

AIG-IMOUKHUEDE FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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Notes from the Executive Vice-Chair

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Masters of Public Policy programme at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford and in September, we were pleased to join our partners at the school and a number of AIG Scholars to celebrate the occasion. Since 2016, we have provided scholarships to 29 exceptional Nigerians and Ghanaians to undertake the Masters of Public Policy degree and who are using their learnings to make a positive impact in their home countries. It was a pleasure to interact with our AIG Scholars and hear their stories of impact and also to hear inspiring stories from other MPP alumni who share with our scholars, a common vision of a better governed world.

In September, GBCHealth, one of our health partners, launched Future United, an initiative focused on future-proofing the world against global health challenges and mitigating global health risks. Part of the launch activities included the inaugural Future United Awards and we were pleased to sponsor the "Futurist" award, which recognises innovators using technology in innovative ways to tackle health-related issues across the world.

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

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FEATURES



On the 22nd of September 2022, GBCHealth celebrated the launch of Future United with the Future Awards in New York. GBCHealth is a global business coalition that works with business, NGOs and governments to mitigate global and national health risks. Our Chairman Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede serves on the GBCHealth board and we partner with the organisation, supporting their healthcare objectives not just in Nigeria, but across Africa.

Future United is a new initiative by GBCHealth that draws together businesses, NGOs, governments, entrepreneurs and investors to work collaboratively to future-proof the world against global health challenges. It builds on the enormous impact and reach of the private

sector's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and on GBCHealth's 20+ years as a positive agitator within the global health ecosystem. Part of the launch activities included the announcement of the inaugural Future United Award winners across five categories: the Collaborator award, the Futurist award, the Lodestar award, the Multiplier award and the Provocateur award.

In line with our vision of a better future for Africa, we are proud to have sponsored the Futurist Award, which recognizes the future seeking, innovating, 'ahead of the curve' projects that will change the future of global health. The Futurist Award was won by TrakltNow for their 'Moskeet' solution, a Smart Mosquito Control System, which uses state-of-the-art sensors and Artificial Intelligence to provide real-time mosquito population data by location and species, to help prevent and fight malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases in underdeveloped and developing countries.

Guests at the event included Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Adeniyi Adebayo, MD/CEO Aliko Dangote Foundation, Zouera Youssoufou, and many others.

Please click here to find out more about GBCHealth and its initiatives.

THE BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT CELEBRATES THE 10 TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY DEGREE PROGRAMME



In September, our Chairman, Executive Vice Chair and a number of AIG Scholars joined other members of the Blavatnik School of Government community to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its Masters of Public Policy degree programme. We are delighted to have sponsored 29 Scholars to attend the Masters of Public Policy degree programme since 2016 and are very proud of the impact that they are having.

Tobechukwu Nneli, a 2018 AIG Scholar said that it was amazing to see his friends, former classmates and professors, at the event. He stated, "The quality of interactions over the weekend reaffirmed my stand that the most invaluable component of the Master of Public Policy programme at BSG, is her diverse community of highly qualified individuals committed to a world better led, better served, and better governed." Concurring, Emmanuel Taiwo, a 2017 AIG Scholar stated that his trip back to Oxford was very inspiring and the diversity of his classmates and the networks he built at his time at Oxford are irreplaceable.

The celebrations also served as a launch of the Alumni MPP Appeal Scholarships which provides MPP alumni with the opportunity to support a new generation of public leaders all

over the world. To find out more about the Alumni MPP Appeal Scholarship, please click **here**.

THE AIG PUBLIC LEADERS PROGRAMME CLASS OF 2022









We are pleased to announce the commencement of the 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme (AIG PLP). After a rigorous selection process, 54 public servants were chosen to participate in the programme, including our first international participant from South Africa.

The 2021 AIG PLP programme was a resounding success and all 49 participants, drawn from various parts of the Nigerian public sector, universally agreed that the learnings they gained have positively impacted their effectiveness. Programme participants have been given increased responsibility within their organisations and many have received promotions. Additionally, participants have successfully implemented a number of projects across their organisations, using the learnings they gained from the PLP. These have resulted in increased organisational efficiency and improved service delivery.

The AIG Public Leaders Programme offers emerging African public sector leaders a unique opportunity to develop their leadership capacity and acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to drive change in their organisations. With teaching provided by the University of Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government, the programme offers an immersive, world-class executive education experience led by some of the world's leading

public policy experts and teachers.

Congratulations to the 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme participants.

AIG SCHOLAR UPDATE



Our 2022 AIG Scholars, Ayodele Awi and Taiwo Olawole have arrived in Oxford and commenced classes at the Blavatnik School of Government. We wish them the best in their academic pursuits.



2020 AIG Scholar Folasade Osho is an Assistant Chief Regulatory Officer at the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). She currently serves as a member of the Technical Working Committee implementing pharmaceutical traceability in Nigeria.

Folasade says that her Master's in Public Policy degree (MPP) allowed her to gain the skills and capacity to use multi-disciplinary and global perspectives to tackle Nigeria's public policy challenges.

"Interacting with world-class academics, policy experts, a diverse cohort, and robust multidisciplinary course content broadened my perspective and allowed me to embrace global, historical and multidisciplinary perspectives when considering available options to address Nigeria's policy problems."

She attributes her success in Oxford to the solid academic support provided by the Blavatnik School of Government (BSG) and the coaching and mentorship sessions that were integral to the AIG Scholarship programme.

"I was highly privileged to be mentored by Dr Dere Awosika, who has an extensive impactful and untarnished career at the highest level of public service. Sharing her personal experiences, Dr Awosika exemplified the public service character. These sessions gave me a reality check, wise counsel, and guidance in connecting the dots between the MPP learnings and the next steps".

Folasade is particularly grateful for the summer project she undertook with the Oxford in Berlin Global Public Health Strategy Group in Oxford. It provided her with a careerenhancing opportunity and the experience of contributing to a national project. The project focused on using digital tools to mitigate the supply of substandard or falsified COVID-19 vaccines in lower-middle-isometries. Folasade facilitated Nigeria's participation in a workshop that birthed "the Abuja principles", which distilled vital insights to be considered when implementing digital innovations in resource-constrained settings.

The experience she gained during the project made her an ideal candidate to be called upon to serve on the Technical Working Group (TWG) for implementing pharmaceutical traceability in Nigeria. Fola has been involved in preparing guidelines and organising workshops and training for stakeholders within the pharmaceutical supply chain, FMoH, other agencies and funding partners. These activities are in preparation for a full-scale implementation of traceability for all medical products in Nigeria by 2024. Fola says her time at BSG prepared her for this role.

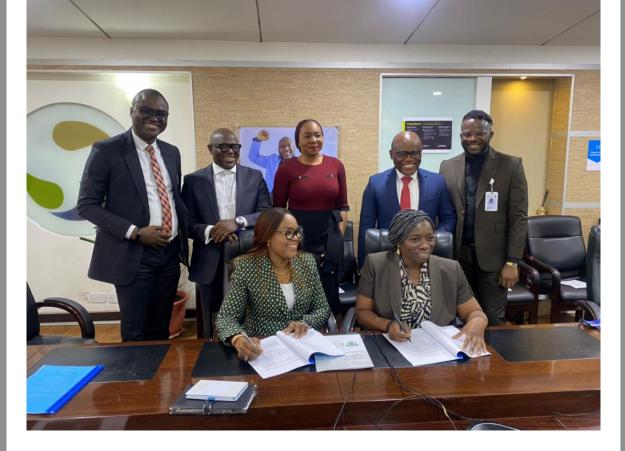
"The knowledge I gained from effective use of evidence in policy-making, managing public sector organisations, and interest groups' politics has proved extremely valuable in my work as a member of the TWG for implementing pharmaceutical traceability in Nigeria. In planning stakeholder sensitisation programs, preparing concept notes, framing value, and securing stakeholder buy-in for the project."

Fola says that becoming an AIG scholar has changed her life, opening many doors of opportunities.

"I am eternally and immensely grateful for this privilege, and I promise to make it count by recognising the responsibility and expectations that come with it. Ultimately, my greatest fulfillment will be to utilise all I have learned and experienced to make Nigeria function for the coming generation through an improved public sector".

AFFILIATE UPDATE

PSHAN PARTNERS WITH SANOFI ON VACCINE HESITANCY ASSESSMENT IN **NIGERIA**



In September, the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN) signed an agreement with Sanofi to conduct a COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Assessment in Nigeria (C19-VHAN). The 10-month study, which will be conducted in one state of each of the country's geopolitical zones, will assess and analyse Nigeria's various vaccine hesitancy factors and provide objective data that can be used to have a firmer grasp on what is needed to handle the pandemic-level crisis in the future.

PSHAN LAUNCHES SHAPING EQUITABLE MARKET ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMODITIES (SEMA) PROJECT IN OSUN STATE



Under the SEMA Project in Osun State, PSHAN works with partners and stakeholders to tackle hindrances to equitable market access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) commodities. To do this, PSHAN has begun engagement with the State Reproductive Health Technical Working Group.

The Consultative Stakeholder Workshop in Osun State sought to engage high-level stakeholders to mobilise political will to aid project implementation. It also sought to review and rapid test the National Healthy Market Framework tool in the state to identify priority reproductive health market problems.

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ABCHealth CEO at Devex Session at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York; September 2022



The CEO of ABCHealth, Dr Moires Atoki, spoke on 'Closing the gap: Global health financing for impact and scale' at the Devex @UNGA77 session in New York. Other panellists include Naveen Rao, Senior Vice-President of Health, Rockefeller Foundation; Jon Fairest, Head of Global Health, Sanofi; Dr Angela Gichaga, Chief Executive Officer of Finance Alliance for Health.

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WEBINAR: Making Quality Healthcare Accessible To All: The Role of Health Insurance



The Nigerian Solidarity Support Fund (NSSF) hosted a webinar on the role of health insurance in making quality healthcare accessible to all Nigerians. To listen to the webinar, please click <u>here</u>

OPPORTUNITIES

Job Vacancy: Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice-Chair



WE ARE HIRING

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIR

The Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation is recruiting to fill the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice-Chair.

Interested applicants should send their resumes and cover letter to hr@aigafrica.org

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