Professionals 15th November 2014