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CANPAD President's Report

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Fellow Physicians and Dentists:

Greetings and God bless Nigeria, especially on this our National day.

Thank you for electing me to be your President for the next 2 years. I wish to use this opportunity to thank Dr. Kola Oyewumi (past President) and his executive committee for their enthusiasm and the excellent job they did for CANPAD over the last 2 years. I pray that we may build on their success over the next 2 years.

Allow me to briefly share my vision for CANPAD for the upcoming years. Let us:

1. Excel in integrity and professionalism. Wherever you are, whatever your specialty, there you are planted. Bloom! As a visible minority group, we have to excel to be noticed.
2. Support other CANPAD members in your community through quarterly social meetings. I encourage the regional representatives and executive members to take leadership in their communities by organizing these meetings.
3. Make a special effort to attend the annual CANPAD meetings. It is easier for us to work well together if we know each other personally.
4. Participate in the plan to export enthusiasm for integrity and professionalism back to Nigeria. This can be done at the grassroots level through medical missions and other ways of participating in developmental activities in our villages, universities, churches, mosques, and in the nation's capital. To this end I commend those of you who have already been doing this for years.

Please forward this letter to other Nigerian physicians and dentists and encourage them to participate in CANPAD activities. The executive and I welcome your suggestions and comments.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Ekong,

President, Canadian Association of Nigerian Physicians and Dentists