



6th Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition

“Diabetes Morocco 2017”

Rabat, 7 - 8 July 2017

Appeal of Rabat 2017

To African and Pan-African Health Institutions

**For a participatory and engaged mobilization for the protection of
Diabetic Rights in Africa**

At the end of this Symposium, which devoted one of its sessions to the theme "Diabetic Rights, particularly in Africa", the partners and participants in this event decided to launch the following Appeal:

We, the partners and participants in the Symposium **"Diabetes Morocco 2017"** organized at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Rabat, July 07 and 08, 2017:

- Welcome the Moroccan Diabetes League Initiative, with its Moroccan, African partners, and the MENA Region, for having scheduled for the second time, during this Colloquium, a session of debates and Fruitful exchanges on the rights of diabetics, particularly in Africa;

- Recall the overriding importance of addressing the problem of the plague of diabetes, especially in Africa - which is experiencing a very worrying

epidemiological development, aggravating poverty and social vulnerability - from the point of view of protection, respect and promotion Human Rights;

- **Bearing** in mind the strong Human Rights dimension of the definition of "Health" in the WHO Constitution and the universal scope of the September 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata calling upon all Governments and the global community to protect and promote the health of all peoples of the world;

- **Recognize** the organic link between health, the struggle against precariousness and poverty, peace and security, migratory movements and gender equality, as well as the global commitment to universal access to health care to facilitate the realization of Millenium Objectives for Development ;

- **Part** of the new African dynamic for the promotion and protection of Human Rights, recalling that the "**African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights**" and the Human Rights mechanisms of the United Nations Urges African States Parties to the Charter to take the necessary measures to protect the Health Rights of their populations ";

- **In particular**, the relevant resolutions initiated by the WHO Regional Office for Africa, in particular the resolution "Health and Human Rights in the African Region" and the resolution on the establishment of **the African Observatory for Health** "adopted in Luanda in November 2012;

- **Recall** the many relevant resolutions of the WHO / Regional Committee for Africa, in particular those relating to community health (Addis Ababa / November 2006), Diabetes (Brazzaville / August 2007), food security (Brazzaville / August 2007), primary care and health systems (Ouagadougou / 2008), social determinants of health (Malabo / June 2010), health and adaptation to climate change (Ymoussoukrou / September 2011) November 2012), traditional medicine (Brazzaville / sep 2013);

- **Taking into account** the content of the "**International Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of Persons with Diabetes**" launched by the International Diabetes Federation in 2011, with particular reference to its three axes, namely the right to care, Information and education and the right to social justice;

- **We welcome and encourage** the initiative of the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes and its African partners, with the support of the Moroccan National Council for Human Rights, to establish **an African Non-Governmental Observatory in Dakhla** in November 2016 dedicated Protection, Respect and Promotion of the Rights of Diabetics in Africa;

- **Let us appeal** to African and Pan-African institutions, public and private, concerned with health problems in general and diabetes problems in particular, as well as with African and Pan-African institutions working in the field of Human Rights, for a Committed and participatory mobilization for the protection, respect and promotion of Diabetic Rights in Africa by actively involving African non-governmental organizations in this mobilization effort;

- **Invite all non-governmental African** activist organizations at the African and Pan-African level concerned with the well-being of Diabetics in Africa to pool their efforts and combine their structures to carry out their legislative awareness and advocacy programs , regulatory and operational in order to better.

For the participants of the Symposium

Rabat, 8 july 2017