

## FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



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## WELCOME MESSAGE

Happy new month and welcome to the February edition of our newsletter!

As we continue through the new year, we are filled with enthusiasm and a renewed sense of purpose. This month, we embrace the themes of growth, collaboration, and community. We are excited to share the latest updates and achievements within the PCN. As the regulatory activities of the Council gain traction, we encourage all colleagues to promptly complete their registration formalities for both individual and

premises licenses, in accordance with the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Act 2022. Please remember that fines for late registration or renewal of licenses will be imposed after the deadline, as stipulated by the law. Our colleagues in the Registration and Licensing departments are available to offer guidance and support to anyone in need.

I sincerely appreciate the kind words, well wishes, and prayers I received on my birthday, January 15, 2025. I pray that God, in His infinite mercy, will provide everyone with reasons to celebrate.



**Pharm Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed FPSN FPCPharm**

**Registrar/CEO**

**Pharmacy Council of Nigeria**

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Induction Ceremonies

The PCN recently welcomed new members to the profession. On 16 January, we hosted the induction and oath-taking ceremony for sixty-eight (68) successful participants of the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP). Additionally, in January, one hundred and eight (108) pharmacy graduates from Dora Akunyili College of Pharmacy, Igbinedion University Okada, Edo State, were formally inducted into the profession. We extend our warmest congratulations to all the newly inducted pharmacists.



### Upcoming FPGOP

As previously announced, the first cycle of the 2025 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) is scheduled to take place from 27 April to 6 June 2025, at Gombe State University, Gombe, and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State. Registration has commenced and prospective participants are encouraged to register promptly before the deadline of 11 April 2025.



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## PHARMACY PRACTICE

The PCN conducted an inspection visit to the hospital pharmacy of Daughters of Charity St Vincent De Paul Hospital, Kubwa, FCT, on 20 January 2025. This visit was undertaken in response to the hospital's application for hospital pharmacy registration, licensure, and internship accreditation.

This exercise ensures that the minimum standards for hospital pharmacy practice for the assurance of pharmaceutical care are met.

## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

### Courtesy Visits

The PCN Registrar constituted a team, led by Dr. Omotayo Ilupeju, Director of Pharmacy Practice, to conduct courtesy visits to key partners at the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMOH&SW). The team visited the Director, Family Health Department; the Director, Health Planning Research and Statistics; and the Director, Food and Drugs Services Department, on Monday, 13 January, and Friday, 17 January 2025.





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## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

### SWIFT Project Inception Meeting

The PCN participated in the inception/workplan meeting for the "Supporting Women Increased access to family planning through Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (SWIFT)" project, held from 15 to 16 January 2025.

### Malaria Pre-Elimination Project:

The PCN participated in the workplanning session for the "Pathway to Malaria Pre-Elimination and Digitization in Lagos State: Strengthening Public-Private Sector Collaboration for Enhanced Case Management" project at the WHO office, Lagos, from 20 to 22 January 2025.

A meeting for the development of the research protocol for this project followed immediately on 23 January 2025.

## Malaria

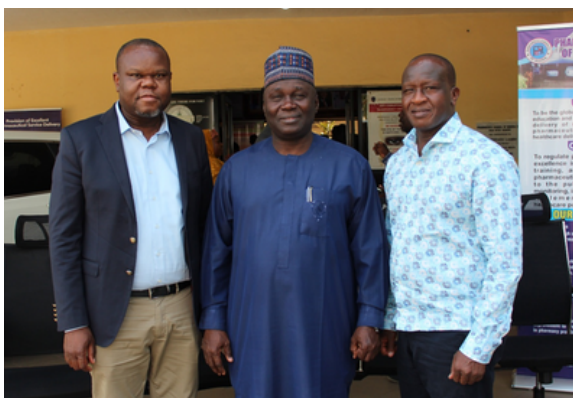


### IntegratE Project Monitoring:

We conducted monitoring of patent and proprietary medicine vendors (PPMVs) participating in the pilot IntegratE project in Bauchi State from 23 to 24 January 2025. This activity aimed to gain firsthand insights into the operational performance of accredited PPMVs within their approved scope of practice.

### Kenyan Delegation Learning Visit

On 28 January, the Registrar and management staff of the PCN officially received a delegation from Kenya on a learning visit focused on the IntegratE Project. The meeting was held at the PCN Head Office, Abuja. This provided a valuable opportunity for exchange of ideas and insights on the pharmacy landscapes of both countries.





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## PROGRAMS COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

### Meeting with SCIDaR (PACS Project Team)

The Registrar hosted the Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services (PACS) Project Team from Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) on 28 January 2025. The meeting focused on project updates, challenges, and next steps.

The PACS project, a joint initiative with SCIDaR and Society for Family Health (SFH), funded by MSD for Mothers, aims to incentivise Community Pharmacists to access credit, as well as incentivise 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.



## AWARDS AND HONOUR

The Registrar was bestowed with a Merit Award by The Total Health Forum on 20 January 2025. The award, presented by the Forum's Director, Pharm. King-David Ahuchaogu, recognised the Registrar's "great contributions to healthcare development".

PCN is grateful for this recognition and honour bestowed upon our esteemed Registrar.





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## INSPECTION, MONITORING, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

### PCN Registrar visits Katsina State

The Registrar commenced a two-day working visit to Katsina State on 30 January 2025. The visit began with a courtesy call on the Deputy Governor of Katsina State, His Excellency, Faruq Lawal Jobe. In attendance at the meeting was the Commissioner for Health, Hon. Musa Adamu Funtua; Executive Secretary, Katsina State Drug and Medical Supplies Agency, Pharm. Fatima Shu'aibu; Director of Pharmaceutical Service (DPS), Katsina State, Pharm. Adamu Suleiman Gachi; Dr. Amina Omar, Director, Inspection, Monitoring and Quality Assurance (IMQ&A) Department, PCN; and other officials.



Subsequent activities during the visit included a courtesy call on the Commissioner for Health (Katsina State), Hon. Musa Adamu Funtua, the inspection of the Katsina State Drugs and Management Supplies Agency, a visit to the Katsina State Dialysis Centre, to the proposed DMSA Manufacturing Unit, and to the PCN Katsina State Office.

While in Katsina, the Registrar held an interactive session with Pharmacists in Katsina State comprising Pharmacist Elders, the PSN and its technical groups





# STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Engaging with our stakeholders remains a top priority. This month, we had several meetings to strengthen our relationships and collaborate on mutual goals. Key engagements include:

## PSN-YPG Meeting with PCN

The Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria – Young Pharmacists Group (PSN-YPG), led by National Chairman, Pharm. Tekena George, paid a courtesy visit to the PCN on 21 January 2025, to discuss challenges, areas of support and collaboration with the PCN.

Among the issues discussed were matters concerning central placement for intern pharmacists, the need to approve more internship centres, especially community pharmacy-based centres, and the limited PEP centres, amongst others. The Chairperson of the PCN Governing Council, Pharm. Hajiya Wosilat Giwa, FPSN, and the PCN Registrar, Pharm. Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, FPSN, assured the team that their concerns will be addressed.

In addition, Pharm. Giwa highlighted the commitment of the Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, CON, to ensuring the realisation of central placement for pharmacists. She added that the Council regards the YPG as the hope of pharmacy and would explore all avenues to support and encourage their cause.

The Registrar however added that the request for collaboration between PCN and PSN-YPG will be looked into with a view to ensuring a virile pharmacy practice in Nigeria.

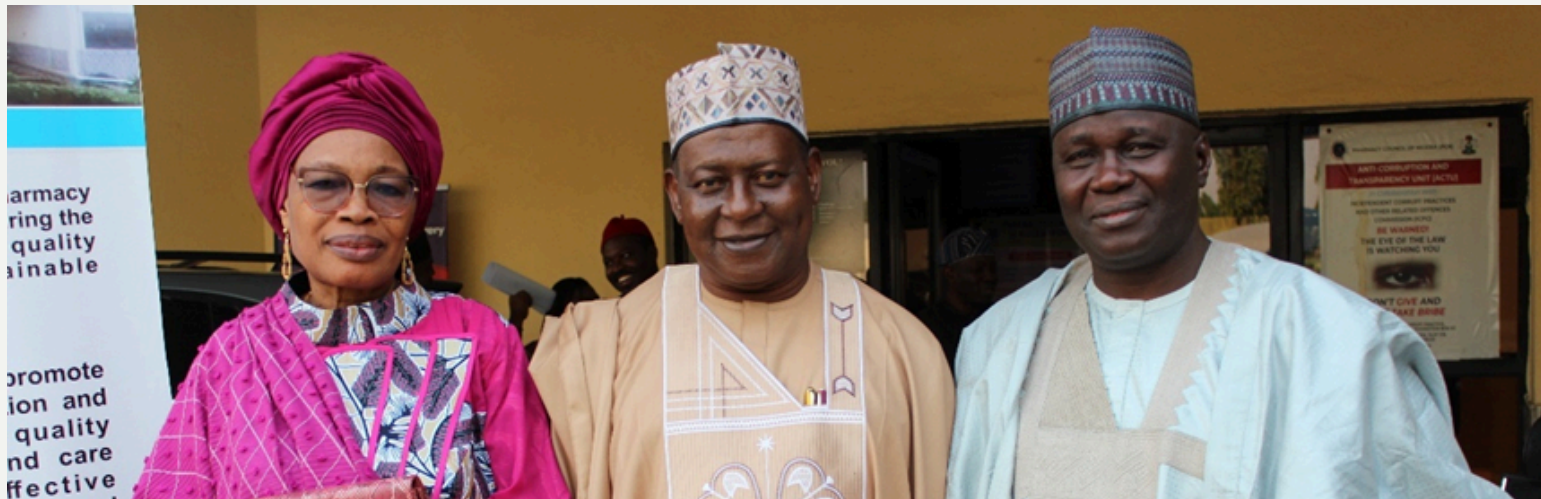




# PSN President's Inaugural Visit

We had the honour of welcoming the newly elected President of the PSN, Pharm. Ibrahim Tanko Ayuba, FPSN, at the PCN Head Office, Abuja, on 27 January 2025, who came on his inaugural visit to the Registry.

During his visit, the Chairperson of the PCN Governing Council, Registrar, and management team engaged with the President, discussing key issues and opportunities for collaboration between the PCN and PSN.



**We express our sincere gratitude to all stakeholders and partners for their open engagements and constructive dialogues since the beginning of the year. We look forward to continued collaboration and meaningful discussions that will drive progress within the pharmaceutical sector.**

**Please note that the doors of the Registry remain open for your suggestions, inquiries, and any concerns you may have. We are committed to constantly improving our quality management system processes to ensure continued relevance, effective use of resources, and stakeholders satisfaction.**

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

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