

AIG-IMOUKHUEDE FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Notes from the Executive Vice-Chair

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter.

Our Chairman and Executive Vice Chair were participants in a round table discussion organised by Prince's Trust International, centered around the theme "Opportunities for Young People in Africa." The round table was honoured by the presence of His Majesty King Charles.

The third cohort of the AIG Public Leaders Programme began classes this month. Under the expert guidance of the faculty from the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, the committed public servants embarked on an educational journey delving into important topics, including Integrity in Public Life and Digital Government. We take great pride in the achievements of our programme alumni within their respective organisations and eagerly anticipate observing how this new cohort will apply their learnings from the programme to make a positive impact on the public service.

Chioma Njoku, our Director of Programmes, recently participated as a panellist at a conference hosted by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms. During the event, she shared the Foundation's contributions to the development of the Federal Civil Service Strategy and Improvement Plan aimed at reforming the Federal Public Service and underscored the importance of private sector organisations collaborating with government institutions to enhance public service delivery.

You can read more about these and other updates in this newsletter.

Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede Executive Vice-Chair

FEATURES

Aigboje and Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede participate in a Prince's Trust International Roundtable Discussion



Our Chairman and Executive Vice Chair participated in a round table discussion hosted by the Prince's Trust International Africa Advisory board and attended by His Majesty King Charles, the President and Founder of the Prince's Trust. The theme of the round table was "Opportunities for Young People in Africa", and the discussion focused on the need to bridge the jobs, skills and experience gaps faced by Africa's youth population. During the discussion, our Chairman emphasised the need to identify and train young future leaders who have the capacity to be catalysts for transformational change across the continent. Present at the event was a small group of distinguished guests, business leaders and philanthropists who share a common focus on uplifting Africa.

AIG Public Leaders Programme 2023/2024 Commences





AIG Public Leaders Programme

CLASS OF 2023

This month, online classes commenced for the 2023/2024 AIG Public Leaders Programme. The programme offers emerging African public sector leaders a unique opportunity to develop their leadership capacity and acquire both technical and leadership skills. During the sessions, the 69 participants were introduced to topics such as Integrity in Public Life, Biases, Digital Government, Cybersecurity, and Cross-Sector Partnership in

Public Service.

Participants and the faculty from the University of Oxford will gather in Abuja in November for the residential portion of the programme. This will be an intensive week of lectures, workshops, case studies and simulations.

Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede Inspires the Next Generation of Leaders



Our Chairman, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, recently hosted a delegation of MBA graduates from Oxford University for an evening of engaging discussion and mentoring. Led by Ms. Tochi Ginigeme, the group consisted of Oxford MBA graduates hailing from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

The special evening served as a unique platform for participants to gain valuable insights into leadership in life, career, and post-MBA business endeavours. Aigboje emphasised the importance of leveraging the academic knowledge the graduates acquired at Oxford to bring about substantial global change. He illustrated this point by showcasing the Foundation's impactful initiatives as an exemplar of meaningful endeavours.

He also praised the participants for their remarkable accomplishments in diverse fields and encouraged them to embrace innovative thinking and unwavering resilience when confronted with challenges, drawing upon leadership insights from his experiences as shared in his bestselling book, "Leaving the Tarmac."



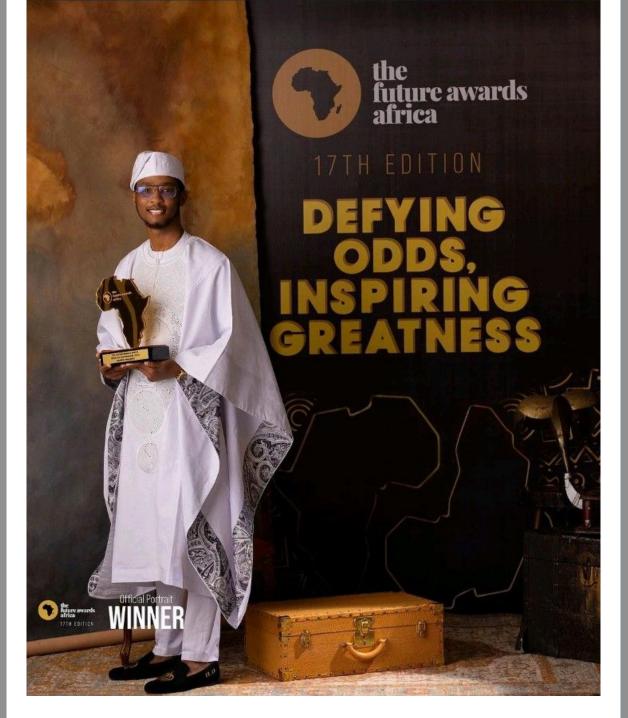
Chioma Njoku, the Director of Programmes at the Foundation, participated as a panellist at the Bureau of Public Service Reforms event, where she addressed the theme "Enabling Government Institutions to Meet Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Needs." The event was convened to tackle the urgent necessity for government institutions to adapt and evolve in response to modern challenges, paving the way for these institutions to better serve the public in an ever-evolving and digital world.

During her presentation, Chioma underscored the critical role of private sector organisations in supporting government institutions. Such support is essential for enhancing the calibre of personnel, streamlining operational processes, and modernising technological infrastructure within these institutions, ultimately bolstering their capacity to deliver public services effectively.

The Foundation has actively participated in assisting the Federal Public Service through its collaboration with the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation in shaping the Federal Civil Service Strategy and Improvement Plan. This comprehensive plan encompasses various reform initiatives aimed at enhancing public service delivery, with a significant emphasis on the implementation of digitalisation through an Enterprise Content Management Solution.







We are pleased to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Hakeem Onasanya, 2019 AIG Scholar, for receiving the prestigious 2023 Future United Prize for Governance,

Hakeem's remarkable achievement is a testament to his unwavering dedication and exceptional contributions to the field of governance. We are honoured to have been a part of his journey, and we take pride in witnessing his success story unfold. We look forward to celebrating more milestones and continued excellence from Hakeem in the future. Congratulations, Hakeem, on this well-deserved recognition!

ALUMNI UPDATE



Engr. Olumayowa Idowu, FNSE, is a doctoral researcher specialising in Information and Communication Engineering at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. He is an engineer at the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), an agency operating under the Ministry of Information and Culture, with a mission to provide exceptional television services on a global scale while projecting authentic African perspectives. NTA has achieved the distinction of being the largest broadcasting network in Africa, boasting over 108 stations.

Engr. Olumayowa was among the inaugural participants of the AIG Public Leaders Programme (PLP) because he recognised that he needed more than technical expertise to achieve the level of impact he aspired to make.

"In addition to applying my technical knowledge to influence society while working in the broadcasting industry, I recognised the importance of acquiring leadership skills to become a more effective leader. Embracing this challenge led me to pursue the AIG Public Leaders Programme, where I honed sound leadership skills for valuable contributions to the broadcasting industry and society at large. Through the programme, I've gained a comprehensive education in leadership and management, which has enhanced my personal and professional skills."

PLP participants are required to undertake a capstone project within their respective organisations, applying the knowledge gained during the programme. Olumayowa's project was titled "*Harnessing Digitization in Broadcasting.*" This project aimed to strengthen NTA as a public institution and address technical challenges related to coverage signal areas using ICT. His project was chosen as one of the top five of 49 projects. The challenge the project sought to address was the limited operation of stations across the country due to the unavailability of state-of-the-art broadcasting equipment, which impacted signal clarity, transmission hours, signal quality to viewers, and coverage area.

Olumayowa leveraged ICT to expand the reach of NTA's programmes to a wider audience, overcoming these technical challenges. His project also enhanced the technical staff's capacity in using IT for broadcasting.

"I have used NTA Abeokuta as a demo. NTA Abeokuta now broadcasts online by streaming all their programmes for wider reception, even to viewers abroad. I developed an Android mobile application for NTA Abeokuta, which is available on Google Play Store, allowing them to broadcast to a global audience. NTA Ilorin, Abuja, and Ibadan have followed suit."

Discussing the importance of the AIG Public Leaders Programme, Engr. Olumayowa emphasised its significance for the African public sector in bridging the gap between Africa and the rest of the world. He believes the programme is vital for strengthening the skills necessary to cultivate cultures of excellence, effectiveness, and integrity within African institutions.



Nelly Nyanguah - Alumni Relations Manager

1. Please share your educational and professional background

I hold a bachelor's degree in information and communications technology, and I am finishing my Master's programme in Guidance and Counselling. The switch is because I am interested in human behaviours and the underlying factors. Among many other things, I am a personal development coach, social and behavioural change communications specialist, public speaker, mental health advocate, gender and social Inclusion specialist and a seasoned development enthusiast. I have worked on diverse development themes covering most northern states in Nigeria.

2. What inspired you to pursue a career in the development sector?

After my NYSC, getting a regular job did not come easily. So, I decided to start teaching at a school close to my house. It was a rewarding job not because it paid well but because I could visibly see my impact on those students whose life was being transformed by my interactions with them as their teacher. I loved my job as a teacher so much that, unlike what other workers say, I looked forward to going to work every day. From then, I knew I would never love any other job-safe one with visible impact. So, since the classroom constrained me to my students, I decided to launch out for a wider impact. The rest is history.

3. What do you do at the Foundation?

I am the Alumni Relations Manager for the Foundation. I interface with the Foundation and the Alumni from the various capacity-building pathways.

4. What does your typical day look like?

I constantly make and respond to calls, emails, requests, and enquiries on all Alumni matters. I am responsible for continuing to engage with the Capacity building beneficiaries of the Foundation for a sustained transformation and replication of the same, ensuring wider coverage. Suffice it to say that I am at the core of driving the needed change by engaging strategies to sustain the birthing of agents, advocates and champions of change in the public sector.

5. What makes the work that we do at the Foundation unique?

The Foundation's well-conceived initiatives for public sector reforms are unparalleled. They are born from an evidence-based analysis of the gaps between what the public sector is outside of Africa and what could be done to bridge the gap.

6. What do you find most rewarding about your work?

Apart from doing absolutely what I love, what is most rewarding about my job at the Foundation is the fact that I get to be a part of this amazing story the Foundation is scripting through its initiatives. I am excited for the Nigeria we all dream of, driven by a transformed public sector.

AFFILIATE UPDATE

PSHAN Annual Gala 2023



The excitement is building, and the anticipation is palpable! PSHAN hosts a remarkable evening dedicated to "Advancing Healthcare in Nigeria" at the PSHAN Annual Gala and Awards Night.

☐ Date: November 3rd

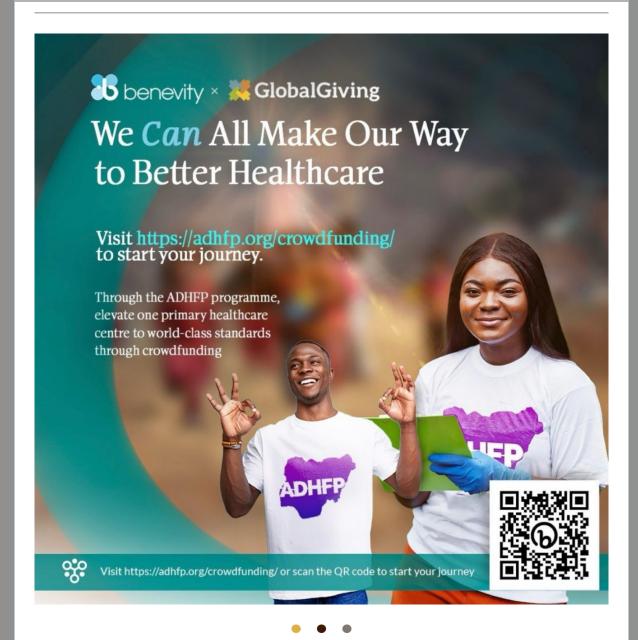
☐ Time: 5pm

□□ Admission is strictly by invitation

As PSHAN marks the days leading up to this exceptional event, they want to remind everyone of the significance of this evening. It's not just a celebration; it's a tribute to the relentless dedication, innovation, and excellence of healthcare professionals in Nigeria. PSHAN plans to honour those who have gone above and beyond to make a real difference in our healthcare system.

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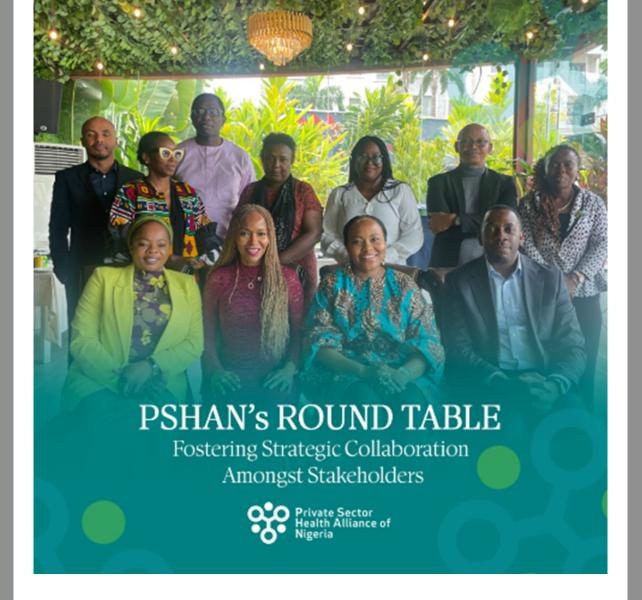
ADHFP: Providing Quality Healthcare to Nigerians



The Adopt-A-Healthcare-Facility Programme (ADHFP) is our chance to become the driving force behind Nigeria's quality healthcare network. Give back in the most meaningful way possible. Here's how you can make a difference:

- 1. **Donate**: Your financial support directly translates into tangible improvements for healthcare facilities. Support crowdfunding efforts at https://adhfp.org/crowdfunding/
- 2. **Volunteer**: Join us in a hands-on initiative that brings about real change.
- 3. **Spread the Word**: Share the mission of ADHFP with your friends, family, and social networks to magnify our impact.

Hope starts here. We can transform healthcare facilities into beacons of hope and healing. The time to act is now.



L-R (front): (Dr.) Mories Atoki – Chief Executive Officer – ABCHealth, Dr Kemi Da-Silva – Founder, Women at Risk International Foundation WARIF, Dr.

Tinuola Akinbolagbe – MD/CEO, Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN), George Uduku – General Manager, West Africa, GE Healthcare

L-R (back): Zakari Momodu – Projects Director, Aliko Dangote Foundation, Iyadunni Olubode – Nigeria Director, MSD for Mothers, Dr. Simpa Dania – Chief Happiness Officer, Health Stack Solutions Ltd., Toyin Adewale-Gabriel – Senior Technical Advisor, FHI360/Alive & Thrive, Prof. Cheluchi Onyemelukwe – Managing Partner, Health Ethics & Law Consulting, Victor Ogbodo – Ag. Country Director, FHI360, Sonia Fajusigbe – Economic Policy Advisor (Healthcare),

Consulate General of the Netherlands

By convening stakeholders from the private healthcare sector, PSHAN's Round Table meeting aims to facilitate meaningful discussions and action plans that can bridge gaps in healthcare and nutrition services across Nigeria.

Through strategic partnerships and a shared commitment to these critical areas, this forum endeavours to make substantial strides toward improving healthcare access, maternal and child health outcomes, and nutritional well-being in the country. In doing so, it aspires to contribute significantly to the overall health and well-being of Nigeria's population.

The 2023 WeNaija 'Awareness to Action' Contest



NSSF is proud to present the 2023 WeNaija 'Awareness to Action' contest, a dynamic initiative with a clear mission - engaging Nigerian youth in raising awareness and fostering the uptake of HPV vaccines. This noble cause is channelled through a video content creation competition on social media, empowering the nation's young talents to make a significant impact.

As Nigeria launches its national campaign for HPV vaccines, our primary goal is to activate the voices of our youth as potent advocates for this critical cause. By enhancing HPV vaccination awareness, we aim to safeguard the well-being of girls aged 9 - 14 while also spotlighting the broader healthcare needs of our nation. Together, we are committed to advocating for reinforcing our healthcare system creating a healthier and more prosperous Nigeria.

Visit https://nigeriasolidarityfund.ng/wenaijahpvvcontest/ to learn more.

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