

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS (NANTMP)**

It is interesting to ask ourselves what NANTMP means: The Association, National Association of Nigerian Traditional Practitioners was inaugurated at Abuja in the year 2006 by his Excellency Ex-President Chief Olusegun Aremu Obasanjo now our indefatigable life Grand Patron, while Professor Eyitayo Lambo was the Federal Minister for Health, it was purposefully made to the house or accommodate all Traditional Medicine Associations nationwide and tagged the umbrella body to all Traditional Medicine Association. So they could speak to the government in three tier formular (Local, State, and Federal) with one voice and promote Traditional Medicine Practice.

After the Federal inauguration, the then minister for health Professor Eyitayo Lambo directed all state commissioners of health to recognize and adopt NANTMP as umbrella body to all private Traditional Medicine Association in Nigeria.

This information and directive consequently brought down the inauguration of Oyo State NANTMP in December 2007 while Ogun State NANTMP was inaugurated in January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008, and Lagos was the 3<sup>rd</sup> State NANTMP was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Since then, all states and associations of the South West and in Nigeria as a whole had been united and a Board of Traditional Medicine has been in place. Since then, all States of the Federation made their election venue the Federal Ministry of Health Secretariat, Abuja, NANTMP has come to stay, existing, moving greater and greater every day, under the watch and control of Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja. All the rumours that NANTMP is no more could be heard from the opponents that refused to join us, or from members who aspired for a post and failed during election are unprogressive and enemies of Traditional Medicine who does not want the practice to grow.

Since the inception of the inauguration, both state and Federal branches are having series of training in form of workshop, seminar, attending some existing Traditional Medicine Colleges, sensitization by different government agencies, like the Nigeria National Medicine Development Agency (NNDMA) of Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, collaborating with State Ministry of Health to boost their knowledge and also paid their dues to the cover of State Governments.

Groups of the Practitioners were divided as follows:-

At this juncture, I hereby made it known you and believe that NANTMP is existing in Ondo State and all other South West States.

To ascertain my claims, I wish to attach some relevant government guidelines that proved that NANTMP is well recognized for your perusal.

1. NAFDAC Registration & Regulatory Affairs (R & S) Directorate  
Guidelines for registration of Herbal Remedies/Dietary Supplements made in Nigeria.  
Step 1, 3 under documentation 3.1.8 that States boldly that:  
Certificate of Membership with the National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners is to be produced along order documents for the registration before NAFDAC

2. I will also attached Federal Republic of Nigeria official gazette No 112 of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Vol. 106 signed to law on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019 by President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR before he leaves office under Establishment of Nigeria national Medicine Development Agency and its Governing Board.  
Part 1. (D) that says:- Chairman and one representative of the National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (National President and one representative of the National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners NANTMP)
3. The draft of the Code of Ethics and Practice for Traditional Medicine Practitioners (TMPS) in Nigeria, which is yet to be published under Article 4, if I may refer to:  
Shall maintain good professional relationship with other TMPS at all times.  
Article 5: Shall participate in the activities of NANTMP and other relevant organizations. Also see the list of abbreviations on page 11.

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