

OPTOGLOBE Launches ETF — Equipping the Future — at NOSA National Conference

On Saturday, November 22, 2025, OPTOGLOBE — The Global Optometry Student Community — officially launched its ETF (Equipping the Future) initiative during a side event at the NOSA National Conference in Owerri, Nigeria. Proudly sponsored by Optometry Giving Sight, ETF is designed to empower optometry students by addressing challenges in clinical training, fostering collaboration, and building sustainable solutions for the future of vision care.

The event drew an audience of more than 70 participants and featured two engaging panel sessions. The first, moderated by AbasiOfon Ita, OPTOGLOBE Director of Membership and Engagement, brought together student leaders — Amos Ekeleni (President, NOSA Novena), Praise Ebure (President, NOSA BMU), Umeh Kosisochukwu (Vice President, SVOSH FUTO), and Nemi Gladin (Vice President, OSAF UNIBEN) — to discuss the shortage of clinical instruments, its causes, and possible solutions from a student perspective.



Image 1 Students attending the ETF launch

The second panel, also moderated by AbasiOfon Ita, focused on global collaboration and featured Pemije Gadimoh (Founder, OPTOGLOBE), Chinelo Ikeli (Secretary General, AFOS), and Vincent Iheme (Former President, SVOSH FUTO). Their discussion emphasized the importance of international partnerships in advancing optometric education and student leadership worldwide.

A special presentation was delivered by Progress Aghedo (Clinical President, UNIBEN), who also operates an optical instrument distribution company. He provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by distributors, particularly rising inflation and escalating equipment costs.

ETF — Equipping the Future — was formally introduced and launched by Pemije Gadimoh, Founder of OPTOGLOBE, with event execution led by Adetona Adeboye, Director of Public Engagement and Advocacy. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Emmanuel

Ujiogba, Immediate Past NOSA National Vice President, followed by meals, refreshments, and networking among attendees.



Image 2 One of the students' panels.

The launch of ETF marks a significant milestone in OPTOGLOBE's mission to empower optometry students. By Equipping the Future, OPTOGLOBE is tackling today's challenges while building a stronger, more connected global optometry student community.

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