

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), I warmly welcome you to the month of July 2026.

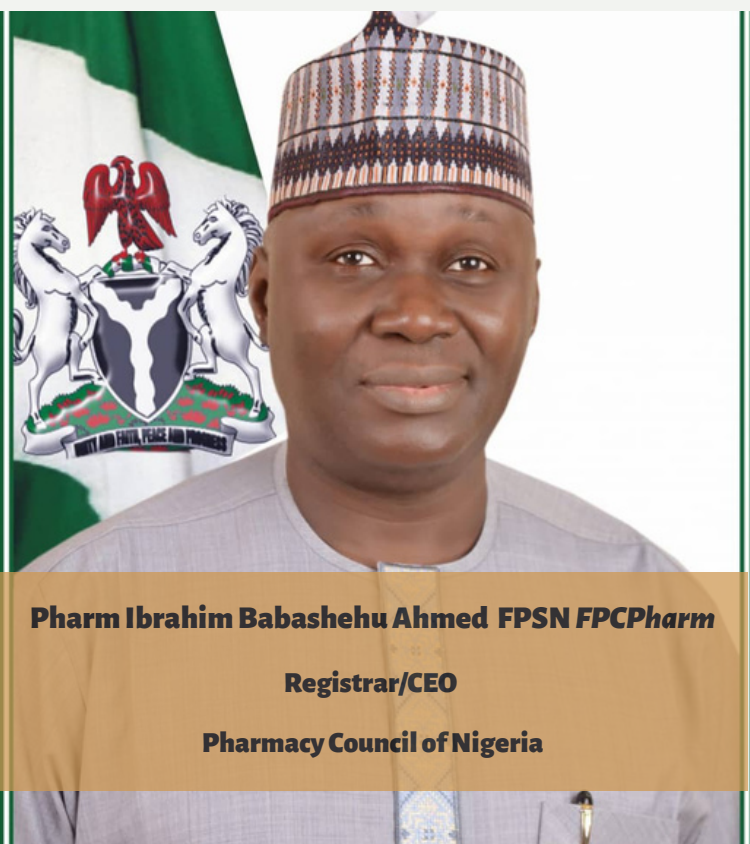
I sincerely appreciate the prayers, goodwill messages, and best wishes extended to me as I commenced my second tenure as the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria on Thursday, 11 June 2026, following my reappointment by the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, CON.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support, collaboration, and confidence reposed in the Council throughout my previous tenure. By the grace of God, and with the continued partnership of all our stakeholders, we are confident of achieving even greater milestones, in Nigeria's pharmacy regulatory landscape.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated members of staff across all offices, Departments, and Units of the Council for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in advancing the Council's mandate. I also express my sincere gratitude to all stakeholders under the Council's regulatory purview for your dedication, cooperation, and commitment to complying with regulatory standards. Your collective efforts and adherence to the Council's regulations are instrumental in strengthening the pharmaceutical sector and safeguarding public health.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Verification and Re-Accreditation Visit

The PCN paid a verification visit to Novena University, Ogume, Delta State, from 8-10 June 2026 and an investigative visit to Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State from 10-12 June 2026.

Also, a Re-Accreditation exercise was carried out at Bingham University, Karu, Nasarawa State, for the purpose of the re-accreditation of the B.Pharm degree programme as well as resource verification for the PharmD program from 28-30 June 2026.

FPGOP FIRST CYCLE

The Second Cycle of 2026 Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Orientation Programme (FPGOP) is scheduled to hold from 23 August to 2 October 2026, at two (2) PCN designated centres namely:

- i. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State (North) and
- ii. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Agulu Campus, Anambra State (South).

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, 14 August 2026.



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INDUCTION

Induction of Pharmacy Graduands
Supplementary induction was conducted for two (2) graduands from University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State. A warm welcome to our newest colleagues.



PHARMACY PRACTICE

CEP

In the month under review, Continuing Education Programme (CEP) were conducted for holders of PPMV licence in Osun State from 9-10 June 2026, and in Kebbi State from 29-30 June 2026.

Meeting with Oakvale Learning

The PCN received a delegation from Oakvale Learning to explore opportunities for collaboration on strengthening the training and capacity development of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) in Nigeria. Discussions focused on the National policy landscape, existing training gaps, and opportunities for co-designing quality training programmes and policy advocacy initiatives. The meeting concluded with an agreement to maintain ongoing dialogue for future collaborative initiatives.

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ENFORCEMENT EXERCISE

The PCN National Enforcement Team visited Plateau and Kwara States in the month of June for its enforcement exercise.

The Plateau enforcement exercise, conducted from 1–5 June 2026, covered Jos North, Jos South, Mangu, Shendam, Barkin Ladi, Qua'an Pan, and Bassa Local Government Areas.

Plateau State Enforcement (1-5 June 2026):

- Total number of premises inspected: 778 (199 Pharmacies, 499 Patent Medicine Shops [PMS], 80 Illegal Outlets)
- Total number of premises sealed: 572 (120 Pharmacies, 372 PMSs, 80 Illegal Outlets)
- 5 compliance directives issued to premises found to have regulatory deficiencies requiring corrective action.

Kwara State Enforcement (15-19 June 2026):

- Total number of premises inspected: 930 (166 Pharmacies, 571 Patent Medicine Shops [PMS], 193 Illegal Outlets)
- Total number of premises sealed: 724 (83 Pharmacies, 448 PMSs, 193 Illegal Outlets)

Kano State – Arrests

Additionally, the Council's National Enforcement Team carried out a follow-up operation in Kano State on 11 June 2026, leading to the arrest of five persons for violating provisions of the PCN Act, 2022.

Three of the suspects were apprehended in Kurmi Market for breaking official PCN seals placed on premises previously sanctioned by the Council, while two others were arrested for the illegal sale of medicines in Dalan Gyada Market. Both Kurmi Market and Dalan Gyada Market remain prohibited locations for the sale and distribution of medicines. The arrested persons are expected to be arraigned before the Federal High Court for prosecution.



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PROGRAMMES COORDINATING DEPARTMENT

TSTS Policy Implementation - Integrated Supportive Supervisory Visits (ISSV)

PCN participated in Integrated Supportive Supervisory Visits (ISSV) aimed at supporting Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) trained under the IntegratE Project to effectively deliver quality Family Planning and basic Primary Health Care services in line with the Task-Shifting and Task-Sharing (TSTS) Policy. The supervisory visits were conducted on 16-17 June 2026.

NMEP PPP Coordination Meeting

We also participated in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Coordination Meeting organised by the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP). The meeting, held in Abuja on 22 June 2026, focused on addressing key challenges affecting malaria case management in the private sector and exploring strategies to strengthen malaria prevention efforts. Additionally, we participated in the review meeting on data verification of the private sector malaria diagnosis and treatment activities through the Nigeria Malaria Data Repository (NMDR) App in 5 pilot states (Ogun, Delta, Kano, Gombe and Kwara). This provided insights on the test-and-treat outcomes and possible recommendations were highlighted.

Drug Awareness and Recovery Support Campaign

The Council took part in the Drug Awareness and Recovery Support Campaign organised by the ASDAC Centre of Hope Foundation, themed “Healing Minds, Restoring Hope: A Community Response to Drug Abuse and Addiction Prevention.” The event was held at Merit House, Maitama, Abuja, on 23 June 2026 and brought together stakeholders to promote community-driven approaches to drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Africa Digital Health Summit

We attended the Africa Digital Health Summit held from 25-26 June 2026 themed "From pilots to scale: Growing Africa's Digital Innovation ecosystem". The summit hosted several sessions on innovations in digital health and the barriers to transitioning pilots to scale.

RMNCAEH Guidelines Finalisation Meeting

The stakeholders' finalisation meeting for the National Guidelines on Self-Care for Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, Adolescent & Elderly Health (RMNCAEH) held in Lagos from 22-26 June 2026 organised by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMOH&SW). We participated in the review meeting as one of the key stakeholders in the self-care space. The key deliverables of the meeting were the final draft of the Guidelines and costed implementation plan. Stakeholders at the meeting included representatives from FMOH&SW departments, Partners, ACPN, among others.

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Phase 2 Connected Diagnostics Training

PCN participated in the Phase 2 training for the Connected Diagnostics (ConnDx) Project, on 4 June 2026, organised by PharmAccess in Abeokuta, Ogun State. This training was geared towards training Community Pharmacists on how to test, treat and track, malaria cases using the HealthPulse App.

CP x PPMV Training in Kwara State

In collaboration with the Society for Family Health (SFH), through the Global Fund Technical Assistance Support for Alternate Delivery Model (GF TASAD), we conducted training sessions for Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) to strengthen malaria and HIV service delivery within the private health sector. The trainings were held in Kwara State from 1-5 June 2026.



Supply Chain Management - Meeting with ARC ESM

A team from Africa Resource Centre for Excellence in Supply Chain Management (ARC_ESM) paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar on 15 June 2026. Flowing from the discussions, a partnership between PCN & ARC_ESM is underway to build the capacity of PCN to undertake supply chain assessment aimed at strengthening the regulation of pharmaceutical supply chain in Nigeria.

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INSPECTION, MONITORING, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Inspection: Adamawa State Health Supply Management Agency

The Council conducted an inspection of the Adamawa State Health Supply Management Agency (ADSHSuMA), Yola, Adamawa State on 24 June 2026, to assess compliance with applicable pharmaceutical regulatory standards and Good Storage and Distribution Practices (GSDP). The inspection evaluated the Agency's warehousing facilities, inventory management system, quality assurance processes, and regulatory compliance. The inspection team provided observations and recommendations aimed at strengthening the Agency's operations, enhancing compliance with regulatory requirements, and ensuring the continuous availability of quality, safe, and efficacious medicines and health commodities within the State. This activity underscores our commitment to promoting quality pharmaceutical services and safeguarding the integrity of the pharmaceutical supply chain across the country.



Meeting with DrugStoc

As part of ongoing efforts to advance the implementation of the Electronic Pharmacy (E-Pharmacy) Regulations 2026, we engaged with DrugStoc on 10 June 2026 to discuss areas of support and collaboration towards promoting a safe, regulated, and technology-driven pharmaceutical ecosystem in Nigeria.



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Ekiti State Drugs and Health Commodities

The Ekiti State Drugs and Health Commodities Management Agency was inspected on 30 June 2026 for the purpose of its registration as a Public Wholesale Centre (PWC) in line with the National Drug Distribution Guidelines (NDDG) to serve as a source of supply of quality, affordable and efficacious medicines and health commodities to public health facilities (primary, secondary and tertiary health facilities) in the State

Meeting with Empower Academy Nigeria

On 26 June 2026, we engaged with Empower Academy Nigeria to discuss areas of collaboration which covers hands on training programs on manufacturing, continuing professional development and establishment of simulation facilities for compounding and manufacturing among other priority areas



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Kano CWC: Progress Update Meeting

Stakeholders involved in the management of the Kano Coordinated Wholesale Centre (CWC), including representatives from Kanawa Pharmaceuticals and Partners, Brains and Hammers, Jaiz Bank had a meeting with the Registrar on 10 June 2026 to provide updates on the CWC, discuss challenges and way forward.



PCN, Medex Discuss Digital Solutions for Enhanced Service Delivery

The Registry received representatives of Outsource Global, promoters of Medex, at the PCN Head Office on 10 June 2026. The meeting explored opportunities for collaboration aimed at enhancing service delivery through innovative digital solutions, in line with the Council's commitment to modernising its operations and improving stakeholder experience.



Inauguration of Medipool Technical Working Group

The Registrar hosted a meeting with representatives of Medipool on 11 June 2026 at the PCN Head Office. , A key highlight of the meeting was the inauguration of the Technical Working Group by the Registrar, marking an important step towards advancing collaborative initiatives and achieving shared objectives. Approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in 2025, Medipool is Nigeria's National Group Purchasing Organisation (GPO), an innovative public-private partnership platform established to aggregate demand for pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies across public and private health facilities. The initiative is designed to improve access to essential medicines and health commodities, improve quality assurance, and strengthen Nigeria's healthcare supply chain.



The Council remains steadfast in its commitment to providing effective pharmaceutical regulation to safeguard the pharmaceutical sector and protect public health. We sincerely appreciate our stakeholders for their unwavering support and continued collaboration.

Thank you

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