

# FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



## WELCOME MESSAGE

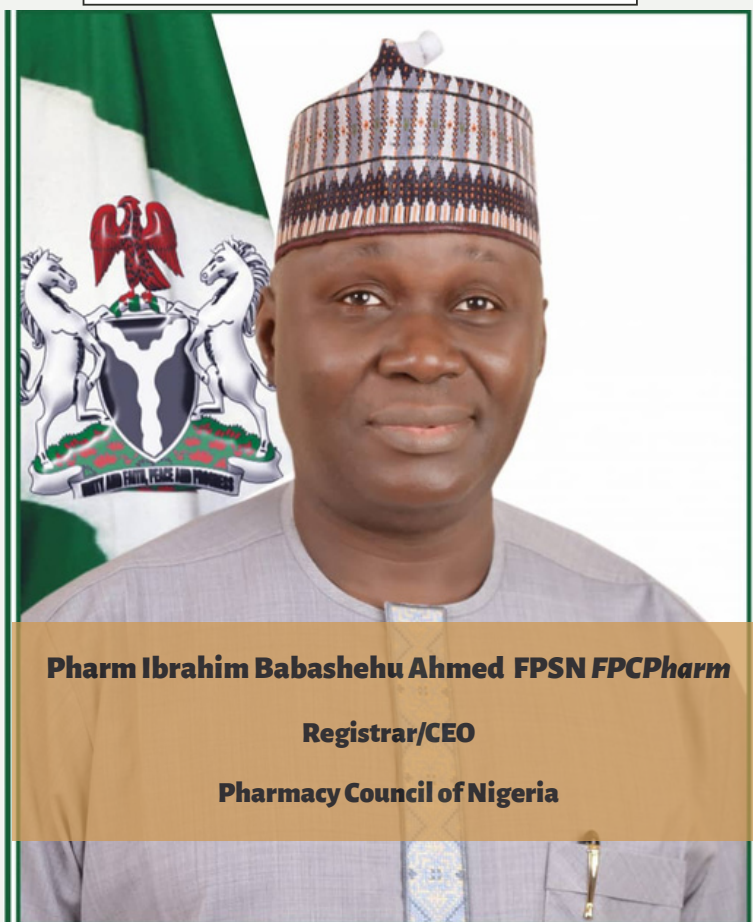
On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria, I bring you warm felicitations and greetings. I rejoice with our Christian stakeholders as they mark this year's Easter celebrations while I equally felicitate with our Muslim colleagues as they continue the Ramadan Fasting which will culminate in the Eid- al-Fitr Celebrations in a few days' time. I pray that both holy celebrations will usher our

dear profession and country into an era of unprecedented abundance and prosperity.

As we begin the second quarter of this year today, I would want to enjoin all colleagues to double their efforts in ensuring that we continually work towards building an industry that we can all be proud of. As it is our practice, the senior management of the Council will be embarking on our quarterly strategic review sessions to evaluate the successes recorded vis-a-vis our set objectives with a view to taking key learnings from our wins and losses and taking necessary steps to adjust where necessary so that ultimately, the profession and by extension the average Nigerian would be the served better.

### WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Welcome Message
- E&T Activities
- Courtesy Visits and more



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# Month under review

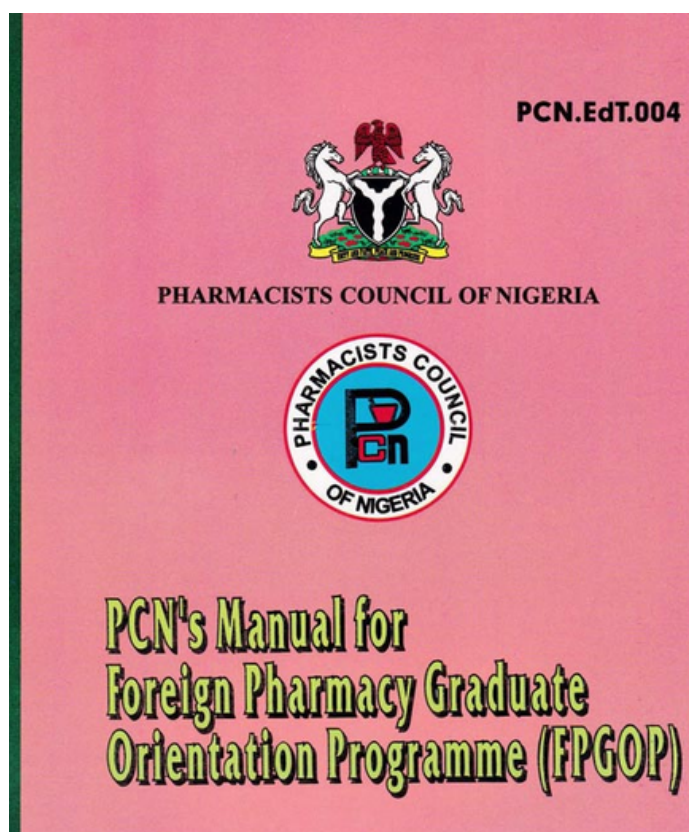


## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Beginning the departmental activities, supplementary induction was done for six (6) graduands from Gombe State University, Gombe on March 08, 2024. Please join me in congratulating them on this new height.

The First Cycle Pre-registration examination for Pharmacist (PEP) successfully held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 across 9 centres across the country.

Kindly 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, Benin City, 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. The deadline for submission of all application forms and relevant documents is Friday, April 05, 2024.





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## LEGAL

The unit organized an interactive meeting between the Registrar and External Solicitors of the Council and other legal stakeholders to discuss, brainstorm, and strategize on legal matters. The productive engagement held on March 25, 2024 at the PCN Head Office.



The Federal High Court, Kano presided over by Hon Justice S. A Amobeda has on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 dismissed an application by NAPPMED which sought an order of the court to grant them an injunction against an earlier judgment in suit number FHC/KN/CS/152/2023 of 16th February, 2024 which declared their operations in the Sabon Gari Market, Niger Street and such other similar locations in Kano as illegal.

The judgement of his Lordship aligned with the dictate of justice and a milestone in the right direction. The judgement further reinforces the policy of the Federal Government of CWC as reiterated by the Hon Coordinating Minister of Health, Prof Muhammad Ali Pate, CON during his recent inspection visit to the Kano Coordinated Wholesale Centre last month.



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## HUMAN RESOURCES

PCN started the month of March on a celebratory note as we organized a sendforth for our 2022/2023 retirees on March 01, 2024. These retirees include Dr. N. A. E. Mohammed, Pharm. Elizabeth Oshoba, Dr. Paul Gar, Pharm. Anthonia Aruya, Pharm. Olanike Ajayi, Pharm. Emily O. Olalere, Dr. Ukamaka G. Okafor, Dr. Yejide Oseni, Pharm. Yunusa O. Yusuf, Pharm. Peter N. Iliya, and Mr. Moses Iluditan (posthumous), who have served PCN diligently. We wish them greater years ahead.



## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

On March 12, PCN had a review meeting with a team from the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) focused on reviewing the extent of the implementation of the restructuring of PCN as approved in 2021.





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The ACPN National Exco with the group of panelists at the on-going International Conference on Quality of Medicines and Healthcare Services in Abuja



## PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

MCPD supervision at the ACPN/CHI Mid-Year Retreat held on March 05-07, 2024 at the Abuja International Conference Centre. The Registrar served as a Panelist in one of the panel sessions of the conference.

Additionally, on March 07, 2024, PCN engaged in a meeting with Treasure House Entertainment Limited, a film and multimedia production company seeking collaboration for content creation particularly addressing pharmaceutical and drug related topics pertinent to public health.

Moreover, hospital pharmacy inspections were carried out in selected facilities in Kaduna State on March 25-27, 2024, ensuring adherence to quality standards and enhancing the delivery of pharmaceutical services.



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## PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

On Friday, March 08, 2024, PCN formally signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) with Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR), showing our commitment to positive collaborations. This was a move towards the Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services (PACS) project designed to incentivize Community Pharmacists to access credit.



In addition, it was targeted at incentivising PPMVs to join PCN's accreditation program and access credit, enhancing their capacity and skills, thereby enabling them to deliver quality healthcare services in their communities. This is an initiative led by PCN in collaboration with SCIDaR and Society for Family Health (SFH), supported by MSD for Mothers.





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## PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

On that same day, the Registrar welcomed a delegation from the Centre for Communication and Social Impact (CCSI)/ C-Curve Consult, a non-governmental organization with expertise in the full continuum of Social and Behaviour Change (SBC), capacity building and more, to discuss areas of collaboration with PCN.



PCN in collaboration with Solina Center for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) and Society for Family Health (SFH) held a kick off workshop for the implementation of the Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services (PACS) Project in Kaduna and Lagos States. The project seeks to incentivize community pharmacists who now provide a wider range of basic healthcare services including Family Planning services as well as PPMVs who have been trained under the pilot 3-TAS. The meeting was held on March 21-25, 2024 in the respective states.

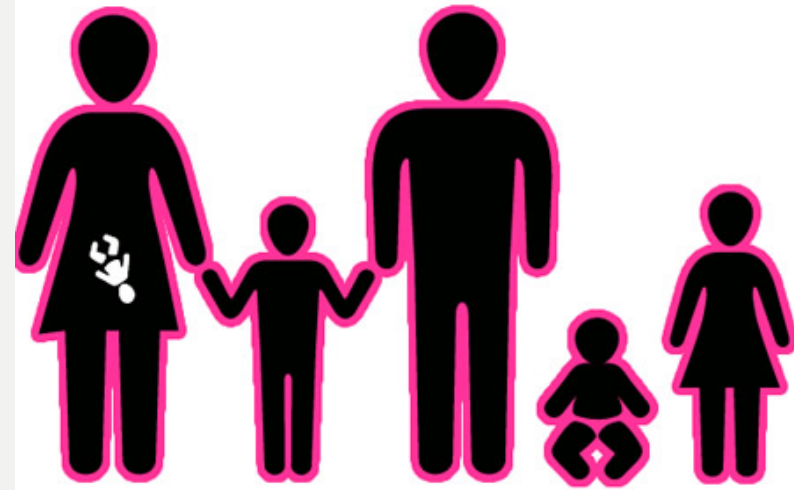


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On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Director of Food & Drug Services, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoHSW), Pharm. Olubunmi Aribéana inaugurated the Project Advisory Committee for E-Pharmacy for Family Planning Project at Radisson Blu Hotels, Ikeja. The Committee is chaired by the Registrar, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria. The purpose of the Project Advisory Committee is to provide leadership, strategic direction and play an oversight supervisory role for the project.

## Family Planning



Other members of the Committee are representatives of Family Health Dept (FMoHSW & Lagos State Ministry of Health, LSMoH), Health Planning, Research & Statistics Dept (FMoHSW & LSMoH), Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (National & Lagos Branch), among others.





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## PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

Furthermore, PCN participated in the First Quarter 2024 National Self-Care Coordination Committee Meeting held at Bolton White Hotel Abuja on March 19, 2024. The meeting was to discuss the strategic priorities for the promotion of self-care in Nigeria among others.

PCN also participated in Q1 2024 Product Introduction Coordination Mechanism (PICM) meeting led by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMOH&SW) held at Reiz Continental Hotel on Thursday, March 07 2024. The meeting was to provide updates on product introduction for Reproductive Health commodities based on extensive in-country experience.

## QUALITY CONTROL



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

PCN, with the collaboration of ePharma4FP, organized a Stakeholders' Meeting at Reiz Continental, Abuja on March 13, 2024 to further deliberations on the reviewed Online Pharmacy Regulations. The meeting gathered stakeholders from Federal Ministry of Health, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria, Salient Advisory, Advantage Health Africa, Society for Family Health, Busara, PSN Foundation, Promoting the Quality of Medicines Plus, and more.



## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

On Thursday, March 27, 2024, the department organized a meeting for the presentation of the PCN Five Year (2023-2027) Strategy Plan to PCN HoDs/HoUs, Zonal Officers, and State Officers. The plan serves as a strategic roadmap to address the needs and aspirations of our stakeholders, and also consolidate PCN on the global map of pharmacy regulation.





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The Registrar participated in the inaugural edition of Pharma West Africa, an International Exhibition chaired by Pharm Ahmed Yakasai mni FPSN. The Exhibition which held between 18th and 20th of March had participants from within and outside the shores of Nigeria. The Registrar presented a paper titled Pharmaceutical Regulations: Supporting or stifling the sector



A delegation from the West African Post Graduate College of Pharmacists, led by the Secretary General of WAPCP, Prof. Ibrahim A. Oreagba, paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar on March 05, 2024. At the close of the visit, the Registrar was presented a gift.



The Registrar and Chairman of the Council, Pharm Wosilat Giwa FPSN were part of the PSN delegation that visited the Secretary to the Federation, Senator George Akume CON on the 8th of March, 2024 to discuss pertinent issues affecting the practice of Pharmacy in Nigeria.





On the 21st of March 2024, the Registrar in company of the Zonal Director of the Lagos Zonal Office, Dr Taiwo Filusi, paid a courtesy visit to the recently launched Distribution Centre of New Heights Pharmaceuticals in Ilupeju, Lagos. The team was welcomed by the Founder/CEO of New Heights Pharmaceuticals, Pharm Oghenechuko Omaruaye and the Executive Director, Operations, Pharm Olubunmi Omaruaye. The Registrar was delighted by the organisation's deliberate attempt to align its operations with globally accepted good distribution practice.



**As we enter the second quarter of this year, i encourage all Pharma Industry stakeholders to remain committed to the onerous task of providing world class Pharmaceutical care to the good people of Nigeria.**

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

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed'.

**SIGNED**  
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