

PRESS RELEASE

**APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL TASK TEAM ON COVID-19**

The Honourable Minister of Health has appointed a National Task Team on COVID-19 vaccines. Members are multidisciplinary in nature and include experts from the academia, private sector and top government officials.

2. Duties of the Task Team include:

- I. To review all COVID-19 vaccines in phase III clinical trials
- II. Decide which is most promising and potent, and
- III. Advise government on access, acquisition and distribution of the vaccine when it becomes available.

3. The Honourable Minister of Health is the Chairman of the Task Team. Other members include:-

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| I.    | Honourable Minister of State for Health   | - | Alternate Chairman |
| II.   | Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs  | - | Member             |
| III.  | Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and  | - | Member             |
| IV.   | Honourable Minister of Science and Technology<br>National Planning                | - | Member             |
| V.    | Permanent Secretary of Health   | - | Member             |
| VI.   | Director, Food & Drugs Services   | - | Member             |
| VII.  | Director, Planning Research & Statistics  | - | Member             |
| VIII. | Director General, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research                          | - | Member             |
| IX.   | Director General, Nigeria Center for Disease Control                              | - | Member             |
| X.    | Director General, National Agency for Food and<br>Drug Administration and Control | - | Member             |
| XI.   | Executive Director, National Primary Health Care<br>Development Agency            | - | Secretary          |
| XII.  | Representative of Bio-Vaccine   | - | Member             |
| XIII. | Prof. Ewawere   |   |                    |

XIV.	Sadoh	-	Member
XV.	Representative of Coalition Against COVID-19 (CACOVID)	-	Member
XVI.	Prof. Esangbedo	-	Member
XVII.	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS	-	Member
	▪ World Health Organization (WHO)		
	▪ United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)		

4. The Honourable Minister further wishes to reiterate that COVID-19 is real and enjoins members of the public to observe all protocols as prescribed by the Federal Government.

5. Thank you.

*Signed:*

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for: Honourable Minister