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**THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)**



The Constitution

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ARTICLE ONE

PREAMBLE

1. Preamble

We, the Registered Pharmacists in Community Practice in Nigeria having solemnly resolved: to establish and sustain a high standard for the profession, by empowering Community Pharmacists while protecting the people and to join hands as Men Of Honour to protect the Pharmacy profession: DO HEREBY make, enact and give to ourselves the following Constitution:

ARTICLE TWO

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. Name of the Association

The name of the Association shall be the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACP/N) hereinafter called the "Association".

3. Registered office of the Association

The registered and administrative office of the Association shall be situated in Lagos with a liaison office in Abuja.

4. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Association shall include but not limited to the following:

1. To protect, project and harmonise the overall interests of the members of the Association.
2. To update the practice methods of the members through seminars and continuing education programmes.
3. To establish and maintain cordial relations with all other sections of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria and indeed, all other



professional bodies.

4. To maintain the Code of Ethics of the Profession.
5. To promote programs that will further enhance the prestige and image of the Profession and Pharmacists

ARTICLE THREE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

5. Membership of the Association

- (1) Full membership of the Association shall be open to all Pharmacists that satisfy all the following conditions:
 - a. registered by the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN).
 - b. in full-time distribution, wholesale, or retail Pharmacy practice in a PCN registered Pharmaceutical Premises, and
 - c. are active, and have paid both State and National ACPN annual dues.
- (2) There shall be a branch of the Association established in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and in each of the (36) States of Nigeria.

6. Annual dues to be paid by members shall be as determined by the Association's National Executive Council (NEC).

7. Loss of membership

- (1) Any person whose name is removed from the Register of Pharmacists within the meaning and application of the PCN Establishment Act 2022 and subsequent legislations shall cease to be a member of the Association for as long as the reason for the removal subsists.
- (2) Any person who is declared by a Registered Psychiatrist as unfit to perform the functions of a Registered Pharmacist, shall cease to be a member of the Association.



- (3) Any person who is found guilty of gross misconduct as may be determined by the Disciplinary Committee of the Association and upon the approval of the National Executive Council (NEC) of the Association (NEC) may also have his/her membership suspended.
- (4) It shall be lawful to suspend any State Branch of the Association by NEC for an act that is tantamount to gross indiscipline, gross misconduct and or disservice to the Association.

8. Restoration of Membership

- (1) Any loss of membership, occasioned by the removal of name from the Register of Pharmacists by the Registrar of the PCN, shall be restored immediately the name is re-enlisted in the Register of Pharmacists.
- (2) Where the loss of membership is because of mental ill health, membership shall be restored as soon as he/she is certified to be mentally sound to perform the functions of a Pharmacist by the appropriate authority.
- (3) The Membership of a suspended member shall be restored when he/she complies with the directive(s) of the ACPN NEC and/or when he/she purges him/herself of the behaviour that led to his/her suspension.

ARTICLE FOUR

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

9. The NEC shall consist of:

- (1) The National Executive Officers (EXCO) members.
- (2) Chairmen and Secretaries of all states, including the Federal Capital Territory.
- (3) The Chairman and Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Wholesalers and Distributors Association of Nigeria (PWDAN).



10. NEC MEETINGS

- (1) The NEC shall meet at least three times in a year; one of such meetings shall be the Pre-Conference NEC Meeting.
- (2) The quorum for NEC meeting shall be formed by four (4) Executive Officers, one of which must be the National Chairman or National Vice-Chairman and representation from at least one-third of the functional States.

11. FUNCTIONS OF THE NEC:

- (1) To ratify the policies of the Association, on the recommendation of the EXCO.
- (2) To investigate and make pronouncements on all matters referred to it by the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (3) To fix capitation fees and other levies on the recommendation of the EXCO
- (4) To appoint Trustees for the Trans-generational Pharmacies Development Foundation TGPDP, and any other NGO of the association upon recommendation of the EXCO.
- (5) To discipline any member or State Branch for any act that seems or intends to bring the Association to ridicule or any act of gross indiscipline to the constituted authorities of the Association through ways and means the Association may deem appropriate, including suspension and/or expulsion.

12. Removal from Office:

- (1) It shall be lawful for the NEC to remove from office any National Officer who is found to have abandoned his duty or has failed to uphold the dignity of his office.
- (2) Such suspension shall be by a valid motion moved by any NEC member in a NEC meeting and ratified by 2/3 majority of members in attendance.



ARTICLE FIVE

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO)

13. The National Officers of the Association shall comprise of nine (9) elected officers and the Immediate Past National Chairman (IPNC).

14. The Elected National Officers of the Association shall be:

- (1) The National Chairman
- (2) The National Vice Chairman
- (3) The National Secretary
- (4) The National Assistant Secretary
- (5) The National Treasurer
- (6) The National Financial Secretary
- (7) The National Publicity Secretary
- (8) The National Editor-in-chief
- (9) The National Internal Auditor

15. Qualifications of The Exco Members

To qualify for election into any National office, the aspirant must satisfy the following conditions,

- (1) must have held an elective office(s) in ACPN or PSN at the National or State level for at least three (3) years and must have practiced Community Pharmacy with proof of PCN licensure in full time distribution, wholesale or retail practice for at least three years preceding the year of election.
- (2) must not hold any elective position at the State level that its term will not have expired before the day of ACPN National election, except on resignation.



- (3) Must be a financial member of the Association for a minimum of three years.
- (4) Must be sponsored by at least two (2) members who must be in good financial standing with the Association.
- (5) Must complete a nomination form which must be returned to the National Secretariat not later than the deadline set by the NEC.
- (6) A letter of recommendation from a Community Pharmacist who must be a financial member of the PSN Board of Fellows (BOF) must accompany any nomination.
- (7) Only candidates who satisfied the criteria outlined in Section 15 of this Constitution and so recommended by the Screening Committee and presented to the NEC will be eligible to stand for elections.
- (8) Nobody shall be qualified to contest for the post of the National Chairman and National Vice Chairman unless he/she has been in the ACPN NEC or PSN Council for at least three years and must own a viable Community Pharmacy practice with proof of PCN licensure in full time distribution, wholesale or retail for at least three years preceding the year of election.
- (9) Nobody shall be qualified to contest for the post of National Secretary unless he/she has been in the NEC for at least two years.
- (10) Any aspirant disqualified by the Screening Committee shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for redress within one week after publication of the list of aspirants cleared to contest the elections.
- (11) The decision of the BOT in respect of subsection 10 above shall be communicated to NEC within one week after the publication of the list submitted by the Screening Committee.
- (12) All candidates shall sign an agreement to maintain Peace prior to screening as approved by the Executive Committee.
- (13) A list of candidates who satisfy the requirements of the Screening



Committee shall be displayed at the National Secretariat at least one (1) month to the National Conference.

16. Functions of the Executive Committee Members

(1) The National Chairman:

- a. Shall be the Chief Accounting Officer of the Association.
- b. Shall be the chief spokesman of the Association and may delegate such power if necessary.
- c. Shall preside over the meetings of EXCO, National Executive Council (NEC), Emergency meetings and Annual General Meetings (AGM) at the National Conferences.
- d. Shall co-ordinate the activities of the other members of the NEC and the EXCO.
- e. Shall have an original vote, however, where there is a tie, a casting vote as well in meetings he presides over.

(2) The National Vice-Chairman

- a. Shall take full charge of the Association in the event of any occasion of incapacitation or inability of the National Chairman to perform the duty of his/her office.
- b. Shall assist the National chairman in the execution of his/her duties.
- c. Shall act for the National Chairman at all material times, whenever he/she is absent, provided the National Chairman authorises such delegation.

(3) The National Secretary

- a. Shall be the Secretary to EXCO, NEC and the AGM.
- b. Shall send or cause to be sent notices and agenda of all NEC, EXCO and Emergency Meetings.
- c. Shall conduct correspondences as may be directed by the



National Chairman or the NEC, EXCO

d. Shall submit an annual report of the activities of the Association to the EXCO for approval prior to presentation to the NEC and the AGM.

(4) The National Assistant Secretary

a. Shall assist the National Secretary in the execution of his/her duties.

b. Shall act as the National Secretary in the absence of the National Secretary or whenever it becomes necessary.

(5) The National Treasurer

a) Shall receive all monies from the National Financial Secretary and issue receipt for same

b) Shall bank all monies received within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt.

c) Shall present an audited balance sheet of the Association with official comments to the EXCO and NEC for approval prior to presentation to the AGM.

(6) The National Financial Secretary

a) Shall transfer all monies collected to the National Treasurer not more than seventy-two (72) hours after collection.

b) Shall keep a proper and accurate account of the Association's funds and shall give an Annual Report to NEC for approval prior to presentation to AGM.

c) Shall present quarterly financial report to the NEC.

d) Shall make the books of the Association available to the External Auditor every year.

e) Shall make the books available to the Internal Auditor whenever such demand is made.

(7) The National Publicity Secretary



- a. Shall be the image-maker of the Association.
- b. Shall be responsible for the publicity of the activities of the Association as the need arises.

(8) The National Internal Auditor

- a) Shall ensure that checks and balances for the Association finances are enforced in all aspects of documentation and activities.
- b) Shall periodically and at reasonable intervals cross-check the following account books of the association:
 - i. Bank statement
 - ii. cash book
 - iii. other documents relating to the finances of the Association
 - iv. other properties of the Association
- c) Shall at the end of each fiscal year check all books and returns before they are sent to the external auditors.
- d) Shall submit internal audit report twice a year to the NEC of the association.

(9) Editor-In-Chief

- a. The Editor-in-Chief shall be responsible for the timely publication of all publications of the Association, ensuring that every publication reports a balanced representation of all activities of the Association.
- b. Shall double as the Chairman of the ACPN Drug Information Centre Committee
- c. Shall not be an Editor or Publisher of any other Pharmaceutical or Medical publication.

10. The Immediate Past National Chairman

Shall advise the National Chairman and NEC whenever necessary.



17. FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The functions of the EXCO shall include:

- (1) Formulation of policies for the Association with the approval of the NEC
- (2) The execution of the policy decisions of the Association as determined by the NEC and the AGM.
- (3) Determination of the conditions of service of the secretariat staff.
- (4) Responsible for the hiring, welfare, discipline and firing whenever necessary of the Association's employees.

18. THE EXCO MEETING

1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall comprise of all elected officers of the Association, without prejudice to their decision to co-opt patrons and other members of the Association when the occasion demands
2. The Executive committee may hold executive meetings whenever the members of the committee deem necessary
3. The executive committee may take major policy decisions affecting the Association, but such decisions are subject to ratification by the NEC and/or AGM as may be necessary.
4. The quorum shall be formed by four (4) members, one of whom must be the National Chairman or the National Vice Chairman and the National Secretary or the National Assistant Secretary
5. There shall be a meeting of the EXCO at least once every Three (3) months
6. It shall be lawful for the National Chairman to invite any person or a group of persons to an EXCO meeting if he reasonably believes that such a person or group of persons can make major contributions during the said meetings



ARTICLE SIX

19. CODE OF ETHICS

The following statements shall always guide all members on professional ethics and any offending member shall be disciplined as deemed fit by the Association. The statement on professional ethics shall include:

1. A high standard of practice and efficient pharmaceutical service shall be maintained in the overall interest of the public.
2. All acts of the members shall be geared towards inspiring confidence in the Pharmacy profession.
3. Where the maintenance of standards fails because of the acts or omissions of the management of the organization, the Superintendent Pharmacist is under a duty to report such acts or omission to the Association. However, where the superintendent Pharmacist is responsible for the fall of standard, the Association shall discipline him/her accordingly.
4. A Pharmacist must not accept employment as the Superintendent Pharmacist where he is not able to perform the full duties of a Superintendent Pharmacist.
5. A Pharmacist should at all times assist other Pharmacists in providing efficient pharmaceutical services to the public.
6. A Pharmacist must not be involved in any promotional activity, designed to encourage the public to purchase or obtain more medicines that they may reasonably require.
7. Display of materials for sale in a Pharmacy must be dignifying.
8. Prescriptions should not be discussed with patients of any other healthcare practitioner, in such a way as to impair confidence in the prescriber.
9. A Pharmacist is under a duty to offer comprehensive



pharmaceutical services. A Pharmacist should not refuse to supply in an emergency.

10. The layout and the general conditions of a pharmacy should be such as to prevent contamination in the preparation or dispensing of drugs or in the supply of other health products/commodities.
11. In addition to satisfying the conditions for registration by the PCN, every Community Pharmacist shall provide such facilities as may be determined by the Association to enhance professionalism.
12. A Pharmacist should not dispense any medication or medical appliance which he knows or has reason to believe, is intended to be used in a manner that would be detrimental to health.
13. It is unethical for a Pharmacist to pay commission to anybody, clinic or hospital for prescriptions dispensed or in anticipation of prescriptions.

ARTICLE SEVEN

20. ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The Annual International Scientific Conference/Annual General Meeting:

1. The Annual International Scientific Conference of the Association shall hold in June or any other month as may be decided by the NEC based on the current state of affairs in the Country.
2. The venue of the conference shall be determined at the previous AGM.
3. The NEC on the recommendation of the EXCO shall determine an Annual Conference levy.
4. All elections into the Executive Committee (EXCO) shall take place at the AGM of the National Conference.



5. The AGM shall be the highest policy-making body of the Association and shall have powers to ratify, modify or overturn any NEC decision.
6. Only financial members who register for the Annual Conference can participate at the AGM.
7. The quorum of the AGM shall be one third (1/3) of the representatives from functional state branches who registered for the conference.

ARTICLE EIGHT

21. COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The National Chairman in consultation with EXCO shall set up the following Committees and shall spell out the terms of reference for all Committees:

1. Standing committee
 - a. Disciplinary Committee
 - b. Finance and General-Purpose Committee
 - c. Publicity Committee
 - d. Law and Ethics Committee
 - e. Drug Information Centre Committee
 - f. Welfare Committee
2. Ad-hoc Committee
 - a. Screening Committee
 - b. Electoral Committee
 - c. Conference Planning Committee
 - d. Constitution Review Committee
 - e. Ceremonial Committee - Inauguration & Send-forth Committee
 - f. Privileges Committee
 - g. Any other Committee which is deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the association.



ARTICLE NINE

22. TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Trustees of "ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA" (ACP/N) for the purpose of the companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990 shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting by 2/3 majority votes of members present.
2. Such Trustees hereinafter referred to as "The Trustee" shall be five (5) in number and shall be known as the Registered Trustees of the "ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA" (ACP/N)
3. The Trustees may hold office for four (4) years and can be re-elected for another term of four (4) years, but a Trustee shall cease to hold office if he:
 - a. resigns his office
 - b. ceases to be a member of the Registered Trustees of the "ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA" (ACP/N)
 - c. becomes insane
 - d. is officially declared bankrupt
 - e. convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction
 - f. is recommended for removal from office by a Board of Trustees majority vote of members present at the general meeting
 - g. ceases to reside in Nigeria.
4. Upon a vacancy occurring in the number of Trustees, a general meeting will be held to appoint another eligible member of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria to fill the vacancy.

There shall be appointed for the Association, by the NEC, on the



recommendation of the EXCO, a five-member Board of Trustees and they shall be Pharmacists of not less than twenty (20) years post-graduation experience. Members of the Board of Trustees must have viable Community Pharmacy practice with proof of PCN licensure.

5. The Board of Trustees shall have the following functions, that is to:
 - a. Arbitrate in conflicts between members, state branches or parties within the Association.
 - b. Take charge of the Association's property in time of crisis.
 - c. Advise the NEC whenever the need arises
 - d. Hear appeals from members or state branches on issues that border on elections

ARTICLE TEN

23. ARMS, ORGANS, SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES OF THE ACPN

There shall be established Arms, Organs, Subsidiaries and Affiliations of the ACPN as follows:

1. Committee of Past National Chairmen of the ACPN
2. Trans-generational Pharmacies Development Foundation, TGPDPF
3. The States and the FCT Branches of the ACPN
4. The Pharmaceutical Wholesalers and Distributors Association of Nigeria (PWDAN).

24. Committee of the Past National Chairmen (CPNC)

There shall be established a committee of the ACPN Past National Chairmen which shall be self-regulating.

25. Functions of CPNC

1. The CPNC shall be the moral compass of the Association.



2. Shall be the apex advisory body to the National Chairman.
3. Shall mediate in conflicts between the Association or its Organs and Government Agencies, bodies and individuals.
4. Shall hear appeals against any decision of the NEC or the EXCO by the aggrieved member or state branch of the Association
5. Shall act on any other matter referred to it by the National Chairman and the NEC.

26. The ACPN - Trans-generational Pharmacies Development Foundation (ACP/N-TGPDF)

1. There shall be established the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria - Trans - Generational Pharmacies Development Foundation (ACP/N-TGPDF).
2. There shall be appointed trustees for the ACPN-TGPDF with tenure of five (5) years renewable once.
3. The appointment of the trustees shall be done by the NEC on recommendation of the EXCO.
- 4) TGPDF Shall handle responsibilities devolved to it by ACPN Exco and NEC. Such responsibility may include: training and practice development initiatives, business sustainability, research, and development initiatives, collaboration and international partnerships with financing corporations for access to grants, innovation and technological advancement initiatives.
5. The ACPN-TGPDF shall be self-accounting and shall submit annual reports of its activities both financials and otherwise to the EXCO and National Executive Council.



ARTICLE ELEVEN

27. FINANCE

1. The financial year of The Association shall commence on 1st April and end on the 31st March of the next calendar year.
2. On the recommendation of the EXCO, the NEC shall fix the capitation fee or any other levy for each member and State branches.
3. All disbursements must be approved by the National Chairman.
4. The National Chairman, National Secretary and The National Treasurer shall be the signatories to the accounts of the Association.
5. The National Chairman shall present the annual budget estimates for the following year during the first NEC meeting of the new calendar year for approval.

ARTICLE TWELVE

28. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The NEC shall appoint external auditors to audit the account of the Association. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Association at such times as may be required and shall present its reports at the Annual General Meetings of the Association.



ARTICLE THIRTEEN

29. ELECTIONS

1. There shall be elections annually for officers of the Association at the AGM of the Annual International Scientific Conference.
2. In the event of an election not holding during any AGM, the election shall hold during the next National Conference of the PSN where a special AGM will be convened.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

30. DISCIPLINE

1. The National Executive Council shall maintain discipline within the Association through every appropriate means, this includes suspension and/ or expulsion of any member or State branch whose acts constitute insubordination, disciplinary matters, denigration, or are considered inimical to the aims or objectives of the Association
2. The State Executive Officers (EXCO) shall exercise the powers of the National EXCO (in the State) except the power of expulsion.
3. It shall be lawful for a state branch (including the FCT) to have its by-laws.
4. No Addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the rules and regulations for the time being in force, unless the same have been previously submitted to and approved by the State AGM.



ARTICLE FIFTEEN

31. PRIVILEGES

There shall be established ACPN Honours, Awards, and Privileges.

1. The Association shall recognise and honour her members who have distinguished themselves in the service of the Association, the Profession, the Community, or Nation at large, with the "Distinguished Community Pharmacist Award". Any Community Pharmacist so conferred with the award shall be entitled to the use of the appellation of "DCPharm" and shall be accorded a place of honour in the scheme of the Association's affairs.
2. It shall be lawful for the Association to recognise individuals (who may not necessarily be Pharmacists) or organisations that have immensely contributed to the growth and enhancement of Community Pharmacy practice, Pharmacy profession and the Country at large, with awards of recognition, excellence, and distinguished service, which shall be conferred at the Opening Ceremony of the National Conference.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

32. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. No part of this Constitution shall be deleted, altered, set aside, or amended in any form except as prescribed by the Constitution of the ACPN.
2. Any request for the amendment of this Constitution shall be forwarded to the ACPN NEC, on or before the 31st March of the year, provided that such a request or notice is supported by details of the proposed amendment.



3. The Constitution shall be amended during the Annual General Meeting provided a two-third (2/3) majority of registered members accredited, present and voting at the AGM endorse it.
4. The provisions of this Constitution shall come into force at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM of the National Scientific Conference held at Asaba, Delta State, Dated 4th August, 2023.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

33. SPECIAL CLAUSES

1. The income and property of **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA" (ACPN)** wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)** as set forth in this rules and Regulation/Constitutions and no portion thereof shall be paid or Transferred directly/or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, however by way of profit to the members of the **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA" (ACPN)** provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith or reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** but so that no member of the Council of management or governing body shall be appointed to any salaried office of the **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** by fees and that no remuneration or other benefits in money or money shall be given by **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** to any member of such governing body except repayment of any company to a member of **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** a company in which such a member shall not hold more than one hundredth part of the capital and such member shall not be bound to account for any share of profit he may receive in respect of any such payment.



2. In event of the WINDING up or Dissolution of the **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debt and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the asset shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions, having objects similar to the object of the **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)"** and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its or their income and property amongst its or their Members. Such institutions to be determined by the members of **"ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF NIGERIA (ACPN)." If effects cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable object.**

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

34. INTERPRETATIONS, CITATIONS AND COMMENCEMENTS

In this Constitution, unless it is otherwise expressly provided, or the context otherwise requires:

1. AGM means the meeting of registered conference participants attending the Annual International Scientific Conference which will, among others, consider the Annual reports of the officers of the association, propose motions, make resolutions, and elect new officers.
2. National Conference means the Annual International Scientific Conference of all Registered Community Pharmacists in Nigeria.
3. In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires the pronouns "He", "She", "His", "Hers", "Himself", "Herself" or "men" shall refer to all members of the Association of any gender.



4. State means State of domicile
5. Council means the Council of Association of Community Pharmacists
6. Screening Committee means Screening Committee for purposes of Election into EXCO
7. "DCPharm" means "Distinguished Community Pharmacist".
8. Ad-hoc committee means a committee set up for a specific task or objective and dissolved after the completion of the task or achievement of the objectives
9. "EXCO" or "Exco" means "Executive Committee of the Association"
10. "Financial member" means a Pharmacist who has paid all the required annual dues / financial obligations to the State and National Associations
11. "Standing committee" means a committee set up with continuing existence throughout the tenure of the Exco
12. "Functional State" means a State that has attended at least three meetings of the NEC within a given period of 24 months and paid capitation fees.
13. This amended CONSTITUTION shall be cited as the CONSTITUTION of the Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria 2023.
14. The provisions of this constitution shall come into effect at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM of the Annual International Scientific Conference of the Association.



35. SUPREMACY OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution is supreme, and shall have binding effect on all members of the Association irrespective of rank, position and status as well as the following subsidiaries of ACPN:

Committee of Past National Chairmen of the ACPN

Trans-generational Pharmacies Development Foundation, TGPDF

The States and the FCT Branches of the ACPN

The Pharmaceutical Wholesalers and Distributors Association of Nigeria (PWDAN).

This constitution and its provisions shall be binding on the following:

- 1) All CPs, their ranks, and status notwithstanding.
- 2) State branches of the ACPN, including the FCT, Abuja.
- 3) All organs, affiliates, or bodies established by the ACPN.
- 4) All bodies, affiliates, and organs that may be created in the future.

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