

**REPORT PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT, DR ANTHONY. A. OMOLOLA DMP
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My dear brothers and sisters, it is with joy, great pleasure and gratitude to Almighty God, I address you this day.

My journey as your President and Chief Servant will come to an end after today but will continue as your servant in my capacity as IPP and later past President.

I heartily thank you all for the support, advice and prayers received from all. This has been the source of my energy and dedication to AGPMPN and our profession, in order to serve you and the population.

My passion for this great Association will ever continue to glow because she will eventually be the solution to Nigeria healthcare challenges!!

In my usual saying, any person in the leadership of AGPMPN at any particular time should “think”, “drink”, “act”, and “show” AGPMPN. The Association should always be placed over primordial self interest.

I have over the past four years consolidated on the solid foundation laid by my predecessors through the collaborative efforts of my national officers, NEC and generality of members.

Our tenure has witnessed a phenomenal growth and to this I give glory to God Almighty.

1. **CPD:** AGPMPN is the first to register as CPD provider with MDCN, with the technical support of USAID / SHOPS. We have conducted our CPD in line with MDCN guidelines as much as possible and this has given credibility to our Association. I sincerely appreciate the states that have conducted their CPD in line with the Association guidelines and mandate.
2. **AGPMPN Constitution:** The current Association’s constitution, Byelaw and standing Orders were ratified during this tenure on Saturday, 12th March, 2011, during our AGM in Ibadan. I commend the efforts of all in making this important document available for our use today.

3. **Post Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine:** As you are all aware AGPMPN is the Father of General / Family Medicine in Nigeria because the Association actually started the faculty in 1978, in a bid to develop and promote front line physicians. We have tirelessly worked with the faculty, which has invariably led to the Launch of the programme on 29th October, 2010 at Sickle Cell Centre LUTH. The following committee members that worked with me should be commended for making the Launch a reality: Prof. Inem, Dr. Eze-Okoye, Dr. Arigbabuwo, Dr. Eruaga, Dr. Orumbie, Dr. Akudo, and Dr. Sanda.

The first batch of the programme commenced Lectures on the 20th May, 2011 in three centres: Lagos, Abuja and Awka, and has since completed their programme. The second batch is in session now. As soon as other things fall in place, other centres will be accommodated. I believe this capacity building process will impact positively on healthcare delivery in this country.

4. **Group Life Insurance:** The policy has grown bigger than before, having realized the benefits that can be derived from it. We have paid all claims appropriately. We should endeavor to keep this programme alive and even actively involve our spouses and staff, since we have made it flexible to that level. I pray God will continue to preserve us from untimely death.
5. **Standing committees:** The new standing committees are hereby inaugurated today. Special committees, in which members have indicated their intention, are also hereby inaugurated today.
6. **WONCA:** Our Association continues to play a leading role with South Africa on Africa WONCA and WONCA World issues. During the WONCA World Conference in CANCUN MEXICO in May 2010, Dr. Sylvester Tola Osinowo was elected as Africa WONCA President and Dr. Matie Obaze President – Elect, all on the platform of AGPMPN. It was a good Arithmetic for Nigeria. In June 2013 in Prague, Prof. Michael Kidd took over from Prof Rich Roberts as the new WONCA President. Also, Prof. Rich Roberts took over from Prof. Chris Van Weel in CANCUN, 2010.
7. **World Family Doctor Day:** Since the declaration of Family Doctor Day in Cancun 2010, our Association has marked this important activity with a lot of funfair putting behind our minds, the issue of advocacy for WONCA and AGPMPN. All the three Family Doctor Day celebrations have been very

successful. Let me express my appreciation to our colleagues in different states that participated in these events especially Lagos, Rivers, Ogun, Oyo, Cross-River, Anambra and FCT.

8. **NHIS / NHB:** Our Association has been very proactive in making presentations and representations to NHIS / NHB Bills. I commend the efforts of all who have made it possible to achieve this. The NHB passed has some sections not favorable to us and for this; our Lawyer is currently working in conjunction with us to send again our position to the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria and Nigerians.
9. **NJGP:** Our journal has witnessed significant improvement through the efforts of the Editorial board led by Dr. Edo-Olotu. I am happy that Dr. Jide Onyekwelu who was recently appointed and ratified by NEC, and who had worked closely with Dr. Edo-Olotu will now lead the Editorial board.
10. **Data / Research:** In order to reposition our Association in Data / Research, we have decided to look inwards and have appointed Dr. Festus Kalu and also ratified by NEC recently.
11. **USAID / SHOPS:** We are working very closely with USAID / SHOPS. Members in some states where they operate have benefited from their programs ranging from family planning / wellness, How to manage a healthy business, Group practice – the way forward.
12. **Federal Ministry of Health / AGPMPN:** The Federal Ministry of Health has invited us to many of their programmes and activities including Save a Million Lives, Unlocking of the Potentials in Private Health Sector and Establishing Mega Hospitals in Nigeria. The report of the committee will be made public after its presentation to government.

For our own information, the report centered on Better Access to Funds, better regulatory and policy issues, government incentives to develop private health sector and other fiscal issues.
13. **IFC / First Bank / AGPMPN:** Discussions are ongoing with First Bank in partnership with IFC, on access to fund. We have had meetings and have all been sincere with ourselves in our discussions to ensure our colleagues have better alternative in terms of access to fund.
14. **POCT (Point of Care Test):** WONCA is encouraging POCT model in hospitals and clinics. This will ensure prompt and better healthcare delivery in

such facilities. To this effect, I have contacted some companies including First Foundation group, to put together special packages for our members that will be convenient in terms of pricing and financing. As this is concluded, members will be communicated appropriately.

- 15. Members Welfare:** Our Association has continued to show sense of responsibility as regards members' welfare. Permit me to thank those that have contributed in cash and kind to "distressed" members and those that celebrated one good thing or the other. This attitude will go a long way in keeping us together.
- 16. Diary / Calendar:** We have been able to provide diaries and calendars for two years each. It was a difficult venture in view of the economic situation but God has made it possible.
- 17. Spouse Support Group (SSG):** Realizing the importance of the support of our spouses in our private and public lives, I officially launched the SSG during our NEC in Yenogoa, Bayelsa state on the 30th July, 2011. I am happy our spouses have played supportive, advisory and advocacy roles for our Association. We should continue to encourage them.
- 18. Lapels:** Our dream of having our Association Lapel has been made possible with your assistance and support. We now wear it with **pride!!!**.
- 19. Advocacy:** We have used different media and fora to advocate for our Association and her membership. AGPMPN is now TALL!!!. Governments, and other Bodies, nationally and internationally now see us as a destination centre for the 21st century and beyond solution to our healthcare challenges in Nigeria. We must keep this alive.
- 20. Eagle Search:** We will renew our partnership with Eagle Search, as soon as their efforts to have a functional outfit are concluded. Already, members can visit their website for the work so far done by them - www.esrfng.com

Conclusion:

My dear colleagues, we must continue to dedicate ourselves to this Association, think deeply about her Existence, Sovereignty, and Progress at all times.

I thank you all for making this administration a "WE-Centric" Leadership pattern and for joining hands with me in ensuring we successfully changed the landscape of our

Association for better, using the 21st century approach of teamwork, capacity building, advocacy, lobbying and dialogue.

We need to be well focused always to reach our destiny and destination.

In the words of Winston Churchill “You will never reach your destination, if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks”.

Lastly and most importantly, I thank God Almighty for seeing me through these years, as your Chief Servant.

God Bless You All.

Long Live AGPMPN!!

Long Live Nigeria!!!

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