

## FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

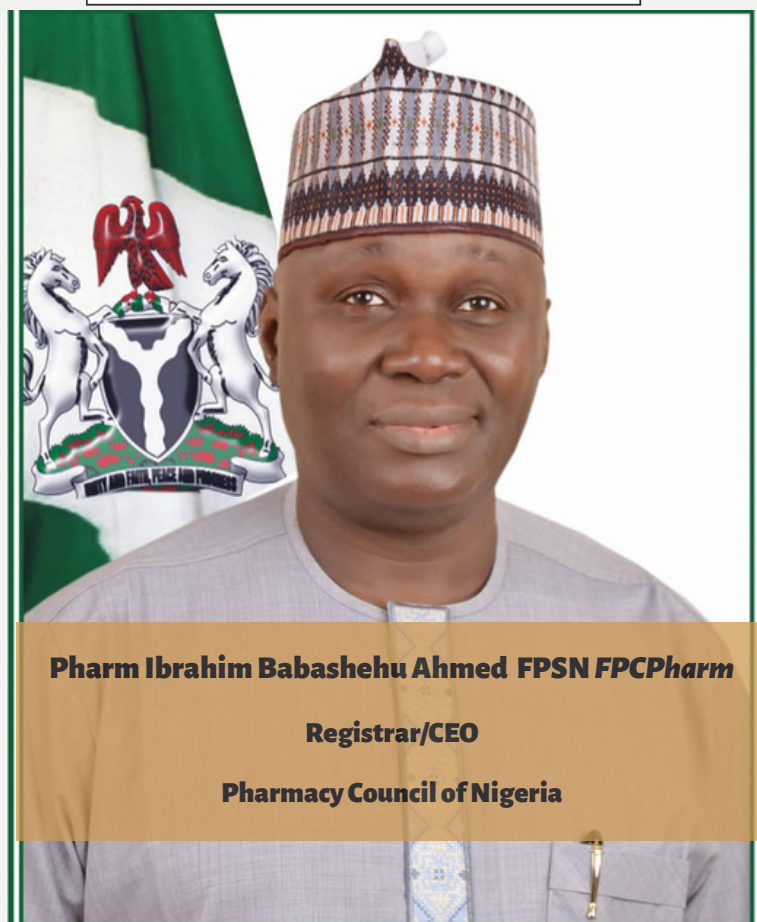


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## WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, I wish you all a very productive month. At the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, work has started in earnest and we look forward to delivering excellent regulatory services that exceeds the expectations of all practitioners in the Nigerian Pharmaceutical industry. As Council regulatory activities begin to gain momentum, we hereby encourage



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all colleagues to promptly conclude registration formalities for both their individual and premises licenses in line with the requirement of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Act 2022. Be reminded that fines for late registration/renewal of licenses would apply after the deadline in accordance with the law. Our colleagues at the Registration and licensing departments are on hand to provide the needed guidance and support to all those who require it.

I deeply appreciate the kind words, well wishes and prayers received on my birthday, January 15, 2024. I pray that God in his infinite mercies will grant everyone reasons to celebrate.

# Month under review



## EDUCATION & TRAINING

One hundred and one (101) fresh Pharmacy Graduands were inducted into the profession in the month of January from the Igbinedion University Okada, Edo State. Forty-six (46) Foreign Trained Pharmacists who were successful after the Second Cycle 2023 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) were also inducted into the pharmacy profession. Please join me in welcoming them as colleagues into our profession.

The First Cycle Pre-registration examination for (PEP) is scheduled to hold on March 23, 2024. Registration has commenced, and candidates who wish to register for the examination are advised to register and make payment through the PEP portal ([www.pay.pcn.gov.ng](http://www.pay.pcn.gov.ng))

Please note that the First Cycle 2024 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) is scheduled to hold from April 21 to May 31, 2024 at two (2) PCN designated centres namely: Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Benin, Edo State (South) and Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bayero University Kano, Kano state (North). Prospective participants are hereby advised to visit the PCN website or the nearest PCN office for further enquiries. Deadline for submission of all application forms and relevant document is Friday, April 05, 2024.



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## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

The Registrar received a team from the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), FMOH, and Maisha Meds, who paid a courtesy visit to the PCN on January 17, 2024. The visit was to intimate the PCN on their activities and further seek regulatory guidance and support.

In an effort to strengthen partnership with the PCN, Epharma4FP paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar to discuss issues surrounding the Epharma4FP project. The meeting was held on January 17, 2024.



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## PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

A team from Society for Family Health (SFH) and Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) paid an advocacy visit to the Registrar to discuss further on the PACS (Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services) project, identify areas of collaboration, and seek guidance and support for the activity. The meeting was held on January 22, 2024.



As part of the activities for the pilot 3-Tier Accreditation System, PCN conducted the Mandatory Entry Point Training Programme (MEPTP) End-of-Training Examination in Borno State on January 25, 2024.



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## INSPECTION, MONITORING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (IMQ&A)

On January 16, 2024, Dr. Mezie Okolo in the company of his Leadership Academy team, paid an advisory visit to the Registrar to gain insights on matters pertaining to PCN regulation.



Executives from World Medicine Pharmaceutical Company had an interactive session with the Registrar on January 18, 2024 to seek support in the growth and development of the pharmaceutical subsector of the economy.

On January 23, 2024, the Group CEO of Blue Tag Group, Uzo Eziukwu, engaged the Registrar in a meeting to discuss the sanitization of the drug distribution chain with the use of technology .



On January 09, 2024, Executives of the Association of Lady Pharmacists (ALPS) (FCT Chapter) paid a New Year visit to the Registrar to welcome the year with talks of progress and strengthened collaboration.



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On retirement, Mr. Kayode Otusanya, the Head of Audit Unit, had just retired from the services of PCN after 35 years of diligent service to the Council. We celebrate him on this new chapter of life. We appreciate all the contributions, labour, growth, and success he brought to bear on PCN. A big congratulations, alongside well-wishes and prayers for God's blessing and favour in your life.

The Registrar was at a meeting with the Honourable Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate on January 15, 2024 to discuss issues of strengthening the regulatory agencies under the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.



A special invitation was extended to the Registrar by Prince Julius Adewale Adedoyin, OFR, mni, Former Minister of Health and Social Services, to be part of

“An Evening with the Minister” which took place yesterday, January 31, 2024 at Lagos Marriott Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos. PCN appreciates the Honourable Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare for his vision in unlocking the pharmaceutical value chain and strengthening local pharmaceutical manufacturers.



**PCN is indeed grateful for the support and feedback received from our dear stakeholders. We on our end, will remain committed to ensuring the provision of sustainable pharmaceutical regulatory services (personnel, premises, and practice) for the well-being of the populace.**

**I wish you all a fruitful and blessed month.**

**SIGNED**

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