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From the President's Desk

Dr. Petronila N. Tabansi



Esteemed PAN Elders and Members,

I bring you warm salutations and hope this quarter finds us all hale and hearty.

The 3rd quarter of the year bore some good news with the release of the school children and teachers in Orire Local Government of Oyo States on the 11th July, 2026 after spending 56 days in captivity. Remember PAN had addressed their continued captivity with a widely publicized statement posted on 30th May, 2026 appealing for their release. PAN thanks the government and all security agencies for their coordinated effort in securing their release; while still appealing for the release of other school children still in held in captivity in Borno State.

PAN in July, also attended the Technical Report and Validation meeting of the SARMAAN Project 1. PAN is closing following, seeking clarifications and reviewing the outcome of this project which may influence policy on the use of mass administration of Azithromycin as part of child survival strategies in areas of very high infant mortality rates.

At the Q3 meeting of RMNCAEH Core Technical Group which held from 15th to 17th of September, 2026, the PAN President was nominated as the Co-Chairman of the Quality Technical deliveries/MPCDSR which is charged with tracking quality of health programmes delivery across board, including the Maternal, Perinatal and Child Death Surveillance Response. The MPCDSR appears similar to another programme attended by PAN - the launch of CHAMPS (Child Health And Mortality Surveillance in Abuja on 18th August, 2026. PAN is a regular attendee of the CHAMPS meeting at their Calabar site lead by our esteemed member Prof. Martin Meremikwu.

WORLD HEART DAY



The Department of Paediatrics UPTH, in Collaboration with Paediatric & Maternal Care Hospital & Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) celebrated the World heart Day in Port Harcourt! Activities included Heart health education in secondary school students (adolescents) and blood pressure screening of patients, parents and staffs of UPTH.

World Heart Day Don't miss a beat!















THE 2026 WORLD BREAST FEEDING WEEK:
PAN SEEKS FOR 6 MONTHS MATERNITY LEAVE TO REVIVE BABY FRIENDLY INITIATIVES

This was celebrated as usual from the1st to 7th August, 2026 during which the President engaged in an interview speaking to the theme "Breastfeeding for a sustainable start in life" and called for stronger breastfeeding support. The interview was published by Tribune Newspaper on 4th August, 2026.

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JAMB registrar unveils five-pillar agenda to drive board's next digital era

Clement Idoko | Abuja

THE newly appointed Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Segun Aina, has unveiled a five-pillar development agenda aimed at ushering the examination body into a new digital era, while consolidating the reforms and institutional gains recorded over the past decade.

Aina, who officially assumed office, following the expiration of the two-term tenure of his predecessor, Professor Is-haq Oloyede, said the blueprint would position JAMB as Africa's most trusted, innovative and accessible assessment and admissions institution.

Speaking on his first day in office, Aina described his appointment as "a homecoming and a solemn responsibility," pledging to strengthen the board through innovation, stronger institutional systems and improved service delivery.

The new registrar was appointed by President Bola Tinubu and formally took over the leadership of the board during a handover ceremony held at JAMB headquarters in Abuja, last Friday.

Presenting his blueprint titled: "JAMB 2031: Building trust, reducing trauma," on Monday, Aina said the five-year roadmap (2026–2031), is built around Project 2:5:7,two strategic objectives, five enduring pillars and seven flagship initiatives designed to transform the board into a globally respected institution driven by technology, integrity and stakeholder confidence.

He stated that the agenda is anchored on JAMB's statutory mandate of providing fair, credible, secure and equitable access to tertiary education through transparent registration, credible assessments and merit-based placement of qualified candidates.

He said his administration would focus on building systems that endure beyond individuals, while ensuring that integrity, innovation and public trust remain the pillars of the board's operations.

Acting Director, Public Affairs and Protocol, Dr Fabian Benjamin, in a statement in Abuja, said the first pillar, Integrity, that is the foundation, seeks to strengthen institutional credibility through internationally recognised standards, including ISO 27001 Information Security Certification, independent technology reviews and verifiable systems that promote transparency and accountability.

Under the second pillar, according to him, is service, the Heart, the board plans to transform customer experience through responsive service delivery, transparent communication, proactive stakeholder engagement and continuous improvement in its interactions with candidates, parents, institutions and the general public.

The third pillar, Governance, the framework, is aimed at enhancing institutional governance through stronger performance monitoring, improved contract management, operational resilience and greater internal accountability.

Aina said the fourth pillar, Technology, the enabler, would consolidate and expand JAMB's in-house digital infrastructure by deploying scalable platforms to support mobile services, web applications, printing systems, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics to improve decision-making and service delivery.

Recognising the importance of collaboration, the new JAMB registrar said the fifth pillar, partnerships, the multiplier, would deepen engagement with banks, Fintech companies, educational organisations and international partners to promote innovation, strengthen service delivery and expand opportunities for stakeholders.

To drive implementation of the agenda, the registrar announced seven flagship initiatives to be executed over the next five years.

He listed the initiatives to include a comprehensive independent technology review of JAMB's infrastructure, attainment of ISO 27001 Information Security Certification, development of a unified JAMB mobile application, strategic communication and brand repositioning, establishment of a unified customer service platform, implementation of a paperless enterprise-wide digital administration system, and enhanced staff welfare and capacity development.



From left, Right-Reverend Rufus Adepoju, Bishop of Ukwa, Right Reverend Dr Manasses Okere, Mrs Abigail Okere, Bishop of Owo, Right Reverend Dr Stephen Fagbemi, Mrs Florence Fagbemi, and Bishop of Ukwa North, Right Reverend Akindele Adeyo, during the synod of Owo Anglican Diocese, held at St [illegible] Local Government Area, Ondo State.

World Breastfeeding Week: PAN seeks six-month maternity leave, revival of baby-friendly hospitals

By Sade Oguntola

THE president of the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN), Professor Petronila Tabansi, has called for the revival of baby-friendly hospital initiatives, full implementation of six-month paid maternity leave and stricter enforcement of regulations on breast milk substitutes to improve exclusive breastfeeding in the country.

Speaking ahead of the 2026 World Breastfeeding Week, Tabansi said Nigeria must strengthen existing breastfeeding interventions, rather than introduce new ones, noting that the country already has policies capable of improving child nutrition and survival.

She said this year's theme: "Breastfeeding for a sustainable start in life: Strengthen what works," underscores the need to reinforce interventions that have consistently delivered positive results.

She said breastfeeding remains one of the most cost-effective nutritional interventions, with long-term health, economic and environmental benefits.

"The cost of not breastfeeding is enormous. Investing in breastfeeding improves human capital development and contributes to national productivity, she said.

Tabansi identified antenatal breastfeeding counselling as one of the key interventions requiring renewed attention, explaining that women who receive counselling during pregnancy are more likely to practise exclusive breastfeeding.

She also called for nationwide scale-up of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, saying hospitals should ensure mothers initiate breastfeeding immediately after birth, keep babies with their mothers and discourage the promotion of breast milk substitutes within health facilities.

"We have not stopped these programmes completely, but awareness has reduced overtime. New healthcare workers need to be re-oriented, while hospital management must continue to support breastfeeding mothers," she stated.

The paediatrician urged the Federal Government to ensure compliance with maternity protection policies, particularly six months of paid maternity leave, breastfeeding breaks and dedicated breastfeeding rooms in workplaces.

She noted that inadequate [illegible] remains a major challenge for nursing mothers, especially those employed in the private sector.

Tabansi also stressed the importance of involving fathers and other family members in breastfeeding counselling, saying family support significantly improves exclusive breastfeeding rates.

She dismissed claims that culture is a major barrier to breastfeeding, arguing that aggressive marketing of breast milk substitutes and misinformation have contributed more to declining breastfeeding practices.

"Our mothers traditionally breastfed their babies. What has changed is the influence of breast milk substitutes and changing lifestyles," she said.

She further expressed concern over the growing promotion of breast milk substitutes on social media, urging authorities to strengthen enforcement of the marketing code while expanding public awareness campaigns through digital platforms.

"The younger generation gets much of its information online. We need stronger campaigns on social media to educate mothers on the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding," she added.

Tabansi disclosed that PAN members across the country would mark World Breastfeeding Week with webinars, hospital-based education, community outreach programmes and public awareness campaigns.

She reiterated that the association does not collaborate with manufacturers of breast milk substitutes, in line with the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes.

Calling for improved implementation of existing policies, she said exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life, followed by continued breastfeeding up to two years and beyond, improves children's cognitive development, strengthens immunity and reduces the risk of obesity, allergies, hypertension and diabetes later in life.

"What remains is implementation. If we strengthen what already works, more Nigerian children will enjoy healthier lives, while the country will benefit from a more productive population," Tabansi said.

Eating large amounts of chilli peppers may raise cancer risk —Study

By Sade Oguntola

A major scientific review suggests that regularly eating large amounts of chilli peppers may significantly increase the risk of oesophageal cancer, challenging the common belief that a love of spicy food is harmless.

Researchers analysed data from 14 observational studies involving more than 11,000 participants and found that those who consumed the highest amounts of chilli peppers were 64% more likely to develop gastrointestinal cancers overall.

The strongest association was with oesophagal cancer. Heavy chilli pepper consumers were nearly three times as likely to develop the disease as those who consumed the least.

The findings, published in Frontiers in Nutrition, were less conclusive for stomach and colorectal cancers. Although high chilli pepper intake was associated with a trend toward an increased risk of stomach cancer, the difference was not statistically significant, and no meaningful link was found with colorectal cancer.

Capsaicin, the compound responsible for the fiery heat of chilli peppers, has long intrigued scientists. Laboratory studies suggest it may reduce inflammation and even destroy certain cancer cells. However, other research indicates that under certain conditions it may promote tissue irritation or even tumour growth. These conflicting findings have fueled years of debate over whether spicy foods ultimately benefit or harm long-term health.

Researchers believe the oesophagus may be particularly vulnerable because repeated exposure to extremely spicy foods could irritate its delicate lining over time. However, they caution that this remains a hypothesis rather than a proven biological mechanism.

The researchers also stressed that their analysis identified an association, not a cause-and-effect relationship. Since all of the studies reviewed were observational, other factors, including smoking, alcohol consumption, dietary habits, infections, and socioeconomic differences, may also have contributed to the increased cancer risk.

One of the biggest unanswered questions is whether moderate chilli pepper consumption carries the same risk. So far, the evidence points mainly to people with the highest levels of consumption, leaving scientists unable to determine a safe threshold.

The researchers declared that enjoying spicy food occasionally is very different from consuming large quantities of chili peppers on a regular basis.

They, however, added that more long-term studies are needed before firm dietary recommendations can be made.

Q3 MEETING OF RMNCAEH CORE TECHNICAL GROUP (CTG)

Esteemed PAN Elders & Members,

In line with our mandate to influence Child health policies, the PAN President - Dr. Petronila Tabansi attended the Q3 meeting of RMNCAEH Core Technical Group (CTG) which held from the 15th to 17th September in Abuja, FCT. RMNCAEH CTG is a very high level stakeholders group comprising Directorates across the different departments of the FMoH&SW led by the Director of Family Health Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ozi, others stakeholders are professional associations - PAN, SOGON, Funders & technical support organisations - WHO, UNICEF, CHAI, medical commodities logistics and civil society organisations. The group work to integrate/harmonise and monitor the progress of various health programmes being implemented in the maternal, child & elderly health space in the country. The meeting is Chaired by the Emir of Shunga HRM Dr. Haliru Yahaya. PAN President is the Co-Chair of the subCommittee on Quality Technical deliveries / MPCDSR.

The meeting was very engaging and PAN made useful contributions relating to Child and adolescent health to the discourse.

PAN is working!

Petronila Tabansi
President.







PAN ATTEND THE LAUNCH OF THE CHILD HEALTH AND MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE (CHAMPS)

Esteemed Elders and members,

In line with our mandate to collaborate with key stakeholders to foster child health and development in Nigeria, PAN attended the launch of the Child Health And Mortality Surveillance (CHAMPS) which held today 18/08/2026 in Abuja, FCT. The PAN President was ably represented by our esteemed member Dr. Amsa Mairami at the event.

The CHAMPS Network is a global initiative with presence in eight countries in Africa and South Asia

(www.champshealth.org) funded by the Gates and Hasso Plattner Foundations and is dedicated to

determining and tracking the causes of under-five mortality and stillbirths through rapid detection of deaths, post-mortem

clinical sampling, and advanced laboratory testing and diagnostics and to ensuring that health leaders, policy makers and

donors have the information they need to save lives.

By generating the most accurate and timely evidence on why children

die, CHAMPS is uniquely positioned to drive high-impact, data-driven action and accelerating targeted interventions to

prevent avoidable deaths.

Having CHAMPS sites in Nigeria strengthens the results for the Africa region and

provides specific child death causes information for Nigerian programmes and policies. The site are operating in Cross River State

(University of Calabar) lead by Dr. Martin Meremikwu, and Bauchi State (Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University) lead by Dr. Muhammad Faruk Bashir, in collaboration with the Federal and respective State Ministries of Health.

The purpose of the launch was to showcase CHAMPS' early achievements, key findings and foster collaboration among

critical public health stakeholders in Nigeria of which PAN is key.

PAN thanks Dr. Amsa Mairami for the great representation, and Dr. M. Meremikwu and M. Bashir for the outstanding work and keeping PAN in the loop.

Petronila Tabansi
President.



From the Desk of the
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

I want to introduce the PAN Newsletter for the third quarter of 2026. The PAN Newsletter is a synopsis of the association's activities which took place between July and September 2026.

The Paediatric Association of Nigeria has the mandate to be frontal in advocacy for optimal well being of Nigeria children. We invite you to join in this actualisation through your intentional efforts and commitment. The health of a every child is out collective efforts.

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PERSISTENT DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA – A VACCINE-PREVENTABLE TRAGEDY

The Paediatrics Association of Nigeria (PAN), through its Immunization Subcommittee, expresses deep concern over the protracted and worsening diphtheria outbreak in Nigeria, which began in 2022. What should be a historical disease has become a national emergency.

As of **18 January 2026**, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) reported **61,930 suspected cases, 40,460 (65.3%) confirmed cases and 2,151 deaths**, with a case fatality rate of 5.3%. Kano, Bauchi, Katsina, Yobe, Borno, Kaduna, Jigawa and Plateau States account for 99.1% of confirmed cases. Children aged 1–14 years constitute 64.8% of confirmed cases, while **85.7% were unvaccinated**.

This is unacceptable. **Diphtheria is vaccine-preventable through three doses of Pentavalent (PENTA) vaccine in infancy and appropriate booster doses.** Diphtheria is a bacterial infection spread mainly through respiratory droplets and close contact. It can cause fever, sore throat, difficulty swallowing and breathing, a thick grey-white membrane in the throat and neck swelling, and may result in myocarditis, kidney failure, paralysis and death.

PAN CALLS FOR URGENT ACTION

1. FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS

PAN calls for:

- Declaration of the outbreak as a **child health emergency** and strengthening of national and state responses.
- Availability of **PENTA vaccines for children ≤5 years and Td vaccines for those >5 years** at public and private health facilities.
- Intensified identification and vaccination of **zero-dose and under-immunized children**, with large-scale catch-up campaigns in high-burden states.
- Inclusion of **diphtheria-containing booster doses** in the routine immunization schedule.
- Strengthened laboratory capacity, surveillance, case management, contact tracing and infection prevention and control.
- Adequate supplies of **Diphtheria Antitoxin (DAT)** and appropriate antibiotics in health facilities.
- Funding of isolation facilities and ensuring **free treatment for diphtheria** to remove financial barriers.
- Stronger community sensitization through traditional and social media, schools, and traditional and religious leaders.

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2. PAEDIATRICIANS AND HEALTH WORKERS

- Maintain a high index of suspicion, promptly triage and isolate suspected cases, and provide appropriate treatment and chemoprophylaxis for contacts.
- Report all suspected cases to the appropriate authorities.
- Check the immunization status of every child and provide age-appropriate vaccination.
- Educate communities and counter misinformation.
- Ensure healthcare workers receive **Td vaccination** for their own protection.

3. PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

- Diphtheria is **preventable and treatable when detected early**. Vaccination is safe, free and lifesaving.
- Ensure children receive all routine immunizations, including **PENTA at 6, 10 and 14 weeks**.
- Respond positively to vaccination campaigns during the outbreak.
- **Any child with sore throat, difficulty breathing, neck swelling or whitish patches in the throat should be taken to the nearest hospital immediately.**
- Avoid self-medication with over-the-counter antibiotics or traditional medicines.
- Keep sick children away from school, practise hand and cough hygiene, use masks in crowded settings and maintain good ventilation.

Diphtheria is stopped by VACCINE.

PAN remains committed to supporting the Federal Ministry of Health, NCDC, NPHCDA and partners to end preventable deaths.

No Nigerian child should die from a disease we can prevent.

Long live PAN! **Long live the Nigerian Child!**

Dr. Petronila N. Tabansi
President

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A cross section of members of Nigerian Association of Paediatrics Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition during their annual conference in Enugu.

LAGOS STATE LOW EMISSION ZONE (LEZ) VALIDATION WORKSHOP.

22 July 2026 · LCCI Building, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos

On 22 July 2026, C40 Cities, the Lagos State Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA), the Ministry of Transport, and AMPAK Nig. Limited convened a multistakeholder validation workshop at the LCCI Building, Alausa, Lagos to present and validate findings from the feasibility study on introducing a Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in Lagos State. Roughly 35 participants attended, spanning government ministries and agencies, transport operators and unions, civil society and community groups (including the Paediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN)), private-sector players, and technical/research partners.

The study assessed three candidate corridors — Ikeja GRA, Lagos Island, and Alausa — and found 2025 air-quality monitoring data exceeding WHO $PM_{2.5}$ guidelines at all three sites, with Ikeja GRA the worst affected. Stakeholders reviewed the health and economic toll of transport emissions (estimated at roughly $3.1 billion annually to Lagos State), and PAN specifically flagged gaps in age-disaggregated health data and underreporting of maternal, newborn, and child health impacts.

Participants endorsed a phased rollout beginning with Ikeja GRA, targeting high-emitting diesel and heavy vehicles first rather than an outright ban, backed by a dedicated LEZ steering authority, legislative support from the Lagos State House of Assembly, and equity safeguards (transitional financial support, retrofit incentives) for affected operators. Risks identified included political and operator resistance, weak local data, and unclear enforcement authority. A multilingual public sensitisation campaign of at least eight weeks was recommended ahead of enforcement.

PAN was represented by Dr. Ekanem Ekure, Pan Immediate Past President and Dr. Olaseinde Eletu, PAN President-Elect. Below are pictures from the workshop.



Group photo of participants and facilitators at the workshop.



Representatives of PAN (Dr. Ekanem Ekure and Dr. Olaseinde Eletu at the workshop.



Dr Ekanem Ekure- PAN IPP and Mrs Ayodele Oso, Head/Deputy Director of the Air Quality and Emissions Control Unit of LASEPA

Congratulations



Award of Doctor of Medicine Degree of the NPMCN

- **Dr Anyanwu Onyinye Uchenna**
- **Dr. Chinawa Josephat M**
- **Dr Orji Maria Lauretta**



Prof Ayodele Ojunwa

Distinguished Fellow of NPMCN Award



Prof Josephat Maduabuchi Chinaware.

Fellowship of Nigerian Academy of Medicine (FNAMed)

Congratulations



Paediatrics Association of Nigeria (PAN), congratulates **Dr. (Mrs) Boboye Kenesuomene Ifie** on her appointment as the **CMD of BMUTH**



Congratulations **Prof M.A.N Adeboye.**

Provost, College of Health Sciences, University of Illorin



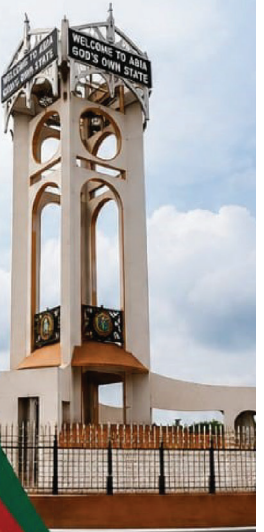
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58TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE



THEME

Strengthening Paediatric Services Delivery toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 2 to 6

SUBTHEMES

1. Widening the frontiers of School Health Programmes: a pathway to SDG 2 & 4.
2. Capacity building & technical support for Child Health Programmes: leveraging on Digital Health.
3. Scaling-Up Child Health Preventive Initiatives through vaccination and seasonal prophylaxis: a critical driver for SDG 3.

DATE

21ST TO 23RD APRIL, 2027

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Departure: 24th April, 2027

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19TH & 20TH APRIL, 2027

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PANConf Abia 2027 LOC: Milestones and Advocacy Update



The Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the ***8th Paediatric Association of Nigeria Conference (PANConf Abia 2027)*** has sustained its momentum in preparations for the conference scheduled to hold in ***Umuahia in April 2027***, with a target of hosting over 1,000 delegates.

Registration and Scientific Activities

Registration for PANConf Abia 2027 is ongoing. At the close of the ***Super Early Bird*** registration period, ***156 delegates had registered***, with registration continuing under the Early Bird window.

The LOC has also commenced receipt of abstracts and continues to encourage members to submit their research and scholarly work. Seasoned speakers and experts have been selected to address the conference themes, sub-themes and topical issues, strengthening preparations for a robust scientific programme.

Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement

The LOC has sustained strategic advocacy and stakeholder engagements across Abia State to strengthen partnerships and secure support for the conference.

Key engagements during the quarter included a courtesy visit to the ***Deputy Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu,*** during which the LOC presented its plans to host over 1,000 delegates and formally presented the PANConf 2027 budget. His Excellency pledged the support of the Abia State Government towards the conference.

The LOC also engaged other key stakeholders, including the ***Honourable Commissioner for Health, Prof. Enoch Uche; the Executive Mayor of Umuahia North LGA, Chief Hon. Smart Iheoma,*** the host LGA of the conference venue; the ***Executive Secretary, Abia State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Kalu Ulu Kalu***, to explore stronger collaboration in grassroots healthcare; and the ***CMD, Abia Specialist Hospital, Umuahia***, who pledged his support and commended the LOC's progress.

A courtesy visit was also paid to the ***Vice Chancellor of Amadeus University, Amizi, Prof. Henry Chima Eke, and his management team***, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen institutional partnerships for the conference.

LOC Mobilisation

The LOC remains fully mobilised and continues to hold regular meetings to advance preparations in ***logistics, sponsorship, partnerships and overall conference delivery***.

The LOC appreciates the warm reception, support and commitment received from stakeholders across Abia State and looks forward to delivering a successful and memorable ***PANConf Abia 2027***.

PANCONF 2027 LOC, ADVOCACY VISITS: DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

Photo Speak



Courtesy visit by the 58th PANConf Abia 2027 LOC to the Deputy Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu.



Presentation of the PANConf 2027 budget to the Deputy Governor by the LOC Chairman.



Courtesy visit to the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Abia State, Prof. Enoch Uche.



Courtesy visit to the Executive Mayor of Umuahia North LGA, Chief Hon. Smart Iheoma.



Courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, Abia State Primary Health Care Development Agency, Dr. Kalu Ulu Kalu.



Advocacy visit to the CMD, Abia Specialist Hospital, Umuahia.



Courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Amadeus University, Amizi, Prof. Henry Chima Eke, and his management team.

Happy 70th Birthday, Prof. Elizabeth Disu!



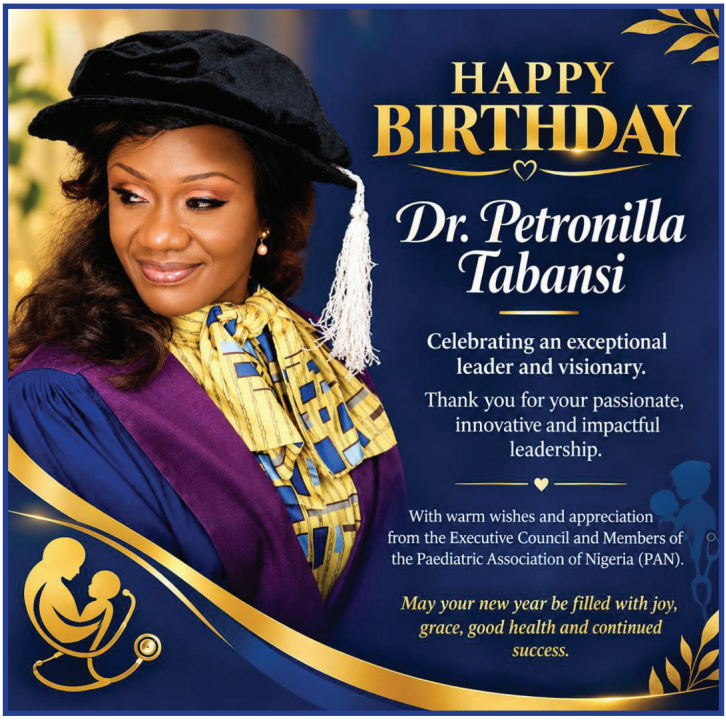
The President Paediatric, Association of Nigeria(PAN), **Dr. Petronilla Tabansi**, on behalf of the PAN Executive Council and the entire members of PAN family, joyfully felicitate with our estimated member ***Prof Elizabeth Disu***. On this special occasion of her 70th birthday celebration!

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to child health, medical education, mentorship, and the growth of PAN.

We love and appreciate you and wish you many more years of good health, joy, happiness, peace, and God's abundant blessings as you celebrate 70 wonderful years.

Congratulations and best wishes

Dr Uchenna Onubogu
Secretary General, PAN



Obituary



The Paediatric Association of Nigerian consoles the family of **Late Prof. Kunle Obidike.** Rest in peace great teacher and Clinician

PAN COMMITTTEE 2026 TO 2028

WELFARE COMMITTEE



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