



**NUTRITION
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NIGERIA**



PORT HARCOURT 2025



55th

**Scientific
Conference
& Annual General
Meeting**

Theme:

**Advancing Maternal, Infant, and Young Child
Nutrition in Nigeria: Innovations and Strategic
Partnerships for Sustainable Impact**

ARRIVAL DATE:

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

DEPARTURE DATE:

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

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**OBI WALI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
CENTRE, Chief G.U. Ake Road, City Centre,
Port Harcourt.**





**Nutrition Society
of Nigeria**

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote and foster the study and practice of nutrition in its widest sense.

To serve as a professional body in nutritional sciences, advice, advocate and influence government on matters concerning food and nutrition policy.

To cooperate and liaise with national and international organizations in the advancement of nutritional sciences.

To generate and hold funds for the purpose of furthering the above aims and objectives of the Society.

To provide a common forum for nutritionists, and public health professionals to liaise and co-operate with universities and research institutes, government departments, national commissions, corporate organizations, and other similar bodies for the exchange of professional and other relevant information in the promotion of nutrition, and national development.

To publish journals, newsletters, and other publications and information on nutrition.

To represent the interest of members on professional matters.

To carry out all such other functions that are lawful and conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.





National Anthem

Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribe and tongue may differ,
In brotherhood, we stand,
Nigerians all, and proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol
That truth and justice reign,
In peace or battle honour'd,
And this we count as gain,
To hand on to our children
A banner without stain.

O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country,
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity,
And uphold her honor and glory
So, help me God.



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His Excellency,

BOLA AHMED TINUBU GCFR

President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Chairman National Council on Nutrition



His Excellency,

KASHIM SHETTIMA GCON

Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
& Chairman National Council on Nutrition



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Special Guest Of Honour



MUHAMMAD ALI PATE, CON

Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare
Federal Republic of Nigeria



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SENATOR ABUBAKAR ATIKU BAGUDU, CON

Honourable & Coordinating Minister of Budget and Economic Planning,
Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning



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SEN. ABUBAKAR KYARI, CON

Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security,
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CHIEF UCHE GEOFFREY NNAJI

Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry
of Innovation, Science & Technology



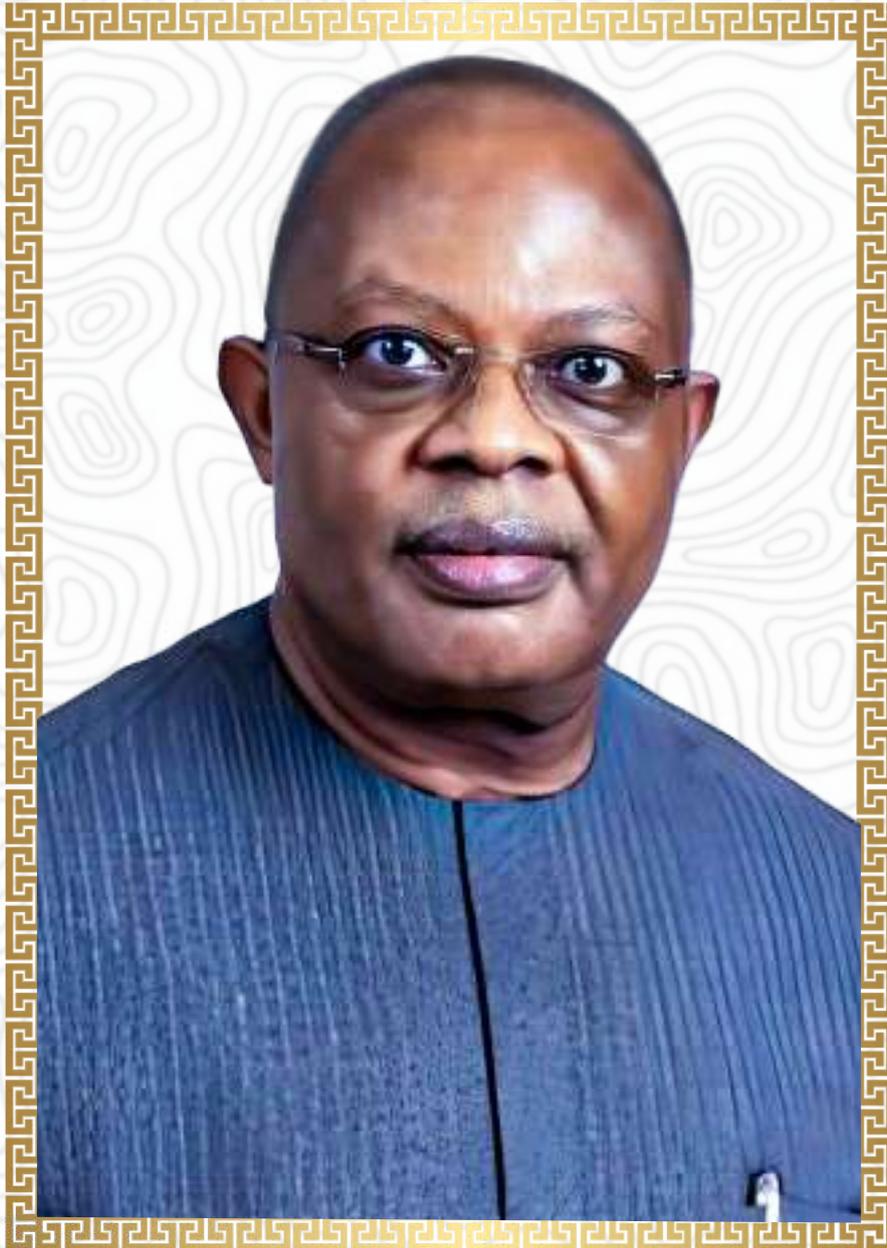
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HIS EXCELLENCY, VICE ADMIRAL (RTD)
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EMIR OF KANO



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Chairman of Opening Ceremony



DR. ADAEZE CHIDINMA OREH

Immediate Past Honourable Commissioner
for Health, Rivers State.



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Keynote Speaker



PROF. HENRIETTA N. ENE-OBONG, FNSN

Professor of Human Nutrition & Dietetics,
Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics,
University of Calabar, Cross River State.



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President Nutrition Society of Nigeria



PROF. SALISU MAIWADA ABUBAKAR, FNSN, FIDN



WELCOME ADDRESS BY

Professor Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, FNSN, FIDN
President, Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN)

At the Opening Ceremony of the 55th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria At the Obi Wali International Conference Centre, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Tuesday, 16th September 2025.

Protocol: As it exists.

ADDRESS

On behalf of the National Executive Council and the entire membership of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, it is my great pleasure, honour and privilege to warmly welcome you all to the 55th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of our Society, here in the vibrant Garden City of Port Harcourt, Rivers State. For over five decades, NSN has stood at the forefront of advancing the science and practice of nutrition in Nigeria. At the heart of our mission is the belief that good nutrition is both a human right and a foundation for national prosperity. Our members have contributed immensely to research, capacity building, programme design, implementation of nutrition interventions, evidence-based advocacy and policy development that support the growth and development of our dear country. Currently, the Society is hosting the Grand Challenges Nigeria (CGNg) project, supported by the Gates Foundation, to identify and provide effective innovative solutions to the grand challenges in health, food security and development of the nation, through an ecosystem of Nigerian innovators. The CGNg is co-led by NSN, Office of the Vice President and the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology.

This year's NSN Conference theme, "*Advancing Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition in Nigeria: Innovations and Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Impact,*" speaks directly to one of the most pressing challenges of our time and could not have been more timely. Nigeria continues to face the burden of malnutrition in all its forms, and addressing this challenge requires not only evidence-based strategies but also bold innovations and strategic collaborations among the government, private sector, academia, and development partners.

The sub-themes of the conference, ranging from climate-smart nutrition, micronutrient deficiencies control, integration into primary healthcare, digital solutions, public-private partnerships, workforce nutrition, and gender mainstreaming, among others, reflect the breadth and depth of what is required to move the needle. This conference, therefore, provides a unique opportunity to reflect, share evidence, and chart actionable pathways to ensure that all Nigerian mothers, infants and children are adequately nourished. Malnutrition in all its forms continues to threaten our nation's health and development, and we must act with renewed urgency, commitment, and creativity.

Our deliberations through keynote address, plenary and technical sessions, oral and abstract presentations, as well as exhibitions over the coming days, offer us a vital opportunity to not only share evidence but also build partnerships that can accelerate real progress in addressing malnutrition in Nigeria, especially as it affects Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN).

The Nutrition Society of Nigeria acknowledges the support and commitment of the Federal Government in improving the indices for Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition in Nigeria. It is worthy of note that the Federal Government of Nigeria has continued to demonstrate its commitment and has taken commendable steps to address malnutrition in all its forms and ensured that nutrition remains a priority in national development strategies. These efforts represent concrete steps toward reducing child malnutrition, maternal undernutrition, and addressing the rising burden of overweight and



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diet-related non-communicable diseases. Some of the steps taken by the Federal Government of Nigeria, which ranges from policies formulation to implementation of evidence-based nutrition interventions, include the Nutrition 774 (N774) Initiative coordinated by the Office of the Vice President and the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, the nationwide capacity building of frontline health workers on MIYCN, Multiple Micronutrients Supplementation (MMS) for pregnant women, Large Scale Food Fortification, among others led by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMoHSW), the biofortification and food systems transformation for healthy diets led by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the legislative efforts through standing Committee on Nutrition and Food Security, are a few examples of Federal Government efforts to addressing malnutrition in Nigeria.

States and Local Governments play a pivotal role in translating national policies into action at the community level. Across Nigeria, state governments are integrating nutrition into development plans, establishing budget lines for nutrition in all relevant MDAs, and strengthening the delivery of nutrition services through primary health care systems. Local government areas, through their primary health facilities and community outreach programmes, are engaging households directly, ensuring that nutrition interventions reach pregnant women, children, and vulnerable groups where they are most needed. We must commend the increasing number of States establishing State Committees on Food and Nutrition as well as legislative Committees on Nutrition and Food Security, and Local Governments that have demonstrated ownership by funding community-based nutrition interventions. These actions underscore the growing recognition that nutrition is central to human capital development. State and Local Governments have also continued to demonstrate ownership and scaling up interventions for addressing malnutrition.

We acknowledge with gratitude the unwavering support of our development partners, Civil Society Organizations, organised private sector and funders, including Gates Foundation, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Helen Keller International (HKI), Nutrition International (NI), Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), the Aliko Dangote Foundation (ADF), FHI360, Vitamin Angels, Evidence Action, development Research and Project Centre (dRPC), Civil Society for Scaling Up Nutrition (CS-SUN), and many others. Their investment in resources and technical expertise, financial support, and innovative approaches has helped scale interventions in maternal, infant, and young child nutrition, fortification, supplementation, and social and behaviour change communication.

The private sector equally remains a powerful partner. Through food fortification, workforce nutrition programmes, and corporate social responsibility initiatives, Nigerian businesses are contributing to improved nutrition outcomes. Partnerships between the government and the private sector are creating new opportunities for sustainable financing and innovation in nutrition delivery. The efforts of academic and research institutions in evidence generation through nutrition research, as well as the training of nutrition and dietetics professionals, are highly commendable. More institutions in Nigeria are considering the establishment of a Department of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Our traditional leaders, faith leaders, and community gatekeepers deserve special commendation. Their leadership ensures that nutrition messages and interventions resonate with households across Nigeria. Whether it is promoting exclusive breastfeeding, supporting community-based management of acute malnutrition, or encouraging dietary diversification, the influence of community leadership cannot be overstated. They remain vital allies in our collective quest to combat malnutrition in all its forms. Their leadership at the grassroots ensures that nutrition interventions reach households, mothers, and children—thus bridging the gap between policy and practice across the life cycle.

Permit me at this point to extend my sincere appreciation to all who have worked tirelessly to bring us together here today. To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, we say thank you for your sustained



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support, guidance and fatherly oversight. To my colleagues in the National Executive Council of NSN, I appreciate your tireless service, sacrifices and dedication to our common vision. To the State Chapter Leaders, you remain the true engines of our Society at the grassroots. To our distinguished Fellows, we remain grateful for your wisdom and guidance. To all Members and Student Members of NSN, you are the lifeblood of this Society, and your commitment to advancing nutrition science inspires us and gives us more courage to sustain the momentum. To the Chairperson of the Opening Ceremony, we sincerely appreciate your acceptance not only to chair the opening ceremony but also for providing support and guidance to the Conference Organising Committee. Equally, we appreciate the Keynote Speaker, an erudite scholar, a fellow of NSN and a mentor, for agreeing to share her wealth of knowledge and experience that is expected to set the tone for the deliberations around the conference theme and recommendations that will follow. We equally appreciate our partners in government, development organisations, civil society, academia, industry, and individuals whose contributions have made this 55th Conference possible. Specifically, we appreciate the support of the following for the success of this Conference: FMOHSW, Rivers State Government, Rivers State Primary Healthcare Management Board, UNICEF, HKI, NI, GAIN, ADF, dRPC, CS-SUN, Evidence Action, Charlotte XpertSolutions, Nutrition Drive for Healthy Diet Initiative (NDDI) Africa, and many others.

I wish to specially commend the Chair and Members of the Central Organising Committee for their diligence and resilience in putting this conference together. I want to thank the Government of Rivers State for their support and also for making us feel welcome in Port Harcourt. I also specially thank the Rivers State Chapter of NSN, our gracious hosts, for their extraordinary efforts in mobilising, planning, and ensuring that we all feel welcome in Port Harcourt. I deeply appreciate our Rivers State Chapter for hosting us, our partners and sponsors for their support, and all participants for your dedication to advancing nutrition in Nigeria.

Distinguished guests, colleagues, and friends, this year's NSN Conference theme is timely, relevant, and urgent, and it challenges us to think critically about the future of our nation's nutrition landscape, while drawing inspiration from innovations and partnerships that are already showing results. Let us use this platform to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and commit to bold actions that will transform nutrition outcomes in Nigeria. I urge us to think beyond scientific presentations, panel discussions, paper and poster presentations. Let us commit to translating the knowledge shared here into concrete actions. Let us leave Port Harcourt with renewed commitments and practical solutions that will ensure optimal nutrition and health of all Nigerians.

Together, we can build a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous Nigeria through advancing maternal, infant, and young child nutrition, and by so doing, contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. *Ending malnutrition in Nigeria requires innovation, strong partnerships, and the commitment of every sector. Together we can make it happen. From Port Harcourt 2025, let us leave not just with ideas, but with solutions that will transform communities and save lives.*

With this, I welcome you, once again, to the 55th Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, as I wish us fruitful deliberations and a memorable stay in the beautiful city of Port Harcourt.

Thank you.

God bless the Nutrition Society of Nigeria and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

IPROFILE

■ OF THE ■ NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

The Nutrition Society of Nigeria is a professional, non-governmental association founded in 1963 at the University of Ibadan. Her membership cuts across various disciplines. These includes, Nutrition, Agriculture, Biochemistry, Physiology, Medicine, Food Science and Technology, Public Health and Home Economics. Membership categories are as follows: Full, Associate, Student, Corporate, Life, Honourary, Fellow and Sustaining

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

- a. To promote and foster the study and practice of nutrition in its widest sense.
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AFFILIATION, CONTACT, COOPERATION AND NETWORKING

The Nutrition Society of Nigeria is an affiliate of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS).

The society is in contact with other Nutrition Society in the Africa Region through Federation African Nutrition society (FANUS).

The society also recognizes the importance of exchange of ideas with colleagues outside the region and therefore utilizes every opportunity for contact and networking with other Nutrition Societies Outside the Africa region.

The society has linkage with:

- A. Government Agencies
 - National Committee on Food and Nutrition (NCFN)
 - Relevant Ministries/Agencies
- B. Institutions of Higher Learning (Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education/ Agriculture etc. especially Nutrition Training Institutions)
- C. Societies e.g., Nigeria Institute Food Science and Technology, Home Economics Association Nigerian, Nigerian Dietetics Association etc
- D. Research Institutions
- E. Food and Beverages Industries
- F. National/ International NGOs and NGDOS

FUNDING

The Nutrition Society of Nigeria is a non-profit making professional organization depending mainly professional organization subscriptions and donation from collaborators including international Agencies, Corporate bodies and from professional services.

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SUNDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

Activity	Date
Arrival/registration	Sunday, 14th September
Pre-conference workshop	Monday, 15th September
Official opening/Plenary session	Tuesday, 16th September
Symposia/Plenary session/technical sessions	Wednesday, 17th September
Plenary session/technical sessions/AGM/Closing Formalities	Thursday, 18th September
Departure	Friday, 19th September



Programme of Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Workshop theme: "From Ideas to Impact: Practical Skills in Effective Grantsmanship" Building capacity to transform concepts into competitive, fundable, and impactful projects

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30pm

Venue: Obi Wali International Conference Centre, Ake Road, City Centre, Port Harcourt

Facilitators: Dr. Charles Nkwoala; Prof. Folake Olukemi Samuel; Dr. Anthony Oko-Isu; Prof. Marshall Azeke

Chair: Dr. Victor Ajjeroh

Rapporteurs: Obidaa, Etienne Ezenwa; Laminu, Hauwa Hajjagana; Adebayo-Oke, Bosede Odunayo and Ani, Peace N.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 CONFERENCE DAY 1

Time	Activity
8.30 am- 9:30am	Plenary session I

Organization name: Federal Ministry of Health & Social Welfare

Title/Topic: "Strengthening MIYCN in Nigeria: From Policy to Practice" highlighting evidence-based interventions and innovations on MIYCN practices in Nigeria.

Presenter: Mrs. Ladidi K. Bako-Aiyegbusi, mni

Chair/Moderator: Mr. Abatta Emmanuel

Panelists/Discussants: Dr. Yusuf Fatima Mohammed, Dr. Sam Obasi, Mrs. Ephraim George I. R, Dr. Vincent Wachukwu, Hadiza Joy Marcus, Dr. Victor Ogbodo, Prof. Nsirimobu Ichendu Paul, Nemat Hajjeeboy, Mr. S. Okoronkwo.

Rapporteurs: Dr. Ijioma Okorie, Mr. Cyril O. Anoshirike

9.30 am- 10:30am TEA BREAK



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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
CONFERENCE DAY 1**

OPENING CEREMONY- PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

**(Obi Wali International Conference Centre,
Ake Road, City Centre, Port Harcourt)**

Under the distinguished chairmanship of:

Dr. Adaeze Chidinma Oreh

*Immediate Past Honourable Commissioner of Health
Rivers State*

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Henrietta Ene-Obong, FNSN

*Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Nutrition Society of
Nigeria*

His Highness

KHALIFA MUHAMMAD SANUSI II, Ph.D. CON

Emir of Kano

President, Nutrition Society of Nigeria

PROF. SALISU MAIWADA ABUBAKAR, FNSN, FIDN

Rapporteurs

**Dr. Getrude Onyeji, Dr. Ucheoma Asiegbu
& Dr. Minaseichinbo**



Time	Activity
10:30am - 10:35am	Arrival of Guests
10:35am - 10:40am	Recognition of Guests
10:40am - 10:45am	National Anthem
10:45am - 10:50am	Welcome Address- Prof. S.M Abubakar, FNSN, President, NSN
10:50am - 10:55am	Opening Remark- Chairman of the occasion- Dr. Adaeze Chidinma Oreh (Immediate Past Honourable Commissioner of Health, Rivers State
10:55am - 11:15am	Remarks –Chairman, BOT His Highness Khalifa Muhammad Sanusi II, Ph.D. CON, Emir of Kano
11:15am - 11:20am	Citation of Keynote Speaker- Dr. Chika Isabelle Ndiokwelu
11:20am - 12:00noon	Keynote Address - Prof. Henrietta Ene-Obong, FNSN Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics, University of Calabar, Cross River State
12:00noon - 12:10pm	Interlude-Cultural Troupe
12:10pm - 12:20pm	Remarks by Special Guests of Honuor- Muhammad Ali Pate, CON (Coordinating Minister of Health And Social Welfare Federal Republic Of Nigeria) - Senator Abubaka Atiku Bagudu, CON, (Honourable & Coordinating Minister of Budget and Economic Planning) - Sen. Abubakar Kyari,CON (Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Federal Republic of Nigeria) - Chief Uche Geoffry Nnaji, (Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry Of Innovation, Science & Technology) - Remark By Guest Of Honour- His Excellency, Vice Admiral (RTD) Ibok-ete Ekwe Ibas CFR (Sole Administrator, Rivers State).
12:20pm - 12:30pm	Goodwill messages-NSN Partners (Federal Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, Rivers State Government, GAIN, Nutrition International, Aliko Dangote Foundation, UNICEF, CS-SUNN, Helen Keller International, Development Research & Project Centre, Charlotte Xpertsolutions Limited, Evidence Action, Nutrition Drive for Healthy Diet Initiative (NDDI), Rivers State Primary Health Care Board.
12:30pm - 12:50pm	Award & Recognition- Dr Chiaka Charles Nkwoala Induction of New Members- National General Secretary, Dr Oluwaseun ARIYO and Assistant National General Secretary, Dr. Yewande Uthman-AKINHANMI
12:50pm - 12:55pm	Chairman's closing remarks- Dr. Adaeze Chidinma Oreh
12:55pm - 1:00pm	Vote of thanks- Prof. Ogechi Nzeagwu (Chairman, COC)
1:00pm - 1:05pm	Group Photograph
1:05pm - 2:00pm	ADF-NSN Interschool Nutrition Debate Chairman- Major Edith Nwachinaemere
2:00pm -2:05pm	Closing prayer
2:00pm-2:10pm	National Anthem
2:10pm-3:00pm LUNCH BREAK	
3:00pm - 4:00pm Plenary session II	

Organization name: UNICEF
Title/Topic: Driving Sustainable Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition in Nigeria: Harnessing Innovations Partnership, and Local Solutions
Presenter/Moderator: Prof. Olumuyiwa Owolabi
Chair: Prof. Ngozi Nnam



Rapporteurs:

Dr. Abdulkadri Mohammed & Mark Blessing Collins

4:00pm-5:00pm

Plenary session III

Organization name:

HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL

Title/Topic:

Empowering Women to Build Resilient Communities: Women-Led Nutrition and Livelihoods in Fufore LGA, Adamawa State, Nigeria
(Presenter- Donna Edwin)

Food Fortification Awareness and Perceptions Among Nigerian Households: Evidence from a Multi-State Study **(Presenter- Ms Bolarinwa Dudulewa)**

Leveraging Geospatial Technology for Improved Program Effectiveness: Enhancing Post-Event Coverage Surveys (PECs) through QGIS in MNCHW Implementation in Nigeria **(Presenter Kingsley Azu)**
Real-Time Monitoring of MNCHW: Effectiveness of Call-In Data for System Strengthening and NHMIS Adaptation in Six Nigerian States **(Presenter- Absalom Samuel)**

Impact of Deworming on Nutritional Outcomes Among School-Aged Children in Nigeria **(Presenter- Salisu Ahmed)**

Chair:

Mr. Michael Daniel Eveshoyan

Rapporteurs:

Mrs. Faith Akutse Ishaya-Nyam

5:00pm

Closing

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
CONFERENCE DAY 2**

Time

Activity

8:00 am- 9:00am

Plenary session IV

Organization Name:

CIVIL SOCIETY SCALING UP NUTRITION IN NIGERIA

Title/Topic:

Strengthening Anaemia Control and Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) Uptake in Nigeria: Policy, Funding and Programmatic Perspectives

Chair:

Mrs. Ladidi-Bako Aiyegbusi mni, Director & Head, Nutrition Department, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare

Presenter:

Dr Anthony Oko-Isu, Researcher/ARN-SUNN Representative

Panel Session Moderator : Prof K. M. Anigo, National Coordinator, ARN/SUNN

Panel Discussion:

1. Policy, Programmatic, and Funding Perspectives
2. Government and Partner roles in anaemia and MMS interventions: Funding challenges and opportunities for sustainable resource mobilization, strengthening health system delivery and supply chain for MMS
3. Strategies to enhance community awareness, uptake, and adherence
Multisectoral coordination and policy integration

Panelists:

Nemat Hajeebhoy, Chief of Section, Nutrition (UNICEF, Nigeria); Ridwan



Awosanya, Program Manager (CS-SUN); Dr Khadija Alarape, Director, Oyo State Ministry of Health; Abdullahi Muhammad, Jigawa State Nutrition Officer; Loveth Onwuzuluike, Enugu State Nutrition Officer

Rapporteurs: Dr Victor Bassey & Akinade Ogunniyi

9:00am- 10:00am TEA BREAK
10:00am- 11:00am Plenary session V

Organization name: GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION
Title/Topic: Assessment of the Implementation of the 2016-2025 National Policy on Food and Nutrition (NPFN) and Insights for the Next Policy Framework.
Presenter: Dr. Olutayo Adeyemi (University of Ibadan)
Chair: Prof. Bartholomew, I.C Brai (Federal University Oye-Ekiti)
Moderator: Joyce Akpata (Head, Policy & Advocacy, GAIN Nigeria)
Panelists/Discussants: Mrs. Clementina Okoro, Prof. Kola Anigo, Dr. Victor Ajieroh
Rapporteur(s): Dr. Cyril Anoshirike

Time	Activity
11:00am- 12:00noon	Plenary session VI

Organization name: NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL
Title/Topic: Advancing the use of Community Structures to Improve Maternal and Child Nutrition Outcomes in Northern Nigeria
Presenter: Mr. Adebisi Babajide (15mins)
Discussant: Victoria Agommuo, NI Kano State Coordinator, Ayodele Gbemileke, SPO MNHN, Amina Atta, SPO Child Survival & Junaidu Sani VAS (35 mins)
Chair: Prof. Wasiu A.O Afolabi, FNSN
Rapporteurs: Edith Kenneth Chinyere & Basiru Muhammad

Time	Activity
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Plenary session VII

Organization name: GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION
Title/Topic: Understanding the cost of a Healthy Diet (CoHD) and Implications for Food Security, Policy and Monitoring in Nigeria
Presenter: Dr. Carol Joseph (Head of Nutrition Services, RSPHCMD) and Dr. Olutayo Adeyemi (Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Science Policy Fellow, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security)
Chair: Alhaji. Nuhu Kilishi (Director of Nutrition & Food Safety Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security)
Rapporteur(s): Oluyinka Oroniran

1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch/ Q&A

2:00pm-4:00pm Technical Parallel Session I: (3 breakout sessions)
 Scientific Oral and Poster Presentation
Chair: Prof. Olivia Afam-Anene; Prof. Kayode Ajayi, Prof. Mercy Ifeanacho Akinkuotu, Rereoluwa Anne, Blessing Adienbo; Elizabeth Okonkwo; Olaitan Olubukola; Akanabu Favour; Benneth, Ihuoma Chinonyerem
Rapporteurs:

4:00pm- 5:00pm Professional networking
5:00pm Closing



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
CONFERENCE DAY 3

Time	Activity
9:00am-10:00am	Technical Parallel Session II: (3 breakout sessions) Scientific Oral and Poster Presentation

Chair: Prof. Adepoju Oladejo Thomas; Prof. Margaret Agiang; Dr. Mustapha M. Jubril

Rapporteurs: Dr Minaseichinbo Bamson; Kelechi M. Anoshirike; Umeaku, Obioma Patricia, Dtn. Wodah Emmanuel; Akinseyoju Olubusola Priscilla & Fasinas Samuel

10:00am-10:30am **TEA BREAK**
Plenary session VIII

10:30am-11:30am NEC and State Chapters forum (North & South) meeting
11:30am-12:30pm SNO State/ Regional reports
Chair: Dr. Maimuna Aliyu Ladidi and Dr. Chiaka Charles Nkwoala
Rapporteurs: Dr. Peter Malachy Babangida & Basiru Muhammad

1:30pm- 2:30pm **LUNCH BREAK**

2:30 Pm- 4:30pm NSN Annual General Meeting
NSN Students Assembly
4:30pm Closing

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A GOODWILL MESSAGE Aliko Dangote Foundation

to the 2025 55TH Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting'
of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria.

Thank you for inviting Aliko Dangote Foundation to deliver a goodwill message to the 2025 Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria. It's important to place on record the deep appreciation of the leadership of the Society to organize the 55th edition of this conference. Having held a conference of this magnitude consistently for fifty-five years, it says a lot about your resilience and efforts at resolving one of the global challenges. The theme for this year, **"Advancing Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition in Nigeria: Innovations and Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Impact,"** resonates deeply with our mission to foster social change through strategic investments in health, education, and economic empowerment.

As we all actively participate in this year's Conference, we must remind ourselves that the situation for Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) in Nigeria is dire, characterized by high rates of child malnutrition, low exclusive breastfeeding rates, poor micronutrient intake, and limited access to treatment. Despite some progress made and all efforts to improve services, malnutrition remains a major public health challenge, particularly linked to increased risks of child death, cognitive impairment, and low productivity. When you relate to child deaths, malnutrition is the single greatest cause (>50%). No wonder why malnutrition has made every strategy for health, education, and prosperity an uphill struggle.

Therefore, addressing malnutrition requires a multifaceted, integrated strategy, including improving food systems through sustainable agriculture, reducing poverty and inequality, promoting nutrition-focused interventions like local sources of ready-to-use therapeutic/supplementary foods, ensuring access to clean water and sanitation, reducing food waste, and addressing underlying causes such as conflict and climate change. A combination of short-term food assistance and long-term development programs, supported by strong social safety nets, education, and policy changes, is crucial for sustainable progress toward ending hunger and achieving zero hunger by 2030. The response of Aliko Dangote Foundation is to focus on nutrition, with wrap-around



interventions centred on health, education, and empowerment. Hence, its flagship nutrition programme, tagged “**Aliko Dangote Foundation Integrated Nutrition (ADFIN)**” is being implemented to treat children with wasting, and reach their households with improved nutrition, hygiene and care-seeking behaviours, food security, livelihoods, and social protection that will increase access to a diverse nutritious diet – especially among women and their children.

In addition, ADFIN Programme is being complemented by leveraging the voice and leadership (resources) of the Foundation to catalyze greater efforts and resources on nutrition in Nigeria and across Africa. Prominent among these include:

- A series of Annual CEO Forum on Food Processing & Nutrition Leadership that increased the average compliance rates to national fortification standards by food industries.
- Leveraging the power of ADF's partnerships with the World Bank and Gates Foundation in enabling results through Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF)'s Partnership for Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) that increased access of women, adolescent girls, and children to basic package of nutrition services against.
- Banking on Nutrition Partnership with African Development Bank (AfDB) and Big Win Philanthropy that saw a dramatic increase in the total funding on nutrition-smart projects.

The above are typical development efforts that rely on partners from all sectors, one that should inspire us to identify where their successes can be replicated. The recipe for success can be recreated everywhere, because the ingredients are simple: a clear understanding of the problem, the political will to pass and enforce strong laws to tackle it, strong partnerships across all sectors, and education about nutrition and feeding practices for communities. It does not take massive amounts of money and resources, but it does take commitment from governments, along with strategies that are grounded in reality.

We commend your steadfast commitment to improving nutrition outcomes and reaffirm our support for your vital mission. Let's continue to work together, leveraging our collective expertise and resources, to ensure every child in Nigeria and across Africa reaches their full potential.

Thank you for all your tireless efforts, and we look forward to a continued partnership for lasting impact.



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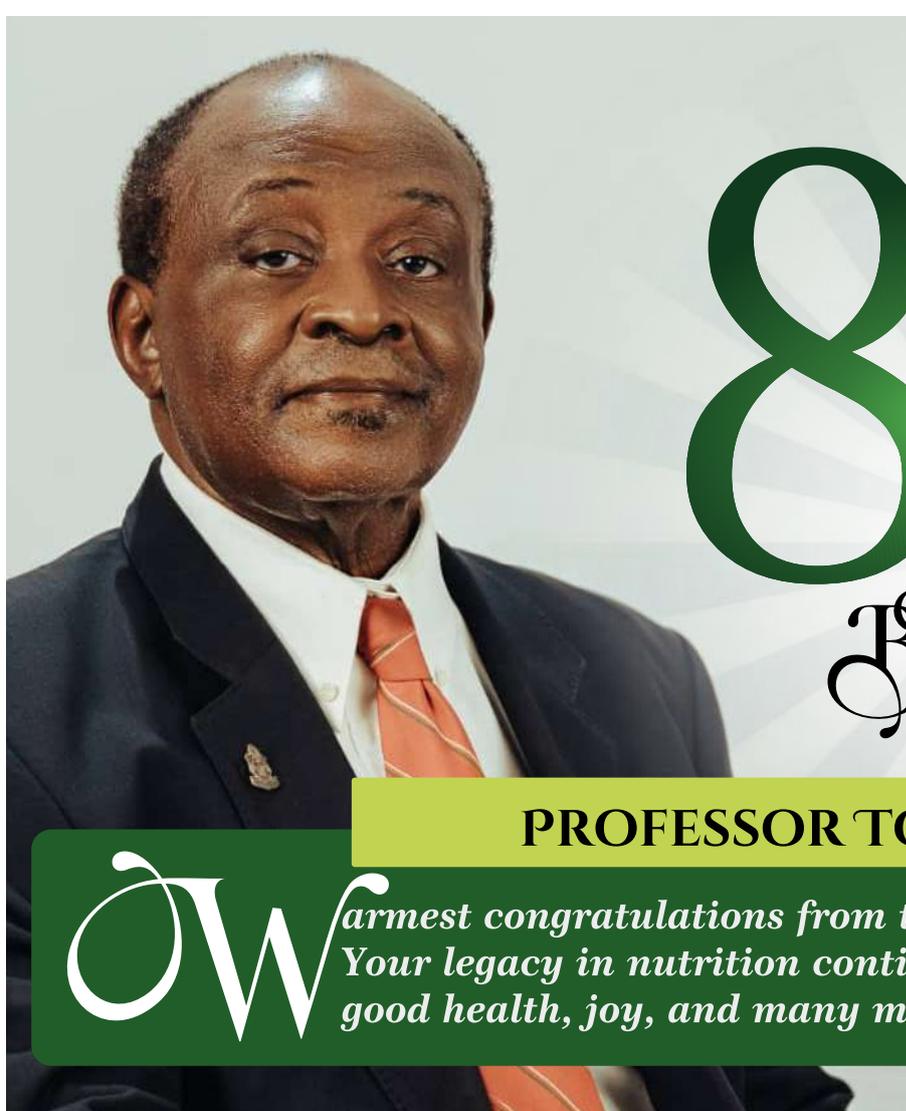
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