

PRESS RELEASE

Global African Women in Medicine (GAWIM) Summit: Empowering the Next Generation of Women in Medicine

Gentlemen of the Press.

In 2018, I envisioned a vibrant and supportive community where early and mid-career ambitious and high achieving female doctors could be mentored and supported on their journey. This we achieve through year-round activities specifically designed to provide empowerment for the next generation of Global Africa female doctors. Many of these doctors, though global in their locations of practice, are connected to Africa in passion and heart.

Excellence in Medicine Ladies Network (EIM) is our global leading network where these female doctors and medical students are mentored and supported to achieve all round excellence in life and career and it empowers its members with resources, opportunities, support, and mentorship to overcome barriers to personal growth, career advancement, and global impact so that they can excel. Our vision centers on equipping these physicians to provide sustainable healthcare solutions for Africa, through community impact and economic development, while simultaneously building lasting legacies in their profession.

This aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3, 5, 8, & 10, which emphasize good health and well-being, gender equality and women's empowerment, inclusive and decent work opportunities, and reduced inequalities within and across countries by eliminating discriminatory practices based on social determinants like age or migration status. This vision birthed the **Global African Women in Medicine (GAWIM) Summit**.

On March 8, 2025 at the Marriott Hotel, G.R.A. Ikeja, Lagos, the Excellence In Medicine Ladies Network (EIM), will host the highly anticipated edition of the Global African Women in Medicine (GAWIM) summit, celebrating the remarkable achievements of women in the medical field and focusing on the **theme “Empowering the Next Generation of Women in Medicine.”** This prestigious event will also be **in commemoration of the International Women’s Day 2025**, underscoring the importance of empowering future generations of African women to lead globally. The summit will bring together distinguished healthcare professionals, educators, innovators, and leaders from across Africa and the global medical community to discuss the challenges and opportunities women face in the field of medicine, as well as providing mentorship, networking opportunities, and inspiration to encourage women in their stages of their medical careers. We are honored to have confirmed the attendance of our chairperson and mother of the day, current Vice chancellor of the Lagos State University, Prof. Olatunji Bello mni, NPOM, President of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria, Lagos State branch (MWAN) Dr. Funmi Ige, prominent physician entrepreneurs Dr. Toyin Akande-Ajala, Founder/CEO JBS medicare and Gerontology Centre, Dr. Olayemi Dawodu CEO Cerba-Lancet Nigeria; Preventative cardiology and health influencer Dr. Moni Adanijo, academicians like Dr Moyosore Makinde and government officials like Dr. Toni Adeyemi, Dr Sola Pitán, among other esteemed speakers all of whom will share their experiences and insights on accelerating action for empowerment in medicine.

The event will be headlined by the following scholars

CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON

*Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, Mni, NPOM
Vice Chancellor, Lagos State University*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Dr. Olutoyin Akande, MBBS MRCP (UK)
CEO, JBS Gerontology Center / Medicare Services In Nigeria*

*Dr. Monisola Adanijo (Preventative Cardiologist and Social Media Health influencer)
Dr. Lolade Adeyemi, (Special Adviser To Hon. Minister of State for Education)
Dr. Toni Adeyemi, (Special Adviser to the Commissioner for Health, Lagos State)
Dr. Olayemi Dawodu (MD/CEO Cerba Lancet, Nigeria)
Dr. Ore Makinde (HOD Family Medicine,Lasuth)
Dr. Sola Pitan (MD/CEO, Orile Agege General Hospital, Lagos)
Dr. Chichi Menakaya (Consultant, Orthopedic and Trauma Surgeon UK)
Dr. Miriam Mutebi, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, KENYA, Vice president AORTIC)
Dr. Jumoke Adedoyin (Dental Surgeon, and COO Affordable care USA)
Dr. Jovita Oruwari (Surgical breast oncologist USA)*

The primary objective of the summit is to inspire and encourage Global Africa female doctors to pursue leadership roles, build networks, and contribute to the transformation of healthcare systems.

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The summit discussions will be centered on the following;

- Breaking Barriers: Overcoming challenges and stereotypes in the medical field Innovation
- Healthcare: Driving advancements in medical research and practice
- Mentorship and Sponsorship: Fostering the next generation of female leaders in medicine
- Personal and family life: Navigating the complexities of balancing a successful career as a woman in and outside of medicine.

Other features of GAWIM are:

Empowerment Panel Discussions: Insightful conversations with thought leaders and trailblazers in the medical field, focusing on how to empower young women to take leadership roles in healthcare.

Networking Opportunities: A platform to connect aspiring women in medicine with successful mentors, fostering future collaborations and career growth.

Workshops on Leadership Development: Practical sessions aimed at building leadership skills, advocating for policy changes, and creating impactful healthcare solutions led by women.

Celebrating Excellence: A special tribute to the achievements of African women in medicine, recognizing those who have made significant contributions to healthcare innovation and public health.

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Join us in marking International Women's Day by celebrating the transformative power of women in medicine and advocating for a future where all women, especially those from African backgrounds, have the opportunity to lead and innovate in healthcare globally.

Warm regards,

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