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HBV Forum Session at 2023 African Hepatitis Summit

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About the African Hepatitis Summit

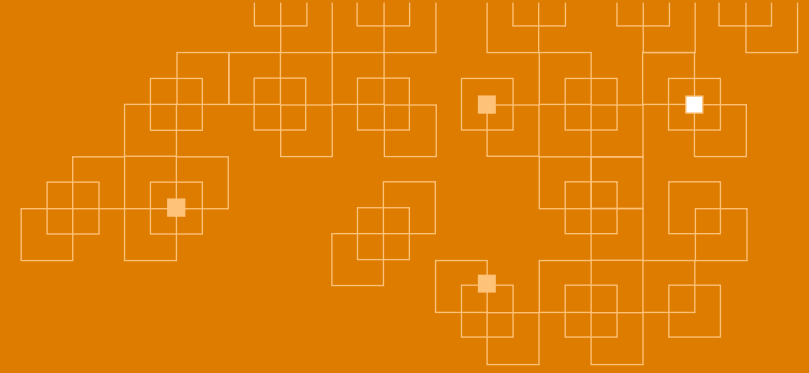


- **Aim:** to advance discussion, motivate action, and increase political will towards viral hepatitis elimination in Africa
- **How:** convened civil society organizations, policy makers, global funders, medical professionals, patient community
- **When:** October 24 – 26, 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria
- **Theme:** Putting Africa on Track towards Viral Hepatitis Elimination

HBV Forum Session



- **Session Title:** Multi-Stakeholder Discussion on Bringing HBV Clinical Research to Africa
- Initiate a series of discussions with diverse stakeholders on bringing HBV clinical research to Africa, with a focus on:
 - Highlighting the priorities of African researchers and global health partners
 - Capacity-building and ensuring the African ownership of research
 - Addressing the heavy burden of disease across the continent



Session Opening Remarks

Danjuma Adda, President, World Hepatitis Alliance

Key Themes



- **Diversity of Research Needs:** pivotal studies for new drugs, clinical studies for treatment strategies, implementation research, and observational studies
- **Capacity-building:** strengthen infrastructure of existing centers of excellence: study coordinators, data collectors, information technology, community liaisons
- **Patient Benefit:** clinical research participation benefits patients and their communities and facilitates implementation of screening, diagnosis, linkage to care

Next Steps



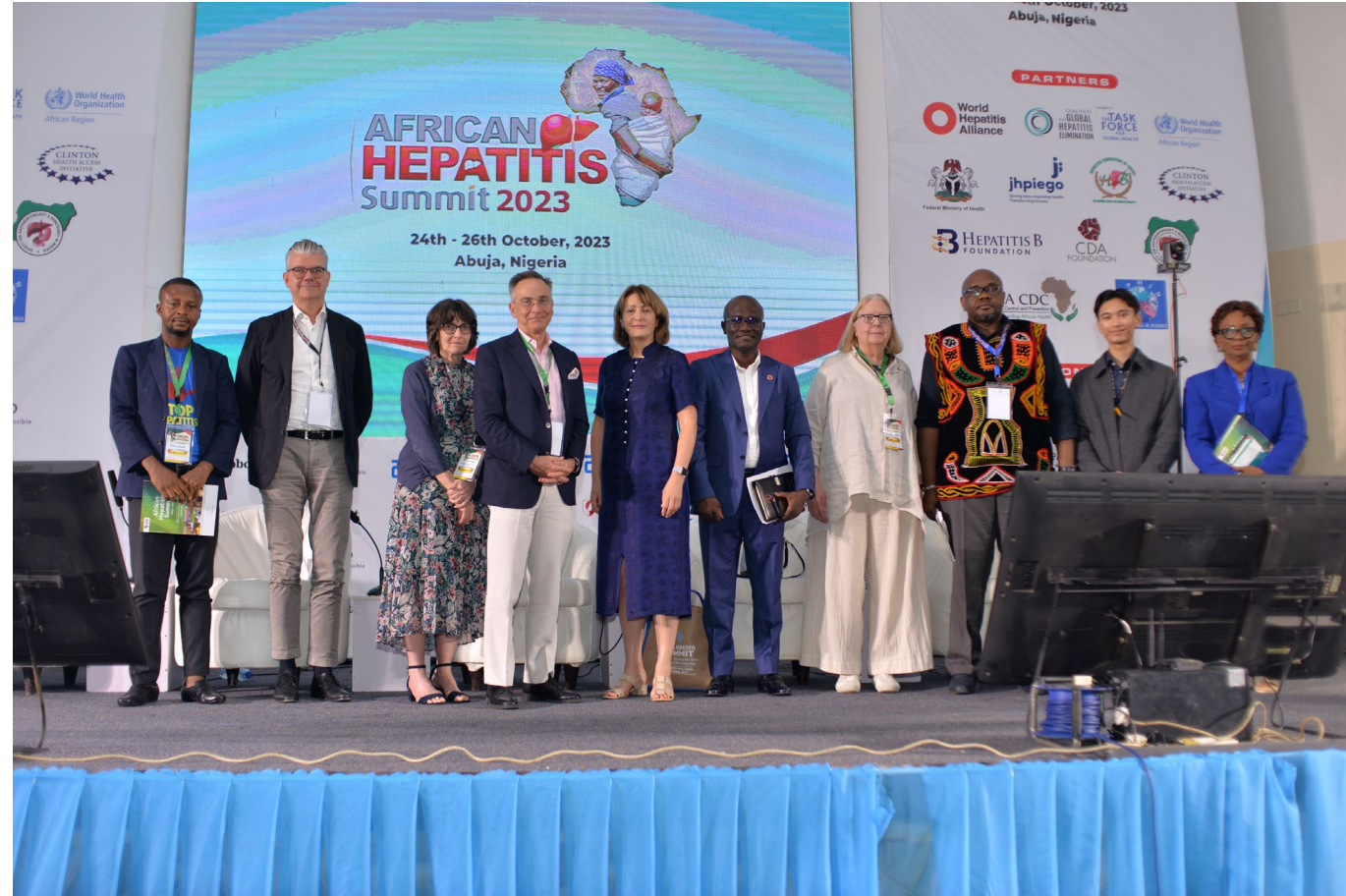
- Debrief meetings with key stakeholders
- Continue engagement with Africa CDC
- Consider session at World Hepatitis Summit 2024 in Lisbon
- Write and publish commentary

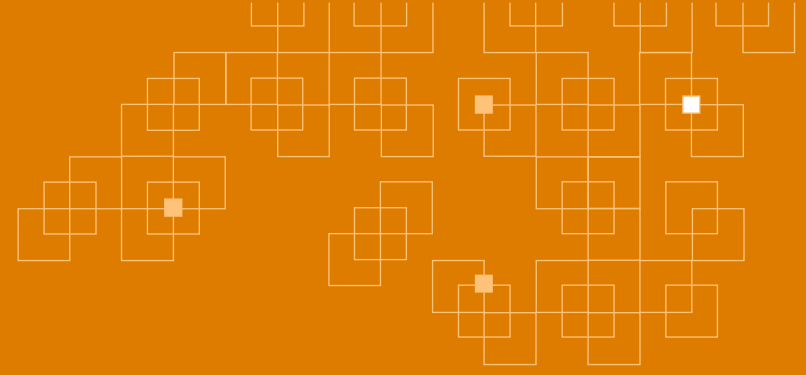
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Thank you!