

## 2016 Annual Report of the Regional Pharmaceutical Forums to the FIP Council

**Forum name:** AFRICAN PHARMACEUTICAL FORUM

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**Current Member Organisations (name of organisations, country)**

	Name of Organisation	Country	Number of Members
1	Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria	Nigeria	11,500
2	Ghana Pharmaceutical Society	Ghana	2,000
3	Pharmaceutical Society of Liberia	Liberia	400
4	Pharmaceutical Society of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	1,200
5	Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania	Tanzania	350
6	Pharmaceutical Society of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe	500
7	Pharmaceutical Society of Cameroun	Cameroun	600

8	Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya	Kenya	3,000
9	Pharmaceutical Society of Togo	Togo	500
10	Pharmaceutical Society of Cote D'Voire	Cote D'Voire	1,634
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### **Main activities of the Forum between January 2015 and May 2016:**

- 25th March, 2015 Launched APF Website with support of Pfizer International.
- Co-joined and issued questionnaire to member organisations for demographic survey.
- September, 2015 – attended FIP Congress in Dusseldorf, Germany.
- September, 2015 – Published APF Annual Journal.
- 17th November, - Attended CIOPF General Assembly in Paris, France with the Liaison officer  
to interact with Francophone Pharmacists with the kind cooperation of Dr. Isabelle Adenot as part of membership drive.
- 31st Dec 2015 – Investigated and responded to FIP enquiry on Glaxo Smithline decision to  
stop providing their medicines to some Francophone countries in Africa  
and  
decision was based on poor drug regulatory frameworks in the affected countries.
- Jan, 2016 – made letter to WHO regional office for collaboration till date no reply.
- Feb 2016 – Forward APF main Project on containing antimicrobial resistance through strengthened pharmacists education and training in line with WHO World assembly adoption of a global plan on antimicrobial resistance with specific clear  
objectives and was not approved by FIP.
- Feb, 2016 – Recommended 3 African Candidates for FIP Congress Scholarship and 2 were successful from Ethiopia and Nigeria

**Highlights of events in the region between January 2015 and May 2016 where the Forum was involved:**

- Successfully launched APF functional website.
- Collaborated with Francophone countries and this is on-going.
- Membership drive within the región.
- Planned regional workshop/meeting for June, 2016.
- Published Regional Journal with focused on Ebola and malaria vaccine –new hope for African Continent.

**Key collaboration with other stakeholders of the region (including the WHO Regional Office and other organisations)**

- We are yet to establish a working relationship with WHO regional office. However, we collaborat with WHO in Nigeria, Pfizer International and USAID.

**Current projects:**

- Membership drive within the continent
- Containment of antimicrobia resistance in Africa.
- Fight against emerging diseases Zika and Ebola.
- Sustained FIP good pharmacy practice guidelines to member organisations.

**Main challenges:**

- Poor collaboration with WHO.
- Lack of funds to drive the Forum as members are unable to pay their annual subscriptions.
- Language barrier and strong pockets of sub-regional activities which the ECXO is addressing.