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From the office of *The National Chairman*



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,
With utmost humility and deep gratitude, I want to thank you for the confidence, support, and overwhelming mandate you have given me to serve as the 16th National Chairman of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN).

This honour is not mine alone—it is a reflection of our collective resolve to build a stronger, more impactful, and united community pharmacy profession in Nigeria. I am inspired by your faith in me and energized by the boundless possibilities that lie ahead for us as a body.

I sincerely appreciate the unwavering commitment and sacrifices of my predecessors, especially the immediate past leadership, whose hard work has brought us this far. I salute all community pharmacists across the country for their resilience, professionalism, and service to humanity, even in the face of numerous challenges.

Consolidation, Consultation, and Constructive Confrontation!

The last 365 days have been highly eventful and impactful. Just like I promised you on the eve of my assumption to this noble office, we have been guided by a clear vision rooted in four strategic pillars that have defined our approach to the existential challenges besetting our common goals:

1. Promoting Demand-Driven Professional Development:

We have prioritized training and capacity building that directly aligns with the needs of the practice and the evolving healthcare landscape, equipping every community pharmacist for relevance, leadership, and sustainability.

One of the immediate actions on this is the Research Training for our members. At the counsel of our collaborators, this training has begun with the Research and Development Unit, a multi-state committee of our

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From the Editor in Chief

It is with great pride and deep appreciation that I welcome you to this special edition of our 2025 Newsletter. As we gather in Awka for the 44th Annual Scientific Conference of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria, themed "IFEADIGO 2025," we celebrate not just another year, but remarkable strides made by our National Executive Officers and the dedicated state branches.

Their tireless commitment, visionary leadership, and collaborative spirit have elevated our profession and strengthened pharmacy practice across the nation. On behalf of the editorial team, I sincerely commend their achievements and encourage us all to keep the momentum alive.

Thank you, and happy reading.

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Association, which is geared toward engendering and promoting the culture of community pharmacy-based research among our members. The training will soon be cascaded to our members across the states, and I urge all members to make themselves available for this practice-impactful project. The overreaching goal of this training is not only to enhance our practice culture but also to influence policies and decision making through a pragmatic data collection, mining and analysis to our advantage.

Another area we have focused in the last few months is the Community Pharmacy Assessment and Career Progression Scheme, and I want to appreciate my Immediate National Chairman, Pharm Adewale Aderemi Oladigbolu, FPSN, for this beautiful initiative to transform the practice of community pharmacy forever in Nigeria. The era of entering and exiting the community pharmacy as a superintendent pharmacist is gradually coming to an end. This project has been translated to a multi-stakeholder institute (Community Pharmacists Assessment and Career Progression Institute, CPACPI) under the leadership of Pharm (Dr.) Iyeseun Asieba, FPSN, and we are grateful for their selfless commitment. We are hopeful that the first batch of qualified enrollees will be celebrated at this Conference

2. Optimizing the Welfare of Members

The well-being of every community pharmacist is paramount. One of the immediate actions I took in the first days of our administration was the setting up of the Welfare Committee, and I am delighted with their action plans which comprises a robust and sustainable plan towards improving the socio-economic status of our members, ensuring better practice conditions, and fostering an environment of care, respect, and empowerment. We have now set up a Welfare Fund purse for the Association with a separate account and signatories other than the National Executives

3. Driving Strategic Advocacy and a Sanitized Practice Environment:

We have continued to consult, consolidate and collaborate with our allies, courting new partners, and, where necessary, confronting the existential forces that have served as a barrier to good community practice. We relentlessly continue to undertake high-level engagement with policymakers, regulatory bodies, and the public to strengthen our voice, sanitize the drug distribution system, and protect the sanctity of our profession.

4. Enhancing Digitalization and Documentation:

In this digital age, our practice must evolve. As you may have noticed, the theme of this Conference is strategically chosen to enliven our practice through the integration of technology. We are currently working on promoting digital transformation, accurate documentation, and data-driven decision-making to increase visibility, compliance, and growth in community pharmacy.

One of the thematic areas we have actively focused is the activation and publishing of the Aggregator Platform, a robust online presence for all community pharmacies in Nigeria. As the internet continues to be awash with different trading platforms and techniques, and unfortunately, in an atmosphere almost impervious to

regulations, we cannot afford to play a backbencher. We are currently working to facilitate a handshake between the Aggregator Platform and our National Portal, such that every community pharmacist will be onboarded synchronously using the database already available on our National Portal.

Together, we will move from rhetoric to result. From challenges to change. From limitations to leadership.

IFEADIGO 2025 – The Light Has Come

Dear Distinguished Colleagues,

I want to warmly welcome you to the 44th Annual International Scientific Conference of our noble Association, it's yet another testament of grace, goodwill and resilience of our cherished profession.

The unsurpassed hospitality and love we received from the Executive Governor of Anambra State, Prof Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, in the build-up to this conference gives me an unassailable confidence that you will have a highly delightful conference experience in this home of light.

The immeasurable sacrifices of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) and Local Organizing Committee (LOC), under the leadership of Pharm Ekhatore Lawrence, MAW, leave me no doubt that you will enjoy every bit of the Conference

The Theme of the Conference, Technology Integration and Personalized Care: The Future of Community Pharmacy, is carefully chosen to have a maximal impact on our practice in this digital age. I encourage all members to actively participate in every session of the Conference.

In continuation of our resolve to build a Pharmacare Centre in an underserved area in all of our conference hosting states, we have completed a befitting edifice for the Anambra State at Umuawulu town, Awka South LGA. The commissioning would be held shortly before this Conference. Together, we would transform the healthcare services in Nigeria.

Thank you for your resilient trust in our leadership. Let us unite in service, driven by purpose and bound by professional pride, to take ACPN to greater heights. Thank you once again for this great honour. I am yours in passionate and purposeful service.

Warm regards,

Pharm. Ezech Ambrose Igwekamma, MAW, DCPharm







ADVOCACY VISIT TO ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNOR AND SPEAKER



ADVOCACY VISIT TO Chief Barr (Mrs) Elizabeth Eze-Ani,
Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Nigeria Police

ADVOCACY VISITS



ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION ON NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION POLICY

COURTESY CALL BY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS





COURTESY CALL BY PSN YPG



NEC MEETING



REPRESENTATION AT PCN MCPD SCHEDULE VI DEVELOPMENT



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ELECTION AT OLUYOLE 2024



ACPN NADAC PRESENTATION AT OLUYOLE 2024



REPORTS FROM THE STATES

BAYELSA STATE



DELTA STATE



ACPN EXCO as invited Guests at the induction ceremony of DELSU Pharmacy Graduands on the 13th of March, 2025



Advocacy visit to the Sapele Area Command of the Nigeria Police Force



Delta ACPN World Malaria Day Radio Programme on the 25th of April, 2025



Courtesy Visit to the DPO of Ekpan Police Division, Delta State



State Chairman, Pharm. Dennis Efeturi during the 2025 World Hypertension Day Outreach at Ughelli, Delta State.



World Hypertension Day Church Outreach in Ughelli, Delta State.



World Malaria Day Celebration at DBS, Asaba



World Malaria Day Celebration at DBS TV on the 25th of April, 2025



2025 World Hypertension Day Programme on DBS Morning ride, Asaba





KOGI STATE



KWARA STATE



KWARA STATE



ACPN Kwara food bank committee in action



Dignitaries at Kwara ACPN 2025 business summit



Celebrating with our new fellows



Chairman and acting secretary representing Kwara at NEC meeting



Celebrating with our new fellows

LAGOS STATE



LAGOS STATE





Pic - Oyo zone Refresher training
Pic 7,8,9- Destruction of fake and substandard products seized at Idumota drug market



ONDO STATE



MEDICAL OUTREACH ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN TO MARK 2025 WORLD MALARIA DAY



MEDICAL OUTREACH ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN AT DEJI PALACE, AKURE

RADIO PROGRAM AT ORANGE FM, AKURE ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN TO MARK 2024 WORLD DIABETES DAY



MEDICAL OUTREACH ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN TO MARK 2024 WORLD DIABETES DAY IN AKURE



ADVOCACY VISIT TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING WITH NAFDAC SOUTH WEST COORDINATOR, MRS ROSELINE AJAYI



RADIO PROGRAM ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN TO MARK 2025 WORLD CANCER DAY

RADIO PROGRAM TO MARK 2025 WORLD TB DAY

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING WITH NAFDAC

ONDO STATE



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MEDICAL OUTREACH ORGANIZED BY ONDO ACPN TO MARK 2025 WORLD MALARIA DAY



RADIO PROGRAM TO MARK WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY



MEDICAL OUTREACH TO MARK 2024 WORLD PHARMACIST DAY IN AKURE

RIVERS STATE



Swearing in of the newly elected executive committee members of ACPN, Rivers State Chapter. Second from right, newly elected Chairman, Pharm. Lawson Onengiyefor MSc, MBA and Third from right, the newly elected Secretary Pharm. Okeke Uchechukwu Chukwudi. April 30th, 2025



Zonal Dynamics Presentation at the ACPN Rivers State Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting 2025, Pharm. Okeke Uchechukwu Chukwudi presenting on behalf of Rumuokoro zone. April 30th, 2025
Theme: "Optimizing Digital Solutions in Community Pharmacy Practice".



Zonal Dynamics Presentation at the ACPN Rivers State Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting 2025, Pharm. Ujunwa Ezeifeke presenting on behalf of Woji zone. April 30th, 2025
Theme: "Optimizing Digital Solutions in Community Pharmacy Practice".



Zonal Dynamics Presentation at the ACPN Rivers State Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting 2025, Pharm. Sam Asila presenting on behalf of Agip/Iwofe zone. April 30th, 2025
Theme: "Optimizing Digital Solutions in Community Pharmacy Practice".



World Hepatitis Day 2024 Health Outreach organized by Woji Zone of ACPN, Rivers State Chapter. Monday, 29th July 2024
Theme: "Take Action, Treat and Vaccinate".



World Tuberculosis Day 2025 Radio Outreach at Family Love FM 97.7 FM Port Harcourt organized by Rumuokwuru, Okporo, and Oyigbo Zones of ACPN, Rivers State Chapter. 24th March 2025

Theme: "Yes! We can end TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver".



World Malaria Day 2025 Health Outreach organized by Rumuomasi and Rumuola/Rumuokwuta Zones of ACPN, Rivers State Chapter. Monday, 28th April 2025

Theme: "Malaria Ends with us, Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite".



World Hypertension Day 2025 Health Outreach organized by Elenwo and Woji Zones of ACPN, Rivers State Chapter. 19th May 2025
Theme: "Measure your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control it and Live Longer".



ACPN Rivers State Delegates at the NAFDAC Training and launch of NAFDAC Greenbook and Scan2Verify App in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. March 13th 2025



ACPN Rivers State represented at the NAFDAC destruction of expired drugs in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. R – L, ACPN Rivers State Chairman, Pharm. Lawson Onengiyefor MSc, MBA and the Immediate Past Chairman, Pharm. Ezeugwu Chigozie MAW DCPharm. February 6th 2025

Pictures from ACPN Rivers State Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting 2025 with the theme: "Optimizing Digital Solutions in Community Pharmacy Practice". From April 29th to May 2025
Venue: Hall De Telavee, Iwofe Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria.



NASARAWA STATE



Pharm. Emmanuel Ochonus daughter wedding



Courtesy visit to NUDB



Visit to fire accident victims premises




World Pharmacist Day 2024 road walk with FRSC



Swearing in of the permanent secretary
Pharm. Emmanuel Yonah at Lafia



The Chairman & EXCOS at Business Submit 2025



**ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)**
Nasarawa State Branch

**2024
WORLD
PHARMACISTS DAY**

Theme:
**MEETING THE GLOBAL
HEALTH NEED**

25TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

**Emphasis On The Anti
Malarial Resistance**

ACTIVITIES

- Radio & Television Publicity
- Counselling At Various Community
Pharmacy Premises

ACPN WEEK/BUSINESS SUBMIT PROGRAMME (AWARD)





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

equipping our members with the skills to generate evidence-based data and contribute meaningfully to healthcare policy and practice reforms in Nigeria. The enthusiastic participation and successful completion by the first set of trainees signify a new dawn in Community Pharmacy practice — one driven by research, data-driven decisions, and continuous professional development.

Distinguished Delegates, Esteemed Colleagues, and Partners in Progress,

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you all to the 44th Annual National Scientific Conference of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN), holding here in the beautiful and culturally rich city of Awka, Anambra State — the Light of the Nation. This year's conference, aptly tagged "Ife-Adigo" meaning "Light Has Come", is not just a gathering but a celebration of progress, resilience, and a renewed commitment to advancing Community Pharmacy practice in Nigeria.

Permit me to begin by appreciating the tremendous success recorded at our 43rd Annual International Scientific Conference held in Ibadan, Oyo State. That historic gathering provided a platform for fruitful deliberations, professional networking, and the unveiling of strategic initiatives aimed at repositioning Community Pharmacy practice in Nigeria. The professional delivery by the Conference Planning Committee was second to none. The remarkable participation and enthusiasm displayed by delegates, stakeholders, and our partners contributed immensely to its resounding success. We remain deeply grateful to the Oyo State Government and the Local Organising Committee for their support and hospitality.

One of the significant outcomes of our strategic focus from last year is the successful take-off of the maiden cohort of Community Pharmacists trained in research methodology and practice. This visionary initiative, coordinated by the ACPN National Secretariat, is a bold step towards

As we converge in Awka for this year's conference, themed "Technology Integration and Personalised Care: The Future of Community Pharmacy Practice", we are presented with yet another opportunity to interrogate emerging trends, embrace technological innovations, and chart a forward-looking course for our profession. The relevance of this theme cannot be overstated, especially as the global healthcare landscape rapidly evolves towards more patient-centred, data-guided, and technology-enhanced service delivery models.

On behalf of the National Executive Council and the entire membership of ACPN, I sincerely extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Government and people of Anambra State for their warmth, goodwill, and invaluable support towards the successful hosting of this conference. The commitment and cooperation of the State Government, under the leadership of His Excellency, Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, have been instrumental in ensuring that all logistics, security, and hospitality arrangements are seamless and befitting of our esteemed delegates.

Together, we will sustain the light that has come and ensure that Community Pharmacy practice in Nigeria continues to rise to greater heights.

Once again, I welcome you all to Awka and wish us all a productive, impactful, and memorable conference experience.

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