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ANAMBRA NEWS AT A GLANCE





GOVERNOR SOLUDO'S SOLUTION INNOVATION DISTRICT (SID) TRAINS 25,000 IN DIGITAL SKILLS

- Set for Innovation Week
- Over N100m Prizes to be Won in the "Battle for Solutions"

By Chinwe Okoli

Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, created the Solution Innovation District (SID) to promote technological advancement in Anambra State. The mandate of the district is to develop a thriving ecosystem for digital talent, startups, and innovative businesses across the state. This mandate encompasses nurturing the "Anambra Digital Tribe," supporting the startup ecosystem, incubating promising ventures, fostering research commercialisation, and helping businesses leverage technology to scale.

In line with the vision of the Governor, a maiden Anambra Innovation Week 2024 (AIW2024) has been slated for 25-29 November 2024 in Awka to share his insights on his prospects on innovation and technology.

The theme of the Anambra Innovation Week is "Creating the Future of Africa, Now."

SID is dedicated to programmes like LevelUp Anambra and Code Anambra. The district has trained over 25,000 youths on various deep technology skills, preparing them for jobs in the global market and many others to secure such jobs daily, while SID Teen Digital Bootcamp cultivates a new generation of talented teens poised for future global impact. Additionally, the Anambra State Startup Law, a domestication of the Nigerian Startup Act, is underway to boost an environment that



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WHAT IS SOLUDO DOING IN THE STATE CAPITAL AWKA???

✓ **LANDMARK PROJECTS**
- New Government House
- New Governor's Lodge
- Solution FunCity
- Solution Innovation District
- Revamped Great Awka Water Scheme
- Reconstruction of Ekwueme Square
- Awka City Shopping Mall and many others

✓ **ROAD PROJECTS**
- Ifite Amansea Road
- Aroma Overpass
- Club (Abakiliki) Road to Ngozika
- Regina Caeli Y-Junction Road
- Unizik Tempsite-Okpuno-Isuaniocha Road
- Chukwudifu Street
- Millennium Industry-INEC Road
- Umuogbu Road
- St Faith Road
- Meniru Street Amawbia
- Ngene Amawbia Road
- Works Road Junction/Bishop Crowther Road

National Awards for Fiscal Policies
- Ranked No. 1 in fiscal transparency
- Ranked No. 3 in fiscal performance
- Trained 25,000 youths on technology skills

And many other projects... You can verify
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Governor Soludo's Solution Innovation District (SID) Trains 25,000 in Digital Skills

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nurtures creativity, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic growth.

In support of this commitment, Governor Soludo has prioritised infrastructure, with over 2,000 km of fibre ducts being laid across the state for last-mile internet connectivity. A 13.7-hectare plot of land, currently home to the Government House, has been designated as the permanent site for SID. The master plan redesign is complete, and construction on the first major structure has begun, setting the foundation for what will become a hub of innovation and technology—Anambra's own "Silicon Valley." Meanwhile, SID operates from a temporary centre equipped with a digital skills lab, robotics lab, co-working spaces, training halls, high-speed internet, and a productive environment for startups and technology enthusiasts.

Anambra Innovation Week is set to become an annual event and a leading platform for showcasing Nigeria and Africa's fast-growing and vibrant technology and innovation ecosystem while underscoring the vision to make Anambra the Silicon Valley of Africa. The five-day event will bring together innovators, policymakers, Top Tech CEOs, industry, entrepreneurs, investors, digital experts, and academics from Africa and beyond. AIW will feature exhibitions, showcases, competitions, games, keynotes, high-level panels, fireside chats, workshops, masterclasses, and a TradeNovation Fair for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), all designed to advance technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship across the continent.

AIW prioritises growth through bold



ideas, talent, technology, and invention, highlighted by our flagship competition called 'Battle4Solutions'. An innovation competition with a prize pool of over one hundred million naira (N100,000,000) in cash prizes. This competition invites Nigeria's brightest startups to pitch solutions addressing critical societal challenges in various sectors such as digital health, renewable energy, e-commerce, agritech, fintech, environment, education, etc. Government ministries, agencies, academic institutions, startups, and creators are all welcome to participate in their categories of competition, with full details available on the SID website.

Innovators both in Anambra and across Nigeria are eligible to apply and compete in the Battle for Solutions.

Chinwe Okoli is the Special Adviser (SPAD) to the Governor on Innovation and Business Incubation.



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Join us at **ANAMBRA INNOVATION WEEK 2024** where innovators from all fields will come together to solve real challenges and shape the future!

When? November 25-29, 2024
Where? ICC, Awka, Anambra State.
Who Can Join? This event is open to anyone passionate about learning, innovation, and technology. Whether you're a startup, researcher, or student, we want to hear your ideas!

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ELIGIBLE CHILDREN TO RECEIVE MEASLES VACCINATION AS ANAMBRA FLAGS-OFF CAMPAIGN

By Nnedinma Okeke

The Anambra State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (ASPHCDA), in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) and Partners, has flagged off the Integrated Measles vaccination campaign in the state.

The flag-off ceremony held at Okpuno Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) in Awka South Local Government Area (LGA) marked the commencement of measles vaccination in the state, which would kick off from November 6 to 12, 2024.

The Commissioner, Ministry of Health, Dr Afam Obidike, during his remarks at the flag-off ceremony, urged Ndi Anambra and people living in the state to ensure that their eligible children of nine to 59 months were vaccinated, thus protected from the Measles disease.

He noted that aside from the opportunity that the campaign gives, immunisation services were always available at health facilities across the state and were given free of charge.

Dr Obidike urged people not to be scared of any adverse effects following vaccination (AEFI), as WHO and other partners had aided in developing adverse effects management with healthcare workers trained for the purpose.

The Executive Secretary, of ASPHCDA, Pharm Chisom Uchem, emphasised that immunisation services, antenatal care, and delivery services were free in government health facilities. She urged people to always make a report whenever they were charged for any of the aforementioned services.

She noted that vaccines were key in the fight against preventable diseases and urged mothers and carers to utilise the campaign opportunity and ensure that their children aged nine to 59 months were vaccinated with the Measles vaccine.

The WHO South-East Zonal Coordinator, Dr Chukwumuanya Igboekwu, congratulated the government and people of the state for their commitment toward the flag-off ceremony and commencement of the vaccination exercise in the state.

The event featured health talks and sensitisation from the State Health Educator (SHE), Mrs Uju Onwuegbuzina, the State Immunisation Officer (SIO), Mrs Edith Onwuka, and the Breastfeeding Coordinator, Mrs Ngozi Onoh.



ANAMBRA GOVERNOR'S WIFE SUPPORTS FLOOD-DISPLACED PERSONS IN UMUOBA-ANAM





By Chukwudi Nwauba

The wife of Anambra State Governor, Dr Mrs Nonye Soludo, has shown her support for flood-displaced individuals in Umuoba-Anam by providing food and cash donations.

During her visit to Unity Primary School, which currently shelters about 1,000 displaced individuals, primarily women and children, Mrs Soludo emphasised the need for stakeholders and community involvement in aiding those affected by the disaster.

She highlighted the government's concern for the displaced persons' well-being, particularly regarding health and hygiene standards in the camp, urging camp managers to ensure proper dietary practices and maintain safety protocols.

During the visit, Dr Chukwumuanya Igboekwu, WHO's South-East Zonal Coordinator, pledged collaboration with the state government to establish a mobile clinic in the camp to address medical needs.

The State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Afam Obidike, confirmed ongoing medical support for those in the camp and praised the governor's wife's timely visit.

The Anambra East Local Government Chairman, Mr. Ifeanyichukwu Chinweze, acknowledged the government's efforts in supporting the camp's daily needs and commended Mrs. Soludo for her commitment.

Accompanied in the visit were Engr. Julius Chukwuemeka, Commissioner for Power and Water Resources, alongside the WHO team.

ONITSHA SOUTH LG CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATES SOLUDO AS HE EMERGES AS THE MOST FISCAL PRUDENCE GOVERNOR IN NIGERIA

By Juliana Nwachukwu

The Mayor of Onitsha South Local Government Area and Soludo National Convener for 2025, Sir Emeka Orji, Oba Armani, has congratulated the Executive Governor of Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, as he emerged as the most fiscal governor in Nigeria.

The Onitsha Mayor said that it was not a surprise to him because the governor has maintained trajectory and pedigree in utilising public funds even when he was the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

In 2005 and the subsequent years (2006 and 2007), Soludo was recognised as the global winner and the best African Governor of the Central Bank.

In less than three years of Soludo's administration, he has shown a commitment to prudent fiscal management, resulting in the state's inclusion in the fiscal performance for the first time, and he has applauded the governor for utilising Ndi Anambra money in the right direction.

In a related development, Anambra State ranked among the top five best fiscal performers in the country in the Budget 2023 Fiscal Transparency Index publication and rose to third position in the same ranking in 2024.

"Prof. Soludo is the only governor that equates the input of public office holders with their output, thereby reducing the wastage in governance," Orji posited.





ANAMBRA EDUCATION COMMISSIONER LAUDS AGULU PEOPLES UNION, PLEDGES SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIP

By Obiageli Nwankwo

Anambra Commissioner for Education, Prof. Ngozi Chuma-Udeh, has lauded the Agulu Peoples Union (APU) for their foresight in establishing the APU Vocation Academy, Agulu.

Prof. Chuma-Udeh gave the commendation at the official opening and first matriculation ceremony of the academy held at the school premises in Agulu.

She said that investing in the future of society is always laudable and showcases a society that is interested in the progress of the community.

"Your projection and interest in the future of the youth are manifest with this school. Youths are in a dilemma; they do not know their rights from their left. With this academy, the community is saying that self-sustenance is the best gift one can give to another.

"The acquisition of skill is important in human life; once acquired, it stays with one throughout life, unlike a corporate job that one retires from at a certain age," she posited.

She assured the community that the present administration will give the academy every support needed to make it an enabling institute for the students while promising to solicit future collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Development as it aligns with Governor Soludo's 1-Youth, 2-Skills initiative.

IDEMILI NORTH MAYOR, HON STANLEY NKWOKA MOURNS G.C ORANIKA (OCHENDO ABATETE), SAYS HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED

By Mmaduabuchi Onwumelu

The Chairman of Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, Hon. Chief Stanley Nkwoka (Ochendo Idemili), has condoled with the family of G. C Oranika (Ochendo Abatete) and the entire of indigenes of Abatete over the death their Patriarch.
In his condolence message signed by the Council Boss, Hon. Nkwoka described Late Oranika as an Iroko and the umbrella that gave shades to the nation, the Igbo race, Anambra, Idemili and Abatete land.

According to the Chief Servant of the most populous and densely populated Local Government Area in Anambra State, the late Patriarch would be sorely missed by all and sundry, stating that he was down-to-earth and a humble creature, adding that he was one of the earliest Igbo men that reigned in Abuja.

On behalf of the good and peace-loving people of Idemili North, the Deputy Mayor, Hon. Lady Phina Onwuachu (Nmaluluno), my immediate family, I commiserate with the entire family of Late G. C Oranika. I pray for the quick repose of his soul. May God give you people the grace to bear the irreparable loss. We will take solace in fact that he lived a life worthy of emulation. He was a national figure. May Ochendo Abatete's gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

FEDERAL LAWMAKER ADVOCATES FOR UNITY BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEADERS



By Ifeanyi Nwegbo

The member representing Anambra East and West at the green chamber, Mr Peter Aniekwe, has urged Anambra East Local Government Chairman, Sir Ifeanyi Chinweze, to prioritise collaboration and communication between local and national leaders, saying that the partnership would foster strong relationships and facilitate discussions on legislative updates, address constituents' concerns, and promote community development projects.

Mr Aniekwe made the call as a courtesy to Anambra East Chairman, Sir Ifeanyi Chinweze, in his office at the Council headquarters.

He briefed the Chairman on federal initiatives and legislation that will benefit local communities. These initiatives included funding and support for road construction, public transportation, and community facilities.

Other initiatives were economic empowerment programs that will foster small business growth, job creation, and workforce development, as well as public health and education initiatives aimed at addressing healthcare disparities, improving access to quality education, and promoting overall community well-being.

The chairman of Anambra East Local Government Area, Sir Ifeanyi Chinweze, briefed the lawmaker on local issues such as security, infrastructural development, public health, education, and economic growth.

He thanked Mr Peter Aniekwe for his great support to Anambra East and Anambra State at large.

ANAMBRA: THE EMERGING TOURISM HAVEN

By Uche Kalu

On Sunday, October 13th, 2024, Anambra State was abuzz with excitement as the Anambra Picnic and Funfair took over the state-of-the-art Film Village in Awka. This highly anticipated event united families, friends, and thrill-seekers of all ages, transforming the venue into a dynamic hotspot of entertainment, laughter, and joy.

The picnic and funfair offered an unforgettable experience, featuring:

Thrilling games and activities, scintillating music and dance performances, delicious local cuisine, and refreshing treats.

The Anambra State Government, through the Ministry of Culture, Entertainment, and Tourism, partnered with the Anambra State Tourism Volunteers Network (TV) to host the prestigious event. The TV Network, comprising passionate tourism enthusiasts, focuses on promoting tourism's vast benefits and fostering



its growth in the state.

The event's success underscores Anambra's commitment to promoting tourism, cultural heritage, and community bonding. As the state continues to invest in initiatives like the Film Village, Anambra solidifies its position as a premier destination for leisure, entertainment, and cultural exploration in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner for Culture and Entertainment, Mr Don Onyenji, emphasised the importance of cultural events in promoting unity and social cohesion.

According to him, "This picnic and funfair is more than just entertainment; it's about celebrating our rich cultural heritage and fostering community bonding. Anambra State is committed to supporting initiatives that showcase our unique identity and promote tourism development."

He maintained that globally, tourism has emerged as the new oil and gas, driving economic growth and development. According to him, if Anambra State fully develops its tourism sector, it could become the next richest state in Nigeria in a remarkably short time.



Onyenji further noted that the present administration has intentionally embraced tourism projects and also committed billions of naira to tourism development in the state, both through its policies, programs, and physical projects.

The commissioner elaborated on the governor's vision for Anambra, aiming to transform it into a thriving homeland where residents can live, work, unwind, and enjoy themselves. Key projects underway to achieve this vision include the groundbreaking Solution Fun City Awka (SFCA), Sub-Saharan Africa's first-of-its-kind entertainment hub, boasting a country club, amusement park, and sports facilities. Other notable initiatives include the Neighbourhood Leisure Park in Awka and the construction of a massive ten-story hotel also in Awka.

These developments underscore the governor's commitment to making Anambra an attractive destination for residents and tourists alike, ultimately boosting the state's economy and prosperity. By investing in infrastructure and entertainment, Anambra is poised to become a model for liveability and economic growth in Nigeria.

“The development of the Solution Fun City alone will create numerous job opportunities and serve as a central hub for leisure and tourism in the state,” Onyenji stated.

He further explained that Governor Soludo is transforming Anambra into a tourist haven, beyond the impressive Solution Fun City. Significant projects underway include the retrofitting and expansion of the Igboukwu Museum, home to a rich collection of Igbo cultural artefacts.

The Agulu Lake Leisure Park is also being developed, with plans for an artificial beach, offering exciting recreational opportunities. These initiatives will cement Anambra's status as a premier tourist destination in Nigeria, showcasing its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.

He also explained that the state government is making significant strides in promoting rural tourism by developing and showcasing heritage sites across various communities. Key sites include Ogbunike Cave, Owerre-Ezukala Waterfalls, Anam Sand Beach, and the historic Ojukwu Bunker in Amorka, which played a pivotal role during the Nigerian Civil War, among others.

Unveiling the Anambra State Chapter of the Tourism Volunteers Network, he emphasised the importance of collaboration to boost the sector. To ensure tourism development reaches beyond urban areas, the state government is actively engaging with local communities to establish leisure parks, promoting grassroots growth and community involvement.

The commissioner extended an invitation to investors to consider Anambra State, highlighting its vast tourism potential, numerous investment opportunities, and status as the safest and most conducive state for investments in the country.

Minister of Tourism, Lola Ade-John, represented by the Executive Director of the Tourism Volunteers Network, Ambassador Phil Robert, praised Anambra's tourism potential and commended the state government's innovative approach and commitment to boosting tourism.

The event brought together key stakeholders, including Prince Chinedu Okafor, Chairman of Awka South Local Government, and Mr. Chinedu Obidigwe, a former National Assembly member representing Anambra East/West Federal Constituency. Also in attendance was Chidi Uzowulu, State Coordinator of the Anambra Tourism Volunteers Network, along with numerous other dignitaries. They collectively acknowledged Anambra's vast natural resources and tourism potential, praising the current administration's efforts to develop and harness these assets.



ANAMBRA GOVERNMENT, RMRDC TO SYNERGISE ON RAW MATERIALS UTILISATION



By Chukwuka Ugokwe

Anambra State Government says it is open to enhancing the state's agricultural development through a strategic partnership with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) with the aim to source, process, and enrich local raw materials to maximise their value.

The State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr. Forster Ihejiofor, said this when the State Coordinator, Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Dr. Uche Arinze Nwosu paid him a courtesy visit.

He said that synergy with the Council to ensure effective raw material exploitation and development was important to also assist the state government in achieving its goals in the agricultural sector.

The commissioner outlined potential areas of partnership to include expired palm tree trunks harvesting and processing, banana trunks, bamboo, harvesting/processing of grasses to feed ruminants and donkey ranching value chain addition.

Earlier, the State Coordinator, RMRDC, Dr Nwosu, told the commissioner, "So we have come to interface with you, see areas of meaningful collaboration with the ministry, and see how we can be of technical support, any kind of collaboration that will help our people.".

She described the ministry as one of their core collaborators, especially on key programs developed by the Council to support states, such as pilot plant projects for pharmaceutical and industrial grades as well as crop-boosting programs.

"Under the crop boosting program, we identify the particular crop or plant that the state has a comparative advantage. We try to push that of the state to enter into the crop-boosting plan of the council.

"What we do is source and supply free of charge hybrid seedlings of the plant. It is a yearly program."

The coordinator noted that it was in line with the council's mandate to promote the development and utilisation of the nation's raw materials for sustainable growth.

She, then, was assured of the Council's commitment under her watch to upgrade the Raw Materials Display Centre in the state to showcase all available raw materials to industrialists, investors, and other stakeholders.

ALL HALLOWS SEMINARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS AMIDST CULTURAL DISPLAYS



By Juliana Nwachukwu

All Hallows Seminary, Onitsha, on November 1st, 2024, marked 100 years of existence with cultural displays.

The Rector, Rev. Fr. Paschal Onunkwo, emphasised the importance of cultural heritage during the centenary celebration. According to him, "Culture can never go into extinction. As an institution training future priests, we recognise that culture is an integral part of life.

"Effective evangelisation requires speaking the language of the people. At All Hallows Seminary, we recognise the power of culture in shaping our message. By integrating cultural understanding into our formation, we ensure that the gospel takes root. This approach enables our future priests to connect with their communities on a deeper level."

The rector, who noted that he came to the institution in 2021, recounted his achievements, which included human formation, structural developments, renovations of buildings, and reconstruction of dilapidated school roads, which he said was done about 45 years ago.

"Mounting of a new school gate to replace the old one, which was 72 years old, renovation of the father's house by the old boys, excellent academic pursuit, wonderful WAEC results, other external exams, music, and other milestone achievements.

"Reaching 100 years of existence is a testament to God's favour and grace. We are blessed to witness this milestone in our lifetime. As we celebrate this achievement, we honour our esteemed alumni—priests and laymen alike—whose remarkable contributions to society inspire us.

"Their accomplishments fill us with gratitude, motivating us to continue nurturing individuals of substance who will positively impact the world. This centenary marks two significant milestones: the school's coming of age and a century of steadfast commitment.

"We acknowledge the tireless efforts of past and present individuals who have made All Hallows Seminary a beacon of excellence. May this celebration foster gratitude to God and appreciation for the dedicated community that has shaped our institution.

"During our centenary celebration, we honoured individuals and groups whose tireless efforts have defined our institution's 100-year journey.

"The Catholic Women Organisation, CWO, contributed food to feed the seminarians, subsidised the school fees, and made the seminary affordable for the rich and the poor," he maintained.

The event featured the Labour Party presidential candidate in the just concluded presidential election, Mr Peter Obi.

OBOSI IS ONE OF THE SAFEST TOWNS IN ANAMBRA, SAYS IGWE IWEKA.



By Chiedu Uche Okoye

The traditional ruler of Obosi in Idemili North LGA, Igwe Chidubem Iweka (Eze Iweka III), said that Obosi is one of the safest towns in Anambra State.

Igwe Iweka commented on his celebration of the 2024 Iwaji/Obiora festival, which took place at the Obosi township stadium.

He said that the existence of peace in Obosi and the non-occurrence of violent acts in the town are dependent on the Obosi people's continued payment of their security levies.

Igwe Iweka poured encomiums on the Obosi Development Union (ODU) leadership and the Obosi Security Outfit for their concerted and ceaseless efforts aimed at ridding Obosi of all manner of criminal deeds and anti-social behaviour.

While giving his speech, he delved into the origin of the festival, saying that Iwaji, which is an age-long festival, is the time for thanking God for blessing the Obosi people with bountiful yam harvests and the existence of peace and love amongst the Obosi people.

Earlier, Rev. Fr. Anonah of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Obosi, while saying the opening prayers for the commencement of the event, expressed his profound thankfulness to God for blessing Igwe Chidubem Iweka with wisdom and for giving Obosi people a bountiful yam harvest, saying that Obosi is blessed with both human and material resources.

Among the top dignitaries who graced the occasion of the Iwaji/Obiora festival were Mr Harris Okonkwo, the lawmaker representing Idemili North and South Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives; Hon. Udemezue, the lawmaker representing Idemili in the Anambra State Assembly; Mr Stanley Nkwoka, Chairman of Idemili North LGA; Lady Phina Onwuachu, Deputy Chairperson of Idemili North LGA; Mr. Obidiegwu, former Managing Director of Anambra Broadcasting Service; Awka, and others.

OYI LGA COUNCILLORS TASKED ON COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENTAL AGENDA

By Angela Oduche

The 4th Congress of Councillors of Oyi Local Government Area officially kicked off with an inauguration ceremony led by Mr. Chiagbata Clement (Esq.), Clerk of the Congress, at the council hall.

Mayor of Oyi LGA, Mr Emma Nweke, while congratulating the councillors, urged them to tackle the upcoming challenges head-on.

He expressed the executive arm's readiness to collaborate with the councillors to drive the council's developmental agenda, aligning with the state government's solution agenda.

The mayor congratulated the members of the Oyi Local Government legislative council and urged them to pass impactful bills, budget appropriation, and oversight as their duties lawfully demanded.

He extolled the leader of the Congress of Councillors, Mr Emeka Samuel Nwabude, the Majority Leader, Mr Emma Aniemena, and other principal officers of the Congress, looking forward to their unalloyed collaboration in the interest of the good people of Oyi Local Government Area.

The Majority Leader, Mr. Emeka Samuel, appreciated the mayor and pledged their unalloyed collaboration to make Oyi great.

PSN SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE: HOS ASSURES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, CHARGES MEMBERS ON POSITIVE COLLABORATION

By MaryAnn Chukwuma

The Anambra State Head of Service, Her Honour Okwy Igwegbe (Esq), has assured members of the Anambra State Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) of the government's support.

The Civil Service boss gave the assurance during her speech at the 31st Annual State Scientific Conference and Pharmacy Week 2024 of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) held at the ASUU Ultra Modern Banquet Facility, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

Lady Igwegbe, who served as the chairman of the event, spoke on the theme "Impactful Revolutionary Pharmacy Practice Towards Universal Health Coverage: Appraisal and Prospects." noted that the theme aligns with the revolutionary transformation the Governor of Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, has undertaken in the pharmaceutical sector within his short time in office.

She mentioned some of the projects and policies the state government has undertaken in supporting the pharmaceutical sector in Anambra State, including the Pharmacy Manufacturing Hub at Ogboji, State of the Art Central Medical Stores/Zonal Warehouse, Awka, Drug Quality Control Laboratory, and his policy on the Drug Recovery Fund Scheme.
The HOS, who stated that Governor Chukwuma Soludo would continue to create an enabling environment for the profession to thrive, commended the state chairman of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Pharm.



Emeka Okpana, for his leadership and charged members to foster positive alliances and share partnerships, which will boost knowledge sharing needed for better development in the pharmaceutical space.

In his speech, the state chairman of PSN, Mr Emeka Okpana, welcomed all to the occasion while thanking the experts who made themselves available to share their wealth of experience on the occasion to bridge the gap in healthcare, leveraging on digital innovations.