

# AIG-IMOUKHUEDE FOUNDATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Notes from the Executive Vice-Chair

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter.

In November, we were delighted to welcome members of the faculty of the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford to Lagos, to conduct the residential week of the 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme. It was an intense week of lectures, classroom discussions, practical exercises and simulations, topped off by engaging “In Conversations” series with the Head of Service, Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, renowned reformer and development specialist Dr Joe Abah, and Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission. All three special guests generously shared their wealth of knowledge and experience with the programme participants and we are very grateful for their support of our work.

We were also proud to participate in the formal launch of the Adopt a Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP) in collaboration with the Private Sector Healthcare Alliance of Nigeria. To date 119 Primary Health Care facilities have been adopted across the country and we look forward to the improvement in national healthcare outcomes that will be achieved as a result of the programme.

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

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Executive Vice-Chair,  
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FEATURES

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## 2022 AIG PUBLIC LEADERS PROGRAMME (PLP) Residential Week



The residential week of the 2022 AIG Public Leaders Programme, delivered in partnership with the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, was held in Lagos between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November. This executive education programme, aimed at mid-level public servants, seeks to equip participants with the skills to build transformative cultures of excellence, effectiveness and integrity within the ministries, departments, and agencies they lead.

The week was an intense and demanding one, with the faculty from the Blavatnik School of Government engaging participants in lectures, classroom discussions, practical exercises and simulations, and group work. A key part of the residential week is the In Conversation series, during which programme participants get to hear directly from industry leaders with significant experience within the public and development sectors on how to effect the change we all desire. This year, we were delighted to have the Head of the Civil Service Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan address programme participants for the second year running, as well as Dr. Joe Abah, Country Director at DAI and Professor Bolaji Owasanoye, Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, (ICPC).

Programme participant Temitope Bakare, Deputy Director, Clinical Services, Lagos State Health Service Commission, said that the programme exceeded her expectations. She stated, *“The diversity of professionals in one hall was so surreal, giving birth to engaging conversations with different perspectives. The lectures and guest speakers broadened our horizon on the need to be intentional in growing our circle of influence in Nigeria and beyond. At the end of this residential week, my mind has been stretched by this new exhilarating experience and can never return to its old dimensions”*.

Another programme participant, Zukiswa Mqolomba, National Commissioner (Deputy Chairperson) at the Public Service Commission of South Africa, notes that she applied for the programme to increase her leadership aptitude and capabilities. She stated, *“The programme has helped build the necessary skills I need to improve the efficiency and*

effectiveness of my organisation.” She said that her experience in Nigeria was exemplary, and interacting with public sector workers from Nigeria opened her up to a network she did not know she needed.

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ALUMNI DINNER



To close out our week of activities, we hosted the 2022 PLP class and members of our Alumni Group to a networking dinner. In attendance were the Head of Service, Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan and members of our Leadership Council: Dr Dere Awosika, Mrs Fola Laoye, Mr Tunde Kehinde and Mr Ernest Ebi,

Over dinner, some of our alumni shared their how their professional effectiveness had been enhanced after going through our programmes. Mrs Folashade Osho, Assistant Chief Regulatory Officer at NAFDAC and 2020 AIG Scholar stated that her time at the University of Oxford had exposed her to new experiences and new ways of thinking that had shifted her mindset and expanded her capacity. She said her summer project gave her the required experience to take on an important role in a technical working group when she returned to Nigeria after the programme.

Mrs Bunmi Alugbin, an Urban Planner with the Lagos State Urban Renewal Agency and alumna of the 2021 PLP, stated that the PLP had equipped her with all the skills she needed to solve problems, initiate policies and implement them. She urged the 2022 PLP participants to maximise the opportunity the programme presented to build a supportive network of like-minded public servants.

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LAUNCH OF THE ADOPT A HEALTHCARE FACILITY PROGRAMME (ADHFP)





November witnessed the formal launch of the Adopt A Healthcare Facility Programme (ADHFP) by the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN). A few years ago, our Chairman, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, shared his vision for how the private sector could intervene in the primary healthcare space and positively contribute to the improvement of healthcare outcomes in the country. We were pleased to provide PSHAN with funding and technical support to fully develop the concept and make the Adopt a Healthcare programme a reality and we are delighted that the programme has now been formally launched.

The objective of the ADHFP is to adopt and standardise at least one Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) in each of Nigeria's 774 Local Government Areas and earlier this year, we announced a N2,3B commitment to adopt 23 PHCs, 17 of which are in Edo State. To date, 119 PHCs have been adopted in various states.

We call on all well-meaning Nigerians to support this initiative by committing to adopt a healthcare centre in their locality or state of origin, alone or collectively with others. This presents an opportunity to transform the healthcare outcomes for millions of Nigerian citizens and save lives. To find out more about the ADHFP, please click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to watch highlights from the event.



**AIG-IMOUKHUEDE PUBLIC SECTOR PERFORMANCE INDEX UPDATE -  
Validation Exercise for the Pilot Ministries**



Data collection for the pilot phase of the Aig-Imoukhuede Public Sector Performance Index was completed in October. In November, we embarked on a validation exercise with the Ministries participating in the pilot phase to confirm their responses and to allow them to challenge their preliminary scores with supporting evidence. We also took the opportunity to evaluate the entire data collection process in order to learn and improve upon them for subsequent phases of the Index development. To ensure the credibility and transparency of the Index computation, our partners, SERVICOM and the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) joined us on the validation exercise.

The sessions were successful and there was evident enthusiasm and buy-in from stakeholders for the objectives of the Index



## **28TH NIGERIAN ECONOMIC SUPPORT GROUP SUMMIT**

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In November, our Executive Vice Chair, Ofovwe Aig-Imoukhuede, moderated a plenary session, “Unlocking the Binding Constraints to Execution” at the 28th Nigerian Economic Summit.

The panel was made up of Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, the Head of Civil Service of the Federation (represented by Dr Magdalene Adjani, Permanent Secretary) , Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Mrs. Ifueko Omoigui-Okauru and Professor Tunji Olaopa.



## ALUMNI UPDATE



2019 AIG Scholar Hakeem Onasanya is the Special Adviser to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF). The Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) was established to tackle unemployment and promote entrepreneurship in Lagos State by empowering its residents with job and wealth-creation opportunities.

Hakeem applied for the AIG Scholarship to undertake a Master’s in Public Policy degree (MPP) because of his passion for public service and desire to positively impact his country and give back. He says that his time at Oxford was life changing.



“My experience at the Blavatnik School of Government was a once-in-a-lifetime, life-changing opportunity. I gained practical knowledge from academics and renowned public policy leaders on the nuances of public service. Most importantly, I learned the importance of focusing on the impact my work will have.”

Hakeem states that the diversity of his class provided lots of opportunities for knowledge transfer. With 123 class members from 50 different countries, students discovered that many of the issues countries face are not unique and that sometimes the best way to move forward is to learn from the successes and failures of other countries. He also learned the importance of continuous learning.

“During one of our lectures, we were told that after attending the University of Oxford, ignorance is no longer an excuse. This quote has followed into my career. I constantly tell myself that I cannot be an ambassador for the Aig-Imoukhuede Foundation and be ignorant about the world surrounding me. I, therefore, seek to educate myself constantly.” Hakeem says his experience at Oxford has made him approach his work with excellence and impact at the forefront of his mind. This means that he always does his very best and thinks about the real people who will benefit from his work.

“When you work in public service, you must serve the people; you are not doing them a favour. So, I approach my work with that mindset. I also carry out constant impact evaluations to assess how the beneficiaries of any project I am engaged in are faring and if it is solving the identified problem. Finally, I ensure that I obtain sufficient data so that the assessment of the results of our interventions is backed by evidence.”

A recent project he worked on was the Lagos MSME Recovery Project Fund, which the Governor of Lagos state set up to rehabilitate small businesses and inhabitants of Lagos who were affected by the aftermath of the END SARS protests. Hakeem was an integral part of the Committee and wrote the final project report.

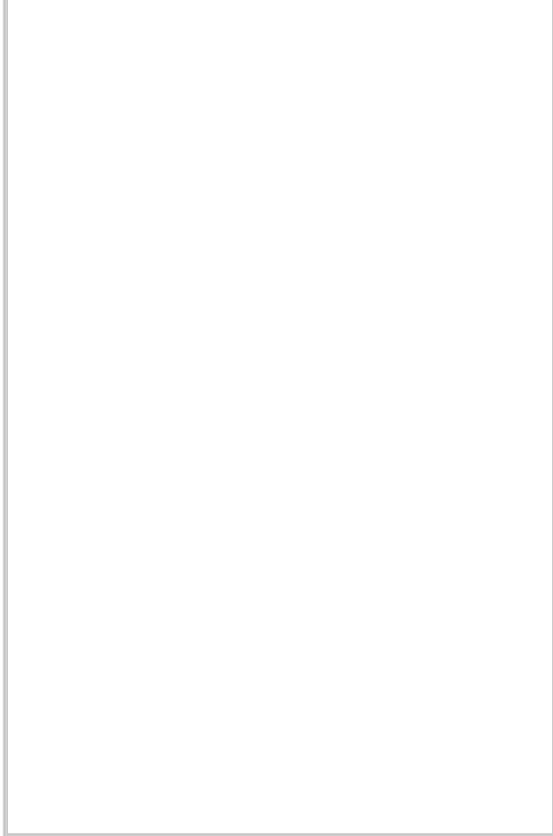
“Projects like this are why I work in the public sector. They allow us to show that the public sector can provide a service and that a keyway that citizens will reap the dividend of democracy is through the work of public servants.”

For his work, Hakeem was recently recognised by His Imperial Majesty the Ooni of Ife as a recipient of the 2022 Royal African Youth Leadership Award in the Entrepreneurship & Empowerment category.



## AIG SCHOLAR 2022 UPDATE





2022 AIG Scholar, Ayodele Awi, who is currently undertaking a Master’s in Public Policy at the University of Oxford, has been selected to join this year’s Global Leadership Challenge (GLC), a global initiative organised by The University of Oxford and the St. Gallen Symposium.

The Global Leadership Challenge aims to support emerging leaders to develop the wisdom and character required to tackle the most pressing challenges of our time. They are tasked to ideate solutions for a #NewGenerationalContract and got connected with global experts and advisors to bridge action, visions, and values to make a difference in the world.

To learn more about GLC, please click [here](#)



### THE OLUSEGUN OBASANJO FOUNDATION CELEBRATES WORLD DIABETES DAY



In November, we partnered with the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation as a platinum sponsor of their World Diabetes Day events themed "Education to Protect Tomorrow". Nigeria is one of the sub-Saharan African countries experiencing a rising prevalence of diabetes mellitus (DM). According to a meta-analysis reported by WHO, approximately 5.8% (about 6 million) of adult Nigerians are living with the condition.

The events, which aimed to educate Nigerians about the prevention and management of



diabetes featured free diabetes diagnosis, optical screening, the distribution of free prescription glasses and free eye surgeries.

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