

## FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



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## WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the management and staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), I warmly welcome you into the month of December .

November was indeed a busy month for us at the Council. Of note is PCN's participation in the first Joint Annual Review, a forum for revamping the Health Sector organised by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare under the Health Sector Renewal Agenda of the Coordinating Minister of Health, Prof Muhammad Ali Pate, CON. On behalf of the Governing Council, Management and Staff of PCN, I want to

congratulate the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Honorable Minister of State for Health and Permanent Secretary, Health for putting the Health Sector on a new path.

Let me use this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Council, Management and Staff of PCN to congratulate the new President, Pharm Ibrahim Tanko Ayuba, FPSN and other elected members of EXCOS on their successes at the polls and wish them a very successful tenure.

As we step into the last month of the year, I want to call our attention to the manpower challenges faced by the Pharmacy profession with respect to emigration (Japa Syndrome).

As at date, over a thousand Pharmacists have emigrated this year alone



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# Month under review



## EDUCATION & TRAINING

In the month of November, One hundred and thirty nine (139) new pharmacy graduates (regular and supplementary) were inducted into the profession.

The graduates are from the

- University of Ilorin, Kwara State. (89)
- University of Maiduguri, Borno State, (11)
- University of Jos, Plateau State (39).

We welcome them into our noble profession and wish them an impactful career ahead

## PHARMACY PRACTICE

Orientation Programme (OP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) was conducted for holders of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendor (PPMV) license in Ogun State and Adamawa State on November 11, 2024, and November 20, 2024, respectively.



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## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

On November 12-15, 2024, the Registrar and his team participated in the Global Health Supply Chain Summit, which was held at Marriot Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos State.

The Registrar met with the Forum of Executive Directors of the various States Drug Management Agencies (DMAs) at the Global Supply Chain Summit in Lagos to discuss issues of growth and development of the Agencies and foster collaboration with the PCN for effective operationalization of the National Drug Distribution Guidelines(NDDG).



Following this, PCN participated in the 2025 National Family Planning Quantification Exercise organised by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoH&SW) in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and GHSC-PSM. The event took place at Dover Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos State, from November 17 to 23, 2024.

PCN also participated in the ePharma4FP Review and Workplan Meeting which held in Lagos between November 26-30, 2024.

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The Society for Family Health (SFH) IntegratE team, led by its Deputy Managing Director of Programme Delivery, Pharm. Kene Eruchalu, paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

SFH IntegratE has been a valued partner of PCN, supporting initiatives that align with improving pharmaceutical care and advancing health outcomes in Nigeria.



PCN looks forward to strengthening this collaboration and fostering partnerships with other organizations to ensure the progress of pharmacy practice and the health and safety of all Nigerians.

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

In November 2024, staff at the PCN Head Office participated in a Fire Drill training session aimed at enhancing their knowledge and equipping them with practical skills for effectively managing fire incidents and crises. This training was conducted in collaboration with the Federal Fire Service, reinforcing PCN's commitment to workplace safety and emergency preparedness.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

While attending the National Council on Health meeting in Borno State, the Registrar took time out to check on the activities and efficiency of our office in the state. The Registrar visited the PCN Borno State Office located at the Federal Secretariat, Maiduguri.

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## PCN 7TH MANAGEMENT REVIEW MEETING

In line with our commitment to continuous improvement and process evaluation, the PCN held its 7th Management Review Meeting on November 20, 2024, at the PCN Head Office, Abuja. The meeting focused on assessing the effectiveness of our Quality Management Systems (QMS), identifying areas for improvement, and making decisions to enhance our operations.



Stakeholder feedback was also reviewed, ensuring that expectations are met and concerns are effectively addressed. These deliberations will guide strategic actions aimed at sustaining excellence and advancing our regulatory objectives.

## PCN Leadership at 97th PSN Conference

At the recently concluded 97th Annual National Conference of the PSN held from November 4-9, 2024, in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, the PCN's leadership was fully represented, with the Chairperson of the Governing Council, Pharm. Hajiya Wosilat Giwa, FPSN, and the Registrar, Pharm. Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, FPSN, attending alongside other management and staff.

Pharm. Hajiya Wosilat Giwa, FPSN, had the honour of chairing the Opening Ceremony while Pharm. I. B. Ahmed, the Registrar, played several pivotal roles throughout the conference, serving as a panelist at the Town Hall Meeting and chairing the PSN Electoral Committee for the 2024 election

During the conference, the PCN also took the opportunity to engage with key stakeholders, hosting the Deans Forum with Deans of Faculties of Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Sciences on November 5, 2024, and the Directors of Pharmaceutical Services (DPS) Forum on November 6, 2024. These engagements fostered discussions on enhancing pharmacy education, regulation, as well as service delivery across the country. The Deans Forum also provided updates on the full implementation of the PharmD programme in all colleges and faculties accredited by the PCN in all Nigerian Universities.



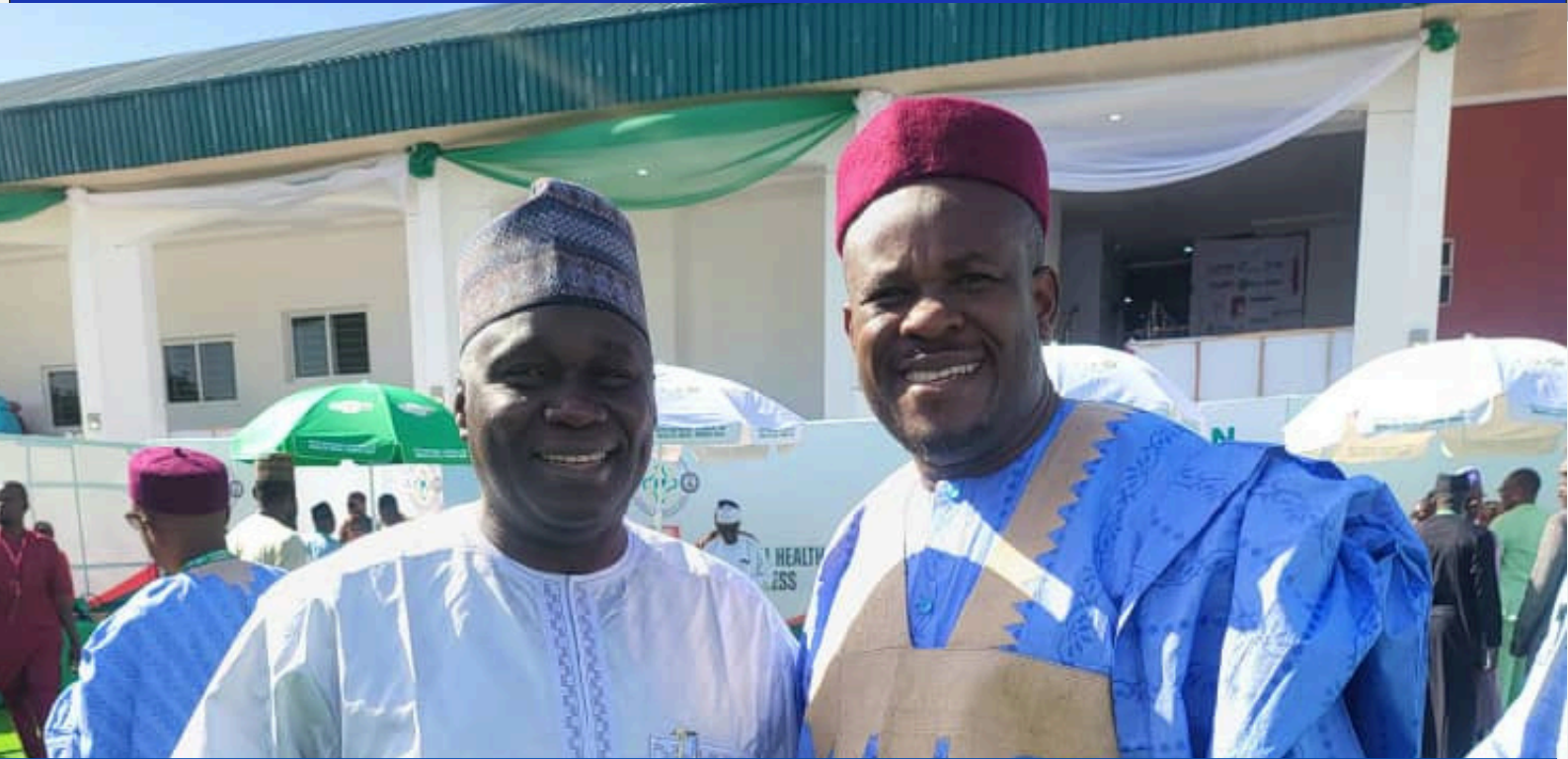
# System Strengthening of the National Regulatory Authorities

NAFDAC and PCN continued to work together to achieve system strengthening of the two regulatory agencies with a view to enhance efficiency and effective regulation of the Pharmaceutical Sector in Nigeria through regulatory system review by the World Health Organization (WHO). The activity took place between 25th- 29th November, 2024. During the period, the leadership of the two Agencies issued a joint Press Conference anchored on the Health Sector Renewal Agenda of the Coordinating Minister of Health with emphasis on the first pillar- Governance which has one of its goal as strengthening the regulatory landscape in health. The Director General, NAFDAC and Registrar PCN reaffirmed their commitment to the closure of all open drug markets and the relocation of same to the Coordinated Wholesale Centres to protect public health.





The Registrar led the PCN to participate at the 65th National Council of Health (NCH) meeting with the theme, "Accelerating pathways to Universal Health Coverage: Strategies for 2030 success," which took place at Maiduguri, Borno State from November 18-22, 2024.



REGISTRAR WITH THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, IMO STATE, PROF (PHARM) CHUKWUEMEKA UBAKA

**As we step into December, the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) extends warm wishes for a joyous and fulfilling holiday season.**

**May this festive period bring peace, good health, and prosperity to all our stakeholders.**

**Thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year as we work together to advance pharmaceutical care in Nigeria.**

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