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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



**Dr. Petronila N. Tabansi, President, PAN**

### **Esteemed PAN elders and members,**

I bring salutations from the office of the PAN President.

Indeed, it's been an exciting and somewhat thrilling journey so far, steering the affairs of our great Association since the inauguration of the new Executive Council on that awesome day of 23rd January, 2026.

**W**e have hit the ground running on deliverables as promised. Most important of which is being at decision making tables!! Several high-level stakeholders' meetings and engagement were attended with the PAN President and members of the Executive Council where we were very vocal with important contributions to the discourse in line with PAN's mission of influencing policies that affect child health. To this end, the following meetings were attended:

**National Child Health Technical Working Group (NCHTWG)** – It is crucial for PAN to be at the table of this meeting hosted by the FMOHSW because this is the apex meeting where important child health issues

including child survival, neonatal health, children with congenital abnormalities and Research among others are intensely discussed and debated, and are most likely to translate to national policies. Of note is that the Chairman, Subcommittee chairs and many members are of PAN extraction. All are poised to advocate and uphold the rights of Nigerian children to good health and development.

**Strengthening Access to Reproductive & Adolescent Health (SARAH Project)** – this is a UNICEF Funded initiative aimed at optimizing health systems operations in order to improve access by adolescents and other patients. The project is being implemented by United Nations Population Fund -UNPF and DOM HOUG, in Ad-

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amawa, Kwara and Sokoto states. In these same States, PAN, on the request of UNICEF nominated members in the locales to mentor and supervise Primary Health Care Centers participating in the Safer Birth Bundle of Care (SBBC) project, for sustainability and retention of skill of trained health-care workers.

**National Council on Nutrition (NCN) meeting** – Chaired by the Vice President of Nigeria – His Excellency Sen. Kashim Shettima, this collective seeks to improve the nutrition of all Nigerians especially vulnerable groups like children. One of the proposed ways is to re-activate nutritious school meals by sourcing sustainable funding through federal and state governments and international partners. Very big leagues are in this council including the Federal Ministers of Budget and Strategic Planning, Health and Social Welfare, Agriculture and Chairman of the Governors Forum, World Food Bank, relevant professional association foremost of which is PAN contributing its professional expertise to this important gathering, outcome of which will translate to policies that will positively impact the nutrition of Nigerian children.

**Other meetings attended include**

**Validation of the National reproduc-**

**tive health Policy (Kano),**

NAFDAC update on Code of Marketing of breast milk substitutes – very important to revive the mantra of exclusive breast feeding for first six months of life which has somehow declined in intensity in recent times! Paediatricians need to take charge!

**Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM):** Due to conflict in schedule of INEC’s new revised time table for National and State elections which was moved from 20th February, 2027, to the new dates of 16th January 2027 and 6th February respectively, the dates for PANConf Abia 2027 needs to be re-scheduled to after the elections. In accordance with the PAN

**MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- National Child Health Technical Working Group (NCHTWG)
- Strengthening Access to Reproductive & Adolescent Health (SARAH Project)
- National Council on Nutrition (NCN) meeting
- NAFDAC update on Code of Marketing of breast milk substitutes
- PAN projects/grants:
- ACS/IPA/PAN project on HPV VAC

Constitution, an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of PAN ordinary members have scheduled for the 15th of April for this purpose so as to safeguard members from travels during the election period.

**PAN projects/grants:** The IPA/PAN immunization Champions Continuous Engagement Project is on-going and running smoothly. PAN is now mentoring other paediatric societies in Ghana and Liberia on innovative immunisation advocacy methods. Key immunization messages and contents for social media campaign have been produce and disseminated at various social media platforms including our WhatsApp platform. Kindly like and follow please. PAN appreciates our content creators including the Noisy Naija Paediatrician, Apkroko Doctor, PAN Publicity & Public Health Education Committees Chairs & members to mention a few; and all our immunization champions especially the Lead – Dr. Ayebo Sadoh for their commitment and passion in sustaining the laudable work on immunization advocacy which is a key PAN mission! PAN remain grateful to the IPA and Gates Foundation for their continuous support.

**ACS/IPA/PAN project on HPV VAC** – this is a new project funded by the

American cancer Society (ACS) in collaboration with IPA that seek to empower member societies of the IPA with advocacy skills to prevent HPV related cancers through HPV vaccination of adolescents. An easy access free and certified online course developed by the IPA has been disseminated to PAN members to participate. We thank and appreciate members who have completed the course and encourage all member to do same as this is a PAN project and mandate. The IPP Dr. Ekanem Ekure participated in Module 6 of the course. Find out what she said by clicking/copying this link to register: <https://ipa-world.org/ipalmsv2/registration.php>.

Other activities of the Association including webinars, committee activities and members welfare are running as usual. On a sad note, PAN lost some members noteworthy of which is that of beloved Dr. Angela Anene Okolo, Dr. Suleiman and most recently Dr. Nwadiuto Akani. May their souls rest in peace and God comfort their families and PAN – Amen.

Esteemed elders and members, PAN is working! And the President is at your service always. Thank you for your constant support, advice and encouragement. I appreciate them so please keep it coming.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT DESK MY COMMITMENT TO THE PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

**Dr. Olaseinde Babatunde Eletu**



**A**s President-Elect of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN), I write with a deep sense of responsibility and optimism about the future of our noble Association. PAN has, over the decades, stood as the authoritative voice for child health in Nigeria—shaping policy, advancing clinical standards, and nurturing generations of paediatricians. I am both humbled and inspired to serve at this pivotal moment in our collective journey.

My commitment to PAN is anchored on three pillars: professional excellence, institutional strengthening, and collaborative leadership. We must continue to uphold the highest standards in paediatric practice through continuous medical education, sub-specialty development, and evidence-based advocacy. At the same time, our Association must grow in structural efficiency, financial sustainability, and digital integration to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape. A strong institution is the foundation upon which impactful advocacy and member welfare are built.

Equally important is fostering unity across all cadres—public and private practitioners, academics, trainees, and our diaspora colleagues. PAN’s strength lies in its diversity of expertise and shared commitment to Nigerian children. I envision a Presidency that listens intentionally, engages transparently, and leads inclusively. Together, we will reinforce PAN’s relevance in national health discourse, strengthen partnerships, and amplify our voice on issues affecting child survival, development, and protection.

As we prepare this first quarter newsletter, I invite every member to renew their personal commitment to PAN. Our Association thrives not merely on leadership, but on active participation. With shared purpose and disciplined execution, we will consolidate past gains and position PAN for even greater impact.

The future of child health in Nigeria depends on what we build together today. I am ready to serve—and I am confident that, united, we will advance the vision and legacy of PAN.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PAN

## Connecting with You: The Secretary-General's Communication Plan for PAN



**Dr Uchenna Onubogu**  
Secretary General, PAN

**A**s Secretary General of PAN, I am committed to establishing effective and inclusive communication with every member of our organization. Strong communication fosters unity, transparency, and a true sense of belonging among all members of PAN. To achieve this, I intend to implement the following strategies:

### 1. Effective Communication of Meetings

I will ensure early notification of all scheduled meetings after due clearance from the President, al-

lowing members adequate time to prepare and participate. Minutes of meetings will also be circulated promptly to promote transparency, accountability, and continuity.

### STRATEGIES FOR PAN

1. Effective Communication of Meetings
2. Promotion of Continuous Medical Education (CME)
3. Celebration of Milestones and Member Recognition
4. Digital Platform Engagement
5. International Collaboration Opportunities

### 2. Promotion of Continuous Medical Education (CME)

I will actively publicize PAN webinars and other relevant professional educational opportunities that support career development and clinical excellence. Timely dissemination of these opportunities will ensure members remain informed

and professionally up to date.

### **3. Celebration of Milestones and Member Recognition**

PAN is not only a professional body but also a family. I will communicate and celebrate significant milestones of our members, including landmark birthdays such as 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, and 100th. Career advancements and promotions across all cadres will also be acknowledged.

In addition, significant losses within our community will be communicated with sensitivity, so that we can stand together as an organization in times of celebration and in times of difficulty.

### **4. Digital Platform Engagement**

We will engage members through various digital platforms, including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Telegram, and WhatsApp forums. These platforms will provide regular updates on PAN activities and encourage active interaction. I encourage members to follow and participate in these platforms to strengthen

communication and collaboration.

### **5. International Collaboration Opportunities**

Opportunities for international collaboration will be promptly communicated to members to enhance networking, increase PAN's visibility, and expand our collective impact. I encourage all members to serve as ambassadors of PAN through excellence and professionalism in their respective fields.

I look forward to serving PAN in my capacity as Secretary General, supporting the President, and contributing meaningfully to the growth and unity of our dear organization.

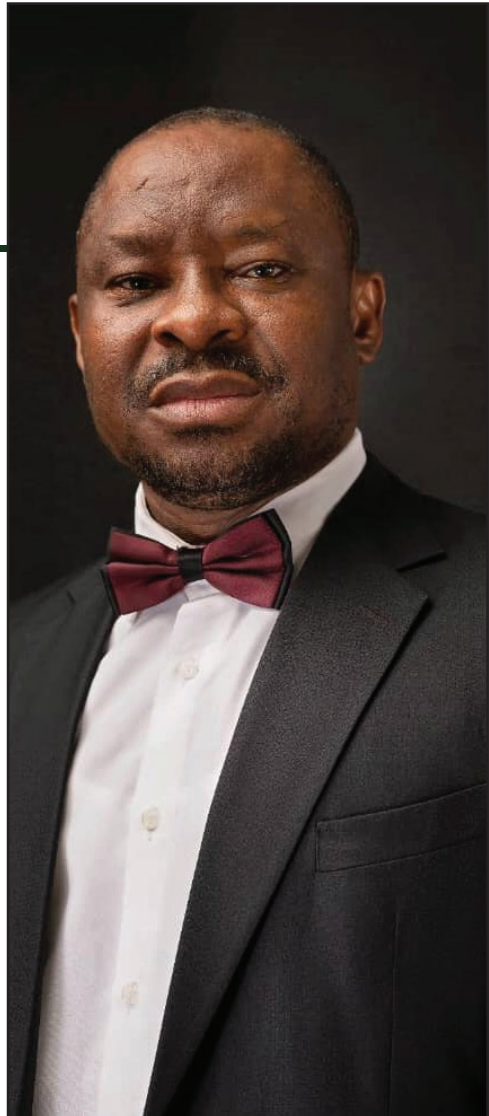
Thank you.

## FROM THE ASST SECRETARY

### *Desk*

**Dear PAN elders and members,**

**I**t is with great honor and pleasure that we present to you this first quarter edition of PAN Newsletter and the First for this New executive. We are committed to keeping members updated on the events and activities of PAN. While we encourage all to participate fully in meetings, conference, monthly webinars, grand rounds, campaigns, visitations and other relevant activities PAN identifies with. Contribution of your qualities and capacities in any area deemed necessary will collectively move PAN towards its objectives and goals.



**Dr. Maduka D Ughasoro**  
**PAN Assist. Secretary**

## MY VISION AND APPROACH TO STRENGTHENING THE FINANCES OF THE PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

*It is with deep gratitude and a strong sense of responsibility that I address you for the first time in the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) Newsletter as your newly elected National Treasurer.*



**Dr. I.O.F Dedeké**  
National Treasurer

Following our recent elections, I am honoured to serve the Association in this capacity and to contribute meaningfully to the continued growth and stability of our great professional body.

The PAN stands as a critical voice in advancing child health, professional development, research, and advocacy across our nation. Our ability to fulfil this mandate, however, depends significantly on the strength, transparency, and sustainability of our financial systems. It is therefore important to clearly outline my approach to managing the finances of PAN during this tenure.

### **1. Commitment to Transparency and Accountability**

At the core of my financial philosophy is transparency. Members deserve clarity on how funds are generated, managed, and utilised. I am committed to ensuring regular financial

reporting to the Executive Council and, by extension, to the general membership. Clear summaries of income sources, expenditure patterns, and budget performance will be shared quarterly. In addition, we will strengthen internal financial controls to ensure compliance with best practices in nonprofit financial management. Accountability builds trust, and trust strengthens institutions.

### **2. Improving Dues Collection and Financial Discipline**

Membership dues remain the backbone of PAN's financial stability. They fund our conferences, Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes, advocacy initiatives, research support, and administrative operations.

One of my immediate priorities is to streamline and modernise dues collection. This will include:

- Clear communication of annual

- dues obligation
- Timely reminders before deadlines
- Simplified payment channels
- Accurate, up-to-date membership financial records

I will also harmonise reporting structures and reduce discrepancies, which is essential for cohesion and sustainability.

### 3. Diversifying Revenue Streams

While membership dues are critical, a resilient association must not rely solely on one source of income. Over this tenure, we will explore additional lawful and ethical funding avenues, including:

- Strategic partnerships and grants
- Corporate sponsorship for scientific meetings
- Structured fundraising initiatives
- Endowment and legacy giving opportunities

These efforts will be pursued with integrity, ensuring that partnerships align with our ethical standards and do not compromise our professional independence.

### 4. Prudent Budgeting and Cost Efficiency

Sound financial management requires not only generating revenue but also managing expenditure wisely. Each

budget cycle will be guided by clear priorities aligned with PAN’s strategic objectives.

We will emphasise:

- Needs-based budgeting
- Cost-effectiveness in programme implementation
- Reduction of unnecessary overheads
- Transparent procurement processes

Every naira must reflect value for our members and ultimately benefit the children whose health we are committed to improving.

#### MANAGING THE FINANCES OF PAN

1. *Commitment to Transparency and Accountability*
2. *Improving Dues Collection and Financial Discipline*
3. *Diversifying Revenue Streams*
4. *Prudent Budgeting and Cost Efficiency*
5. *Strengthening Financial Systems and Digitalisation*
6. *Supporting PAN’s Strategic Goals*  
*Finance is not an isolated function; it is a support system for vision and impact.*
7. *A Call for Collective Responsibility*

## 5. Strengthening Financial Systems and Digitalisation

To enhance efficiency and accuracy, we will continue to improve digital record-keeping and financial documentation processes. Electronic documentation, improved database systems, and secure record storage will reduce errors and improve reporting turnaround time. We will upgrade electronic payment systems to simplify reconciliation and enhance traceability.

## 6. Supporting PAN's Strategic Goals-Finance is not an isolated function; it is a support system for vision and impact.

**My role is to ensure that our financial structure empowers PAN to:**

- Expand CME opportunities nationwide
- Strengthen child health advocacy
- Support paediatric research and innovation
- Enhance collaboration with policymakers and stakeholders
- Improve service delivery to members

## 7. A Call for Collective Responsibility

The success of this financial vision cannot depend solely on the Treasurer or the Executive Council; it requires

the collective commitment of the entire membership.

I encourage every member to:

- Pay dues promptly
- Support fundraising initiatives, including sourcing grants through the Association and engaging corporate partners to provide support during our conferences
- Adhere to financial policies
- Promote financial accountability

## Conclusion

As I assume this responsibility, I do so with humility, openness to learning, and commitment to service. My door remains open to constructive suggestions, ideas, and collaboration. The financial health of PAN is a shared responsibility and a strategic necessity. Together, we can build a financially strong, transparent, and forward-looking Association that continues to champion excellence in paediatric care across Nigeria. I look forward to working with the Executive Council and every member of PAN to ensure that our finances reflect our values: integrity, professionalism, and commitment to the wellbeing of every Nigerian child.

Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

## COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AS EX-OFFICIO

**DR. JALO ILIYA**

I am deeply honored to be elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) as ex-officio for the next two years. My decision to step forward for this position is driven by a deep commitment to the progress of child health in Nigeria. As healthcare professionals, we understand that the work we do today has a profound impact on the health outcomes of future generations. By leveraging evidence-based practices, innovative solutions, and collaborative efforts, we can make a significant difference in the lives of children and families across Nigeria. With Nigeria facing unique healthcare challenges, including rising rates of childhood diseases, malnutrition, and dwindling resources for health care financing, it is imperative that we take decisive actions to strengthen the pediatric healthcare system in our country.

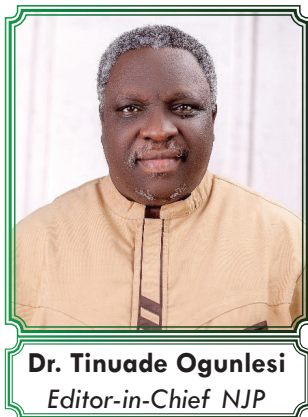
As Ex-officio and member of the Executive Committee I pledge to work tirelessly to ensure that PAN not only address these immediate concerns but also lays the groundwork for sustainable improvements in Paediatric care. It is time to work together with



governments and other stakeholders in the health sector to confront the growing gap in healthcare access between urban and rural areas, ensuring that all children, regardless of their socioeconomic status, have access to the medical attention they need.

It is my firm belief that by working collectively, we can ensure that the children of Nigeria receive the best possible care today and into the future.

# NJP: THE MARCH GOES ON



**Dr. Tinuade Ogunlesi**  
*Editor-in-Chief NJP*

The Nigerian Journal of Paediatrics, the official organ of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria, is also the pioneer and foremost paediatric journal in Africa. The journal remains very active on African Journals Online and the African Index Medicus as proofs of its consistence. The 53rd volume of the journal is currently running and will be available on the journal website <https://nj-paediatrics.com> like all the previous volumes and issues. Although the journal no longer prints hard copies, regular electronic publishing continues and the electronic versions of published articles are available for free download on the website.

At the Abeokuta Annual General and Scientific Meeting of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria, the NJP made an impressive outing. The annual Theodore Okeahialam NJP Hour Lecture was delivered on Thursday 22nd January 2026. It was titled “Beyond the Stethoscope: Humanising Child Health Through Qualitative Inquiry” and the speaker was an expert in child health research, Dr. Adebola Ori-made-gun of the Institute of Child Health, University of Ibadan. That lecture was the third in the series since it was inaugurated at the Lagos conference of January 2024. The lecture is held in honour of one of the founding members of the association, Professor Theodore Okeahialam, of blessed memory. It

is also to reiterate the prime role of NJP in the practice and research of topical child health issues in Nigeria and Africa as a whole.

At the expiration of the tenure of the previous Editorial Board of the journal in January 2026,

a new 29-member board was constituted to serve the 2026 to 2030 tenure, with membership drawn from the various sub-specialty groups within the association. The last member of the old board, Dr Foluso Egun Afolabi Lesi, who worked assiduously in

guiding and supporting the outgoing board, also left to have his most deserving rest from rigorous editorial activities spanning several years. Despite his formal

exit, Dr Lesi gave assurances of his continuing service to the journal when the need arises.

Following the indexing of NJP in Scopus in 2024, the editorial board looks forward to the ranking of

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## LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD: THOUGHTS FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



*Dr. Ekanem Ekure  
Immediate Past President, Paediatric Association of Nigeria*

*Dear Esteemed Colleagues,*

**S**erving as President of the **Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN)** was a profound privilege — one that reaffirmed my belief in the power of collective vision and shared purpose. As I now serve as Immediate Past President, I reflect not only on milestones achieved, but on the spirit of unity, resilience, and dedication that defines our Association. Above all, I give thanks to God for the wisdom, strength, and grace granted throughout this journey.

The 2024-2026 term was anchored on a simple conviction: that strong institutions create lasting impact. Together, we strengthened governance structures, articulated our values through essential policy frameworks, and modernised our Constitution to reflect both present realities and fu-

ture aspirations. With a Five-Year Strategic Plan in place, PAN stands on firmer ground — guided, focused, and future-ready.

We were deliberate about sustainability. Through prudent stewardship and strategic investments, we secured assets that will serve generations to come. The establishment of the PAN Research Fund and a welfare visit plan to our Elders across the country underscored our commitment to both academic advancement and member wellbeing.

Our voice grew stronger nationally and internationally. From an expanded digital presence to a revitalised Nigerian Journal of Paediatrics now indexed globally, PAN continues to occupy its rightful place in child health discourse. Strategic collaborations and the hosting of international part-

ners affirmed the growing influence of Nigerian paediatrics.

Equally inspiring was our collective dedication to capacity building and advocacy — training Immunization Champions, strengthening newborn care initiatives, sustaining monthly academic engagements, and delivering impactful collaborative projects. Our conferences were not merely scientific meetings, but powerful reminders of what unity and excellence can achieve.

We also reached beyond professional circles — engaging communities, promoting public health education, and celebrating children’s creativity — reinforcing that safeguarding child health is a shared societal responsibility.

As we continue to pursue long-term

aspirations and expanding our institutional footprint, I remain confident that PAN’s best days lie ahead. The foundations are stronger. The vision is clearer. The momentum is real.

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I am deeply grateful for the trust and support extended to me during my tenure. As Immediate Past President, I remain fully committed to offering guidance, continuity, and unwavering support to the current leadership and to the continued advancement of our great Association.

Together, by God’s grace, we will continue to strengthen paediatrics and secure a healthier future for Nigeria’s children.

With sincere appreciation and enduring commitment,

## SUSTAINING MY SUPPORT TO PAN

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST SECRETARY PAN

**Dr Chika Duru**

*Immediate past Secretary, Paediatric Association of Nigeria*



*Distinguished PAN Elders and colleagues,*

**W**ith deep gratitude, I thank God for the completion of my tenure as Secretary General of PAN (2024-2026), a period that was marked with innovations and collaborations which placed PAN firmly on the national and International stage. My sincere appreciation goes to my dear Immediate past president Dr Ekanem Ekure and the rest of the members of the Executive Council for the excellence, professionalism and team work.

As I reflect on our journey, I am filled with pride on how far we have come together as an association. From training over 300 PAN/IPA Immunization champions, establishing an annual PAN Art competition to celebrate our Children's Day, establishing policies and partnering with non-governmental and Governmental organizations, we have extended our reach and influence on child health matters far beyond our immediate environment. By sitting on the table where import-

ant issues that concern children are raised, we have strengthened their voices through our presence, a feat that is only possible through dedication and team work.

As I continue in my service to PAN as the Immediate past Secretary (2026-2028), I pledge my support to our new President Dr Petronila Tabansi and the new members of the PAN Executive Council. This new tenure builds on the existing projects and collaborations with the International Paediatric Association (IPA), Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) UK and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and I am excited to continue to be part of it.

As we continue on this new journey, it is imperative to remember that beyond our achievements, what truly defines us as an association is our unity of purpose. As members of PAN, we will continue to advocate for policies that prioritize child health, invest in capacity building, and embrace innovation in paediatric care.

## PAN EXECUTIVES



**Dr. Petronila N. Tabansi**  
*President*



**Dr. Olaseinde Babatunde Eletu**  
*President Elect*



**Dr Uchenna Onubogu**  
*Secretary General*



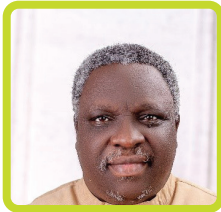
**Dr. Maduka D Ughasoro**  
*Assist. Secretary*



**Dr. I.O.F Dedeke**  
*National Treasurer*



**Dr. Jalo Iliya**  
*Ex-Officio*



**Dr. Tinuade Ogunlesi**  
*Editor-in-Chief NJP*



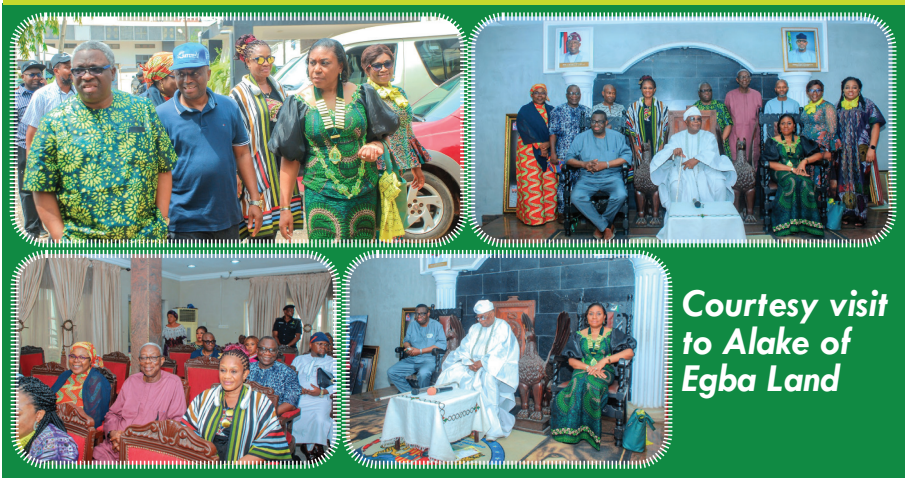
**Dr. Ekanem Ekure**  
*Immediate Past President*



**Dr Chika Duru**  
*Immediate past Secretary*

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**Courtesy visit to Chief Olusegun Obasanjo**



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# Photo Gallery PANConf 2026



**Courtesy visit to Chief Medical Director of Babcock University Teaching hospital**

## Visit to Commissioner for Health



*Photo Gallery* PANConf 2026: Courtesy Visits



**PAN Exco with the Deputy Governor and Commissioner of Health**

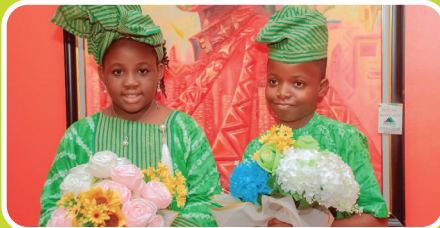


**PAN Exco with Secretary to the State Government and Commissioner of Health**

# Photo Gallery PANConf 2026: PAN Walk



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# Cocktail

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# DAY 1





Guest speaker Prof Mukolu



Dr Fatima Chesi and Dr Martins of UNICEF



Prof Angela Okolo



Inductees





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# DAY 2



# DAY 3



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## DINNER







**Press Conference**



**Participants leaving Abeokuta at the Train station**

**57TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

**THEME: ACHIEVING SDG-3 AND CHILD HEALTHCARE THROUGH INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS**

**SUB THEMES**

- Sustainable Child Health Financing in a Changing Economy
- Artificial Intelligence & Digital Solutions in Pediatric Research & Practice
- Emerging & Re-emerging Infectious Diseases in Africa
- The role of the contemporary Nurse in SDG-3 in Nigeria

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
General Member (Prepaid or After Conference)	N90,000	N150,000	N110,000	N225,000
General Member (Prepaid)	N65,000	N125,000	N85,000	N175,000
General Member (After Conference)	N60,000	N120,000	N80,000	N170,000
General Member (After Conference)	N55,000	N115,000	N75,000	N165,000
General Member (After Conference)	N50,000	N110,000	N70,000	N160,000
General Member (After Conference)	N45,000	N105,000	N65,000	N155,000
General Member (After Conference)	N40,000	N100,000	N60,000	N150,000
General Member (After Conference)	N35,000	N95,000	N55,000	N145,000
General Member (After Conference)	N30,000	N90,000	N50,000	N140,000
General Member (After Conference)	N25,000	N85,000	N45,000	N135,000
General Member (After Conference)	N20,000	N80,000	N40,000	N130,000
General Member (After Conference)	N15,000	N75,000	N35,000	N125,000
General Member (After Conference)	N10,000	N70,000	N30,000	N120,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N25,000	N0,000	N75,000
General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N20,000	N0,000	N70,000
General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N15,000	N0,000	N65,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N5,000	N0,000	N55,000
General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N0,000	N0,000	N50,000

**VENUE**

**JUNE 15th CULTURAL CENTRE ABEEKUTA**

[www.pan-ng.org/panconf](http://www.pan-ng.org/panconf)

**57th Annual General Meeting & Scientific Conference**

**2026**

**Prof Olu Bengba Mokulolu**  
MBBS, MBA, MD, FPAAC(Paed), FANMeds

Professor Chikagye Ayoola Akintola is a renowned Biomedical Researcher and Practitioner with over 30 years of experience. He is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Lagos, Nigeria, and specialises in the care of children with inpatient case management and resident care. His research has shaped international policy, notably contributing to the global shift to newer rotavirus vaccines. With over 100 publications and a Springer Nature October Index of 570, he was 20th on the index of 44 as of October 2025. He was a past rotavirus vaccine lead for the African continent, and the use of low-cost technologies like the rotavirus vaccine and phage therapy to reduce mortality.

Professor Akintola has supported African nations in securing over \$5 billion in health funding and played a pivotal role in developing rotavirus vaccine plans. He was the special National Rotavirus Vaccine Champion (2018-2022) and was the National Director for the National Programme of Management Sciences for Health, USA. He has also served as the National Director for the National Programme of Management Sciences for Health, USA. He is currently the Strategic Advisor to the National Institute of Health in Abuja, Nigeria, and is a member of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region's Advisory Committee on Child Health. He is also a past President of the Nigerian Paediatric Association and a past President of the Nigerian Paediatric Association. He has a passion for clinical education and youth empowerment. He founded the Centre for Rotavirus and Child Hospital Disease Care and the Child National Foundation International. Regarding the title, he collaborated with ophthalmologists to launch over 2000 children under 2 years and 20,000 school aged children in a vision screening program.

His accolades include being named a UN Champion for End Malaria (2015), an awardee of the NAO Prize for Cancer (2017), and being recognized as Africa's top 20 medical heroes (2022). He was also an Ombudsman of the University of Ibadan Teaching Hospital's Hospital of Child Health.

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
General Member (Prepaid or After Conference)	N90,000	N150,000	N110,000	N225,000
General Member (Prepaid)	N65,000	N125,000	N85,000	N175,000
General Member (After Conference)	N60,000	N120,000	N80,000	N170,000
General Member (After Conference)	N55,000	N115,000	N75,000	N165,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N45,000	N105,000	N65,000	N155,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N35,000	N95,000	N55,000	N145,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N25,000	N85,000	N45,000	N135,000
General Member (After Conference)	N20,000	N80,000	N40,000	N130,000
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General Member (After Conference)	N0,000	N0,000	N0,000	N50,000

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**PAN wishes to congratulate all the newly promoted Professors.  
It is evidence of your great work and dedications.  
Congratulations**



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**WED, 25TH**  
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**Group Picture at the Strengthening Access to Reproductive and Adolescent Health (SARAH) Project in Abuja. The PAN President and PAN Sec and Her Assistant were in attendance**

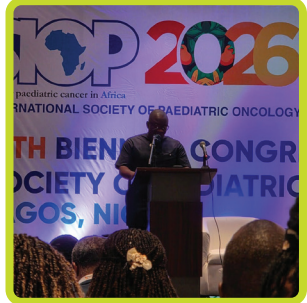


**PAN President making submission during the SARAH Project workshop in Abuja**



**Prof Uche Onobogu, PAN Sec addressing the SARAH Project**

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**PAN Good will message given by Dr Eletu representing the President of PAN**

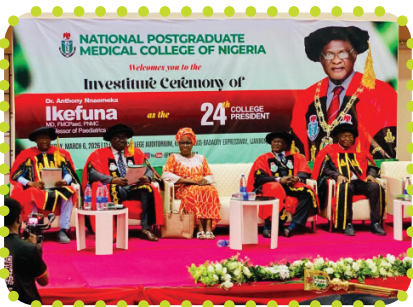
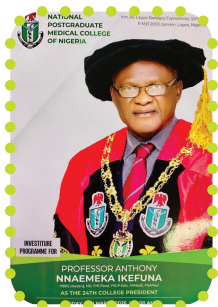


## PANConf ABIA 2027 PREPARATION PROCESS



**PANCONF 2027 LOC meeting with Prof Kanu Nkagieneme, Com. of Health Abia State Prof Enoch Ogonna Uche**

# MEMBERS ACTIVITIES



**Investiture of Prof Anthony Ikefuna as the 24th President of National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria.**



**PAN President Dr. Petronila Tabansi congratulatory message to Dr. Anthony Ikefuna on his investiture as the 24th President of the NPMCN**



**Prof Joy Eze, The 2026 winner of Philip Hopewell Prize for Prestigious Global Respiratory Health Research**



**Prof Ike Lagunju, Appointment as a member of Board of Trustees of Nigerian Society of Neurological Sciences (NSNS)**

PAN Paid condolence visit to Prof Egbonu for the loss of her daughter



*Courtesy  
Visit*

# OBITUARIES

Department of Paediatrics  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
Management of Federal Medical Centre Asaba


CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE  
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In honour of

LATE  
**PROF. ANGELA ANENE OKOLO**  
(MD, FWACP, FMCpaed, FRCPCH, LSM)

TOPIC:  
**WHERE KNOWLEDGE MET COMPASSION:  
THE DOYEN'S LEGACY IN NEWBORN SURVIVAL.**  
Speaker: Prof. Elizabeth Nwokoma

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026  
Venue: FMC Asaba Multipurpose Hall  
Accident & Emergency Annex

Signed: Dr Orno Ekenem (Ag. Medical Director) Chief Host  
Dr Onoyibo Efe (Head of Department of Paediatrics) Host  
Dr Kayode Adeniran (LOC Chairman)




*Appreciation*

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to all who have shown love, kindness, and compassion during this difficult time of loss. Your prayers, messages, visits, and thoughtful gestures have brought comfort and strength to us in our bereavement. We are grateful for your love and support as we adjust to the passing of our beloved.

May God bless you abundantly, grant you peace, and keep you in His loving care.

DR. OKOLO INNOCENT  
For the Family



Prof Austin Omoigberare with Late Angela Okolo's sister

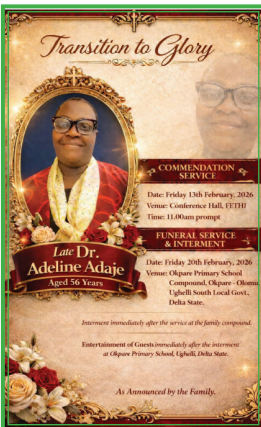


President and Ass Sec during the church service

L-R: Prof BSC Uzochukwu (President WACP, Nigeria Chapter); Prof. Austin Omoigberare (Past President PAN); Prof Petronila Tabansi (President PAN) and Prof Maduka Ughasoro (Ass Sec PAN)



L-R: PAN President Professor Petronilla Tabansi, Former PAN President: Prof. Augustine Omoigberare, The Sub-Chairman WACP Nigerian Chapter, Prof. Benjamin S.C Uzochukwu, relatives of Late Prof. Okolo and PAN Assist. Sec. Prof Maduka D Ughasoro. At the church venue in Asaba



Late Prof. Nwadiuto Akani



Late Dr. Bello Sulaiman



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