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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIR

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the year 2024.

We started off the year with a bang, partnering with Microsoft Philanthropies to provide digital upskilling for civil servants, equipping them with the skills they need to embrace the ongoing digitalisation of the Federal Civil Service. We also hosted our inaugural Alumni upskilling event, empowering 50 public servants with essential skills in project execution, funding, and measuring for impact.

In a series of courtesy visits, I extended congratulations to Professor Tunji Olaopa, the newly appointed Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission and Dr Tayo Aduloju, the new CEO of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group. During my visits, I reiterated the Foundation's commitment to public sector transformation and our willingness to partner with private and public sector entities who share our objectives.

You can read more about these and other updates in this newsletter.

Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede
Executive Vice-Chair.



**Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation and Microsoft Philanthropies Collaborate
to Boost Digital Readiness in the Nigerian Civil Service**



We are proud to announce our collaboration with Microsoft Philanthropies to deliver a training programme for the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), focused on elevating the digital proficiency of civil servants across diverse ministries. This programme will equip participating civil servants with essential digital skills, fostering a workforce that is not only digitally competent but also capable of driving continued innovation within the Civil Service.

The official commencement of the digital upskilling programme was marked by a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony in Abuja. 210 civil servants will participate in the first class of the programme.

Inaugural Alumni Upskilling Event



This month, we were delighted to hold our inaugural Alumni upskilling event, an initiative focused on empowering our programme alumni with the knowledge they need to drive impactful change

across the public sector. This first event focused on providing support to alumni on the implementation of reform projects in their organisations. Over 50 public servants attended and were immersed in a rich learning environment where they gained invaluable insights into crucial aspects of project planning and execution.



Key areas covered included securing funding, building strategic partnerships, monitoring and evaluation, and project impact measurement. We were honoured to be joined by serving Permanent Secretary Dr Magdalene Ajani and former Permanent Secretary Dr Dere Awosika, who shared their experience of implementing projects through transitions.

Courtesy Visit to Professor Tunji Olopa, Chairman Federal Civil Service Commission



During a recent courtesy visit, our Executive Vice-Chair, Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede and our

Director of Programmes, Chioma Njoku, warmly congratulated Professor Tunji Olaopa on assuming the role of Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC). They affirmed the Foundation's steadfast commitment to public sector transformation and its willingness to support the Commission's mandate.

Vist to Dr Tayo Aduloju, CEO Nigerian Economic Summit Group



Our Executive Vice-Chair, Ofofwe Aig-Imoukhuede and our Director of Partnerships, Bukky Akinsemoyin visited the recently appointed CEO of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), Dr Tayo Aduloju. Discussions focused on progress on the development of the Nigerian Public Sector Performance Index and on the research the Foundation is undertaking on public sector reforms. Both parties agreed to further the collaborative relationship that already exists between the organisations.

Alumni Update



Bashir Bringa Musa is a Deputy Director in the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Abuja.

Going into the AIG Public Leaders Programme, Bashir expected to gain valuable leadership skills

and insights into public sector challenges. *“The programme met and exceeded my expectations with its comprehensive curriculum and impactful learning experiences. It offered an immersive and enlightening experience, fostering a deep understanding of public leadership challenges and providing practical solutions. It was a transformative journey that enriched my professional perspective.”*

PLP participants are required to undertake a capstone project within their respective organisations, applying the knowledge gained during the programme. Bashir’s capstone project centred on advancing digital technology and implementing practical measures that enhanced the perimeter security of a high-value government building known as the SSPC, This was inspired by the incessant incidents of illegal intrusion of SSPC through the perimeter fence despite having security guards and a state-of-the-art Security Surveillance (CCTV) System. The project ensured real-time detection for a timely response and apprehension of intruders. The impact of Bashir’s project on security in SSPC is remarkable, with increased confidence in the security unit’s ability to protect lives and property, reduced cost of securing the perimeter and prevention of future security breaches and losses.

Bashir affirms that the programme has greatly impacted his work and career by equipping him with strategic leadership skills, a broader public-issue perspective, and effective problem-solving techniques.

He believes the *“AIG Public Leaders Programme is essential for the African public sector because it cultivates a cadre of skilled and visionary leaders. By addressing the region’s unique challenges, the programme plays a crucial role in fostering sustainable development, good governance, and effective public service delivery.”*



Employee Spotlight

Dr Nonye Egekwu- Director, Health Philanthropy



Please share your educational and professional background:

I have a degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nigeria and a Master of Science in Global Health and Development from the University College London. I am a Fellow and Member of the International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua), and a Quality Improvement (QI) trainer and coach.

My career spans over a decade in clinical medicine, Quality of care, Quality Improvement (QI), Maternal and newborn health, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Health financing, and COVID-19. In addition, I support governments utilise evidence for better healthcare decision-making.

What inspired you to pursue a career in the development sector?

Working as a clinician in Nigeria exposed me to the many challenges within the health sector that contribute to poor population health outcomes. I felt frustrated with patients being unable to afford care due to huge out-of-pocket payments; inadequate medical equipment was also a challenge as health workers struggled to provide care in these difficult conditions. This led me to consider population health and health systems as an alternative because I felt I could effect more positive changes using this approach, and here I am!

What do you do at the Foundation?

As Director of Health Philanthropy, I lead all health programmes of the Foundation, and I ensure that our aim, which is to improve access to quality Primary Health Care in Nigeria, is achieved. This includes but is not restricted to the Adopt A Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP) in partnership with the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN), which seeks to establish a 'standard' Primary Health Care facility in each of the 774 LGAs in Nigeria.

On this premise, the Foundation is adopting 23 of these PHCs across Nigeria, and the adoption process will ensure that all facilities are rehabilitated, critical medical supplies and equipment are provided, and frontline health workers are recruited and trained.

In addition, I am constantly engaging with the government and potential partners within the health landscape to ensure that we achieve our health goals as a Foundation.

What does your typical day look like?

This will entail starting off with reviewing my to-do list and meeting schedule early in the day. This helps to set the tone for my work day. I plan for and have my external and internal meetings, track the progress of programmes, and work on critical documents.

What makes the work that we do at the Foundation unique?

The fact that we are passionate about strengthening the public sector in Nigeria is inspiring! This is because the public sector is at the centre of the development of our country.

What do you find most rewarding about your work?

The fact that I can trace my daily routine work to the improvement of health outcomes for the communities in Nigeria is most rewarding!



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