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Welcome to the Nigeria Working Group August Newsletter Update



Dear Colleagues,

We hope you've enjoyed your summer so far. The weather is gradually getting colder and Fall is almost upon us; heralding the start of another session of pursuits for most of us. We thought you would love these balmy updates of the NWG August newsletter. Enjoy and let's take actions together.

In this newsletter you'll find highlights about the new Nigeria-Canada Research Partnership within the new Canadian Association of Global Health, the launch a new webinar series, and members' updates.

1. Introducing the New CAGH

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight the recently endorsed **CAGH - The Canadian Association of Global Health**. CAGH is an amalgamation of the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) and builds on more than 60 years of combined history, leadership and action. CAGH brings together a vibrant global health community working to create a healthier more equitable world. The country-Canada partnership program was created as a means to support strengthening national health systems and environments. The Nigeria-Canada

Research Partnership (**NCRP**) harmonizes the **NCEHR** and **NWG** initiatives within the activities of the CAGH's country partnerships program



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2. Nigeria-Canada Research Partnership

The newly ratified **Nigerian Research Partnership (NCRP)** is a country-Canada partnership program under the auspice of the Canadian Association of Global Health (CAGH). The **NCRP** harmonizes the **NCEHR** and **NWG** initiatives within the activities of the CAGH's country partnerships program. Here is a quick refresher of the partnership program: Read more about the NCRP. NCRP integrates two initiatives described below that have been facilitated by the CCGHR. The two initiatives are:

- **Nigeria Coalition for Eco-Social Health Research (NCEHR):** Nigeria Coalition for Eco-Social Health Research (NCEHR) group, a transformative grassroots innovation, is a Nigerian based inter-disciplinary and inter university collaboration that monitors the link between health and climate change through indicators highlighting the threats to health and proffering solutions with community members as co-partners, co-learners, and co-owners of knowledge produced from the group. The group currently consists of over 30 members from two Nigerian universities based in Anambra State (Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University and Nnamdi Azikiwe University) and communities
- **Nigeria Working Group (NWG):** This is an informal network of Nigerian scholars, mostly graduate students in Canadian universities, who share a concern about the impacts of climate change in Nigeria. Since 2018, the NWG has grown to include fifteen members involved in research sharing, capacity strengthening and collaboration. The Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) at the University of Victoria serves as a hub for this group.

affected by eco social issues. The NCEHR group has the potential to link up with other Anchor institutions such as teaching hospitals. Read more about the NCEHR



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3. Launch of a New Webinar Series

The Nigeria Working Group (NWG) is happy to announce a quarterly virtual webinar series, **Nigerian Climate-Health Impact Series**, which will discuss research and projects by Nigerian researchers on climate change and health impacts in Nigeria. These series will be facilitated by a lined-up panel of speakers working within the Nigerian landscape, who will each speak to their personal experiences and share unique insights on the effects of environmental and climate (in)justice on health and communities in Nigeria. Some of the panelists will also be sourced from researchers within the NCEHR and our NWG space. The audience for these series includes CAGH members, NCEHR and NWG members, as well as the larger research community in Nigeria and Canada who are interested. Following each webinar presentation, audience members will have a chance to directly engage with our speakers through a moderated Q & A. Please, stay tuned for more events from these webinar series.

****For your attention:**** *We are looking for interested members of the NWG who are willing to moderate or anchor these presentations or even present their own work. Also, kindly feel free to make suggestions if you know of a Nigerian researcher or professional who should be considered as part of the line of speakers we are putting together.*



4. Members' Work/Research Updates

- **Yewande Ogundeji - Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Calgary**

Dr. Ogundeji is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Calgary and Associate Director at the Health Strategy and Delivery Foundation (An African Based NGO). Her research interests include physician reimbursement, behavioral economics, and health systems funding and strengthening across multiple countries. Her current research focus includes improving access to patients with chronic diseases and patients in rural regions through optimized physician payment reforms, and global preparedness for health transitions (particularly disease and funding transitions).

- **Oghenowede Eyawo - Assistant Professor, York University**

Dr. Oghenowede Eyawo is an epidemiologist whose research has recently shifted focus to examine aspects of COVID-19 disintegrating our society. The links below summarize some of his recent COVID-19-related work:

- <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33472638/>
- <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32840828/>
- <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32444364/>

Thanks for reading.

Have some tips for the progress of this group or an idea for a collaborative publication? Feedback on something we've written? We want to read about your thoughts and promote your research updates and initiatives. Have a speaker referral for our new webinar series or you want to be on the panel of presenters? Or have any other contributions? Kindly send an email to: nigeriaworkinggroupcagh@gmail.com



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