Leaders of the Nigerian Optometric Students Association (NOSA) visit key authorities in Abuja

In September 2023, Dr. Oteri Okolo, Coordinator of the National Eye Health Programme at the Federal Ministry of Health, presented the National Eye Health Policy to Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Since then, the Nigerian Optometry Students Association (NOSA) has closely monitored policy developments, particularly those affecting children's and young people's vision. NOSA considers it a priority that eye health-related interventions consider youth perspectives.

Between 14 and 16 January 2026, a NOSA delegation, led by its President, Nicholas Oke, an optometry student at the University of Benin, held a series of high-level meetings with key leaders and stakeholders across Nigeria's eye health and optometry sector.



NOSA delegation with Dr. Oteri Okolo (middle)

During the visit, Dr. Oteri Okolo, formally presented the National Health Policy to the delegation, underscoring the increasing recognition of NOSA's role in shaping the future of national eye health advocacy and policy engagement.

While in Abuja, the NOSA delegation also met with the following authorities and stakeholders:

- Dr. Ken Giwa — Director of Optometry, National Assembly.
- Dr. Anderson Chimeziri — President, Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA)
- Dr. Chinedu Njezi — NOA-Federal Capital Territory Chairman
- Dr. Obinna Ebirim — Senior Technical Advisor to the Hon. Minister of Youth Development
- Dr. Ozy Okonokhua — President-Elect, Africa Council of Optometry
- Dr. Adesuwa Agbontaen — President, Guild of Optometry Directors of Nigeria

- Mr. Purneet Sharma — Manager, SkipperEyeQ (Facility Tour Host)
- Dr. Edidiong Udom — Chief Medical Director, Magna Eyecare

These strategic engagements underscored NOSA's growing role as a bridge between student leaders, professional bodies, and policymakers, and highlight a shared commitment to strengthening eye health systems, youth development, and optometric education in Nigeria and across Africa.



Pemije Gadimoh, Dr.Obinna Ebirim,and Nicholas Oke



NOSA delegation with Dr. Ken Giwa (middle)



NOSA delegation with Dr. Ozy Okonokhua (middle)



NOSA delegation with Mr. Puneet Sharma (middle)

The NOSA delegation included: Adeola Abiola (NOSA Provost), Yasir Hamisu (NOSA Secretary-General), Pemije Gadimoh (Founder, Global Optometry Student Community — OPTOGLOBE & Vice President, SVOSH-UNIBEN), and Adeboye Adetona (Director of Advocacy & Public Engagement, OPTOGLOBE).

All Nigerian SVOSH chapters have representatives within their respective NOSA chapters. VOSH/International commends NOSA's leadership and remains committed to strengthening optometry students' leadership.

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