CAPSCA
Presentation by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority

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Outline

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CAPSCA- An ICAO Initiative
Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of the Spread of Communicable disease through Air travel

• Goals

- Implementation of aviation related health requirements and guidelines
  - ICAO SARPs and related guidance materials
  - WHO IHR (2005) and guidance
- Training of personnel
- Assistance Visits to international airports
- Development of public health/aviation sector collaboration
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The Journey So Far

CAPSCA – Africa
Nigeria, first country in Africa to commence CAPSCA activities

• 1st Steering Committee Meeting Abuja - Feb 2009
• Airport Assistance Visits - Lagos and Abuja Airports Feb 2009
• Aviation/ Public Health stakeholders showed great enthusiasm and collaboration as evident in 2009 in Nigeria during the H1N1 pandemic
Challenges and Observations

- The need to improve collaboration between the health and aviation sectors at regional, national and local level.

- The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to ensure that the regulations (Nig. CAR’s) are updated to include the amendments in the following Annexes:
  - Annexe 11 (Airports & Aerodromes Regulations)
  - Annexe 14 (Airports & Aerodromes Regulations)
  - Annexe 9 (Facilitation in Air Transport Regulations)
  - Annexe 6 (Operations)

- The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to ensure that the:
  - Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Plan is put in place and incorporated into the National Pandemic Preparedness Plan

- The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to ensure that the:
  - protocol questions in the Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) relating to pandemic preparedness are addressed.
Challenges and Observations

• Variations seen in SOP’s of the various local airlines regarding handling of suspect case(s) by cabin crew. Three Airlines have worked on this to produce a generic that the NCAA will review and adopt.

• Air Navigation Services (NAMA) to fully integrate the modifications in Annexe 11 and PANS – ATM(ICAO Doc 4444)

• Need to periodically sensitise stakeholders, update SOP’s and carry out simulations - airlines, airport operators, air traffic control, security agencies, baggage handlers etc.

• The role of the Airport Authority (FAAN) needs to be strengthened as coordination of CAPSCA activities in the Airport environment is multifaceted.
Conclusion

• This Global meeting has indeed assisted in defining and strengthening the roles of all Aviation/ Public Health sector providers in the activities of CAPSCA.