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THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE 43RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN) HELD BETWEEN JULY 22ND AND JULY 27TH, 2024, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (ICC) IBADAN, OYO STATE

The Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN) held its 43rd Annual International Scientific Conference at the University of Ibadan International Conference Centre, Ibadan. The Conference attracted the Executive Governor of Oyo State, His Excellency Engr. Seyi Makinde, FNSE, who was ably represented by the Deputy Governor His Excellency Barr. Bayo Lawal. Other dignitaries in attendance were the Chief Judge of Oyo State, Justice Iyabo Yerima, the Hon. Commissioner for Health, Dr. Oluwaserimi Ajetumobi, the President Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Prof. Cyril Usifoh, FPSN, Past President and Chairman BOT of the ACPN Dr. U. N. O. Uwaga, FPSN, Past Presidents Azubike Okwor FPSN and Pharm Olumide Akintayo, FPSN, Past National Chairmen of the ACPN including Sir Deji Osinoiki, FPSN, DCPharm, Pharm (Dr.) Ejiro Foyibo, FPSN, DCPharm, Pharm Olufemi Adebayo, FPSN, DCPharm, Pharm Albert Alkali, FPSN, DCPharm, and Pharm (Dr.) Samuel Adekola, DSA, DCPharm.

The Director General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control NAFDAC, Prof Mojisola Adeyeye, FPSN presided as Chairman at the Opening Ceremony, while Pharm Remi Adeseun, FPSN, delivered a keynote address on the theme of the Conference tagged "Advancing Community Pharmacy Practice through Innovation and Collaboration" The Conference was declared open by HE the Executive Governor of Oyo State ably represented by the Deputy Governor, HE Barr. Adebayo Lawal.

After a careful evaluation of all the papers, memorandum, and motions at the AGM, the Conference adopted the reflected resolutions:

1. The Conference acknowledged that Community Pharmacies (CP) are best suited to provide healthcare services to the largest segment of the population in

every clime which is why Governments, donors, partners, and other stakeholders should identify Community Pharmacists (CPs) as strategic executors in service delivery in the quest to attain Universal Health Coverage.

The conference identified a need for policy shifts that will boost innovations and collaborations in Community Pharmacy practice in methodologies that compel effective service delivery, research and documentation which ultimately enhance professionalism.

2. The Conference echoed the global expositions and norms that recognize Community Pharmacies as Primary Healthcare Centers and reinforced the reality that the National Health Act – 2014 validates the status of Pharmacies as Health facilities in Nigeria.

The conference declared that the Government must show more commitment to unlocking the Pharma-sector value chain by overcoming a plethora of challenges including fragmented coordination of the sector, checkmating the high incidence of unqualified and untrained hands who dabble into the professional terrain, prevalence of fake and counterfeit medicines because of a glaring inadequacy in the implementation mode of the National Drug Distribution Guidelines (NDDG), dearth of inculcation of technology, poor access to capital and infrastructures which are below par.

3. The Conference canvassed effective regulatory controls in the quest for Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP). The conference welcomed legislative action in key areas like the establishment of the Federal and State Task Forces on fake and counterfeit drugs as the inherent weaknesses in the Pharmacy and Drug statutes encourage criminal elements and merchants of death to get away with impunity in the Pharma Sector.

4. The Conference called for proper funding of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) to enable these agencies to meet the expectations of consumers of health while also encouraging these agencies to abrogate some of the tariffs which have become burdensome on Pharma manufacturers as well as importers particularly

at a time the escalating cost of drugs cannot be left solely to the vagaries of the impressive Executive order on the Pharma Sector to crush drug prices.

5. Community Pharmacists under the aegis of ACPN reminded the Government at all levels that quality drugs are germane to the attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The Conference strongly recommended the effective coordination of the series of ongoing efforts to catalyze improved coordination of the supply chain through innovations and technology-backed collaborations with regulatory agencies.

6. The Conference sued for the encouragement of the expansion of Community Pharmacy to cover rural areas in Nigeria.

Further to these expansionist needs, the Conference urged the NEC of ACPN to integrate the online-driven drug distribution platform (P2P) concept and the digital toolbox for effective documentation and inventory management.

The conference implored the ACPN to optimize and leverage strategic partnerships for the growth of CPs.

7. The Conference charged NEC with setting up an ACPN Innovation Committee with the mandate to oversee ongoing projects. The conference pushed for continuity and progress of all initiatives that are on course.

The Conference conveyed its appreciation for the development of an ACPN aggregator platform - ACPN pharmacies.ng. The platform allows members of the ACPN to establish an online presence, manage their own dashboards, and facilitate direct transactions with clients.

8. The Conference applauded the concept of Pharma-Care centre in under-served areas of the country.

The conference called for the establishment of a Pharma-Care Centre in every local Government area in Nigeria.

The conference endorsed the maiden Pharma-Care Centre located in Afijio LGA of Oyo State while also adopting the recommendation that each State branch of the ACPN should set up at least one Centre in their State.

9. The Conference directed through its AGM that Past Chairmen of the ACPN shall no longer be eligible for appointments as CEOs of ACPN subsidiaries because of the propensity to generate entropy between incumbent Chairmen and Past Chairmen.

The conference further highlighted the significance of this resolution by insisting the resolution be implemented with immediate effect.

10. The Conference reviewed recent developments at NHIA and called on the Chairman and NEC to immediately explore necessary legal action to compel the implementation of the NHIA Act as amended and the PCN Act 2022 as it relates to the appropriate dispensing of drugs in social health insurance endeavors in Nigeria bearing in mind that over N1Trillion of drugs have been dispensed since 2006 by persons who have not aligned with the necessary provisions of law.

11. The Conference commended the FMoH for resuscitating the National Prescription Policy (NPP) which was brought to front burners in 2013 by the PSN leadership.

The conference appreciated the trajectory of the NPP committee but stressed the need to appoint a Pharmaceutical Consultant who must be a Registered Pharmacist within the purview of the PCN Act and a Medical Consultant who must be a Registered Medical Doctor within the ambit of the MDCN Act.

12. The conference conveyed its gratitude to HE Engr. Seyi Makinde, Governor of Oyo State, Chief Judge, Oyo State Government, and the good people of Oyo State for hosting and creating a conducive environment for the successful Annual National Conference of the ACPN.

13. At the end of the Conference, the following people were elected into the NEC for the 2024/25 year. They include:

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