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WELCOME MESSAGE



On behalf of the Management and Staff of the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), I warmly welcome you to November 2026. As we enter a new month and approach the festive season, we remain steadfast in our commitment to strengthening pharmaceutical regulation, advancing pharmacy education and practice, promoting compliance with professional standards, and improving service delivery in the interest of public health. We look forward to the engagements, conversations and knowledge-sharing opportunities at the 99th Annual National Conference of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), ÌJELÈ '26, themed "One Health, One Pharmacy: Bridging Knowledge, Practice and Policy for National Impact." The Conference holds from 2–7 November 2026 at the International Convention Centre in Awka, Anambra State.

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The PCN Advisory Visit Team, led by Prof. Ikoni Ogaji of University of Jos with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Alexander Kure during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Induction/Oath-Taking of Pharmacy Graduands

The Registry welcomed 73 newly inducted pharmacy graduands from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, Kwara State, into the Pharmacy profession in October 2026. Additionally, 8 graduands of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Maiduguri, Borno State, underwent a supplementary induction exercise.

Advisory Visit

The PCN team conducted an advisory visit to the Federal University of Applied Sciences, Kachia, Kaduna State, from 19 to 21 October 2026. The visit formed part of the Council's engagement with institutions involved in pharmacy education and training.

Examinations: Second Cycle PEP, NPCE

The second cycle Pre-registration Examination for Pharmacists (PEP) was successfully conducted on 24 October 2026 across nine PCN-accredited examination centres. Similarly, the resit of the National Pre-Certification Examination (NPCE) for Pharmacy Technicians was successfully conducted from 29 to 30 October 2026.

A delegation from University of Abuja, Abuja paid a Courtesy visit to the Registrar/CEO of PCN at the PCN Head Office on 26 October 2026. The delegation was led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hakeem Babatunde Fawehinmi, accompanied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Muhammad Umaru Ndagi, and the Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Abdullahi Musa





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PHARMACY PRACTICE

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

In line with the Council's mandate to promote excellence in pharmacy education through Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Cycle 6 and the Cycle 5 mop-up of the Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) programme were mounted at the following MCPD provider centres:

1. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
2. Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Anambra State
3. Bayero University, Kano, Kano State
4. PSN Nasarawa State
5. PSN Lagos State
6. University of Ibadan, Oyo State
7. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Sagamu, Ogun State







Orientation Programme (OP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) were conducted for holders of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendor (PPMV) licences in the following states:

1. Ogun State: 12–16 October 2026
2. Niger State: 12–14 October 2026
3. Osun State: 20–23 October 2026







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PROGRAMMES COORDINATION

PCN X NEMEL: "No Child Dies from Pneumonia" Project

On 5 October 2026, the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) with Nemel Pharmaceuticals Limited for the implementation of the "No Child Dies from Pneumonia" Project. As part of the project's commencement activities, a workplan was developed to guide implementation, define key activities and support coordinated delivery of project objectives.

In addition, the National Steering Committee and National Technical Working Group for the project were inaugurated to provide strategic oversight, technical guidance and stakeholder coordination for effective implementation.







PCN X ARC_ESM: Strengthening Supply Chain Management

Also on 5 October 2026, PCN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Africa Resource Centre for Excellence in Supply Chain Management (ARC_ESM). Formalising the partnership between PCN and ARC_ESM, the MoU rests on two pillars: (I) a structured supply chain upskilling programme for designated staff, and (II) strengthening the PCN's capacity to coordinate pharmaceutical company supply chain assessments.





Task-Shifting Task-Sharing (TSTS) Policy

As one of the critical stakeholders in healthcare service delivery, PCN participated in the finalization of the Task-Shifting Task-Sharing (TSTS) Policy for Essential Healthcare Services in Nigeria which took place in Kano State from 12 - 17 October 2026. The objectives of the meeting were to finalise the review of the TSTS policy, its Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and the costed implementation plan.

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National Health Equity Conference

PCN participated in the National Health Equity Conference organised by OneBarrow International Limited, held on 13 October 2026 at the Nigerian National Merit Award House. The conference provided a platform for stakeholders to discuss key issues affecting health equity and health system coordination, with emphasis on examining gaps and overlaps in professional regulation and healthcare practice.

"Gift of Sight" Roundtable

On 6 October 2026, PCN participated in the "Gift of Sight" Public-Private Partnership Roundtable in Abuja. The event was organised by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoHSW), through the National Eye, Ear and Sensory Functions Health Programme (NESHP), in collaboration with First City Monument Bank (FCMB) and the Tulsi Chanrai Foundation (TCF). The roundtable discussed ways to catalyse sustainable domestic financing and strategic partnerships for priority eye health interventions in Nigeria.

PACS Advocacy Visit

A team from the Promoting Accreditation for Community Health Services (PACS) visited the Registrar on 7 October 2026 to present the findings from a survey conducted in Lagos and Kaduna, advocating for PCN to take registration services closer to stakeholders especially the Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs).





2026 World Sight Day

PCN joined the FMOH&SW and other development partners and stakeholders to commemorate the 2026 World Sight Day on 8 October 2026. The day featured remarks around the theme "Love Your Eyes" and the sub-theme "Protect Your Vision. See Clearly. Live Fully."

PCN X NMEP: Biannual Monitoring and Supervisory Visits

As a critical stakeholder, PCN alongside the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) conducted the 2nd biannual monitoring and supervisory visits to some participating premises in Delta and Kwara States covering the periods 4-10 October and 11-17 October 2026 respectively.

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ENFORCEMENT

The PCN National Enforcement Team conducted an enforcement exercise in Bauchi State from 12 to 16 October 2026, covering 14 Local Government Areas (LGAs): Bauchi, Darazo, Gamawa, Kirfi, Alkaleri, Toro, Misau, Katagum, Tafawa Balewa, Bogoro, Dass, Ningi, Warji and Jama'are.

Total Premises inspected: 950

Total Premises sealed: 722

Pharmacies sealed: 52 pharmacies

Patent Medicine Shops (PMSs) sealed: 339

Illegal Outlets sealed: 331.

The exercise also resulted in the issuance of 24 Compliance Directives, inventory-taking at 18 premises and one arrest.

The exercise reinforced the Council's commitment to strengthening regulatory compliance, curbing illegal medicine distribution and safeguarding public health.

WAHO Meetings

The Registrar participated in a West Africa Health Organisation series of meetings on motivation, retention and capacity development on Health workforce in Ecowas Region.

The series of meetings which started on the 26th of October 2026 will run till the 11th of November, 2026.

The overall objective of the workshop is to finalise regional policy documents as part of the strategy to develop, motivate and retain a competent=based health workfoce in the Ecowas Region

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WITH HONORABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Registrar/CEO of PCN, Pharm. Ibrahim Babashehu Ahmed, FPSN, held a strategic engagement with the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr Maruf Tunji Alausa, CON, at the Minister's office on 27 October 2026 to discuss advancing pharmacy education in Nigeria.





OHCSF MONITORING

Officials of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF) visited the PCN Head Office on 13 October 2026 to monitor and review the implementation of the Council's approved organisational structure.







We appreciate our stakeholders and partners for their continued cooperation and support. PCN looks forward to building on the progress made and sustaining these collaborative efforts.

Thank you for staying connected with us. We wish you a productive and fulfilling penultimate month of 2026.

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