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Re: 13th Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition on 5 and 6 July, 2024 in Agadir (Morocco).

Dear Professor Belkhadir,

Thank you for informing me about your plans for the upcoming *Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition* to be held from July 5-6. I am delighted to see that you are holding this in conjunction with several very important organisations, such as the IDF Middle East and North Africa Region, the African Francophone Diabetes Society, the Diabetes and Asia Study Group, and, of course, several other prestigious Moroccan societies.

As we know, the diabetes situation changes constantly and quickly. The growing prevalence of diabetes worldwide presents an escalating problem for many healthcare systems. Unfortunately, it is all too often the case that scientific data to identify the best approaches to address patient needs are either not sufficiently robust or are not available. However, digitalisation and new therapeutic approaches are giving health professionals new opportunities to prevent diabetes, better manage the condition to avoid or prevent complications, and, in some cases, even put type 2 diabetes into remission. It is, therefore, vital to have meetings such as yours, to remind all those with an interest in diabetes of the importance of fortifying efforts to tackle diabetes and share the latest advances in science and clinical practice.

Diabetes places a major burden on individuals and their families, is a significant cause of healthcare expenditures, and can be a barrier to economic advancement. This is particularly the case in the Middle East and North Africa Region. Conferences, such as the one you are organising, present the perfect occasion for knowledge exchange and provide healthcare professionals the opportunity to share clinical experiences and discuss advances in treatment and care.

The *Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition* will emphasise the seriousness of diabetes and its complications and provide outstanding education to all those providing care for people living with diabetes.

In summary, I am delighted to support your conference in any way I can and would be honoured to speak if you wish me to.

With my best personal regards.



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