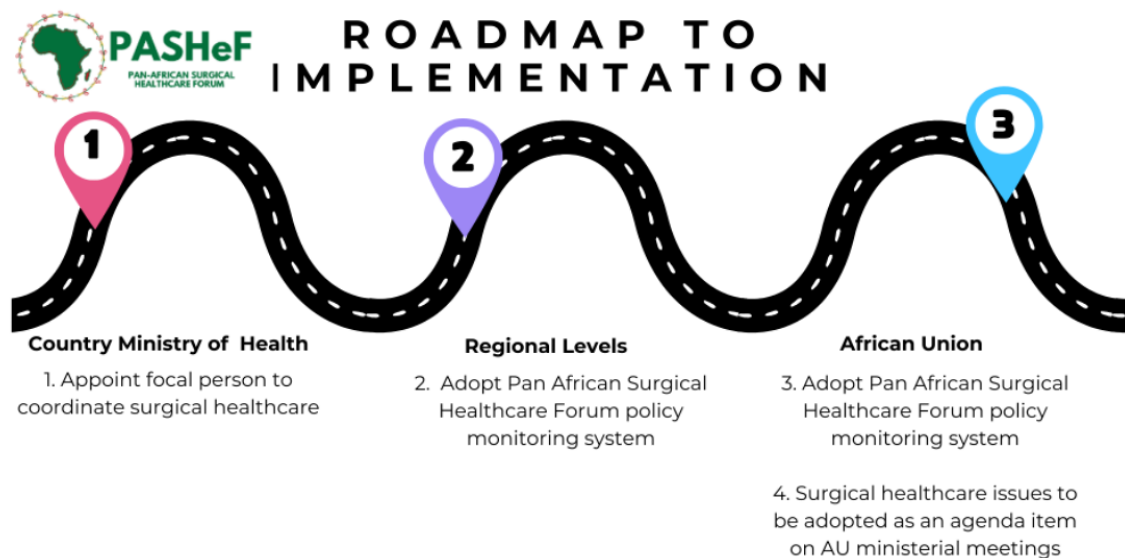


Roadmap to Implementation of the Pan African Surgical Healthcare Forum 2023 Consensus Statements



The Pan African Surgical Healthcare Forum

We, the African Ministers of Health and representatives of Ministers of Health, have agreed that the roadmap for implementation of the Pan African Surgical Healthcare Forum Consensus will include the following activities at National, Regional, and Continental Levels.

National Action

1. We commit to establishing a national team in each country to develop or update national surgical healthcare plans/policies.
2. We commit to improving surgical infrastructure in our countries.
3. We commit to improving supply chain structures in our countries.
4. To ensure adequate leadership and governance at national level, we agree that each country will establish clear leadership for surgical and anesthesia care within the Ministry of Health. Each

country will also encourage intersectoral collaboration to support surgical healthcare.

5. We, the Member States, commit to engaging stakeholders early in the process of developing and implementing National Surgical Healthcare Plans and Policy, which will include communities, local government, private sector, NGOs, civil society, academia, professional societies, and international organizations.
6. We also commit to strengthen equitable, transparent, and context-specific partnerships with international organizations, regional bodies, and development partners.
7. We will involve our community in planning, implementation, and leadership for surgical planning/policymaking, and emphasize community-level advocacy for the prevention and treatment of surgical diseases.
8. We commit to the development of the surgical workforce in our countries focusing on the entire spectrum of surgical healthcare, from prevention through perioperative care to rehabilitation and palliative care. Our strategies will emphasize capacity building, quality of care, access to care, and sustainability.
9. We commit to advocating for financing of surgical healthcare and implementing health insurance schemes covering surgical conditions within the health benefit package of each Member State. Ministries of Health will advocate for dynamic and incremental budgets for surgical healthcare at all levels in coordination with relevant stakeholders like Ministries of Finance, while creating innovative and sustainable surgical healthcare financing mechanisms.

Regional Activities

10. For Monitoring and Evaluation, regions will develop clear surgical healthcare monitoring and evaluation tools with sets of indicators and this will be aligned with quality assurance. We will also establish a Pan-African/regional Surgical Healthcare Policy monitoring system composed of member states. We will also collect, consolidate, and utilize data to advance surgical healthcare research.
11. We commit to regional collaboration and will encourage partnerships for sharing resources, and sharing expertise including the creation of regional pools and centers of excellence in clinical surgical care.
12. We commit to sharing success stories and experiences in surgical planning/policy making among African countries.
13. We commit to organizing PASHeF as an annual platform for countries to share experiences and decision making at alternating country locations in Africa, and engage global partners. We will ensure representation from each African Member State at PASHeF.

Continental

14. We commit to strengthening of essential and emergency surgical healthcare services.
15. We also advocate for the adoption of the Pan-African Surgical Healthcare Forum as a policy advisory and monitoring and evaluation body of the African Union.

16. We commit to generate community awareness for surgical healthcare. We will utilize the media and local leaders as positive influencers for Surgical Healthcare Plans/Policies and services, and advocate for surgical systems improvement as a public health concern.

Endorsed at Kigali on 17 September, 2024.