



Who's Who in One Health One Health Nigeria

1. Organization/ Group Name and website url:

One Health Nigeria onehealthnigeria@googlegroups.com

2. Description and Scope of One Health Activities:

OneHealthNigeria@googlegroups.com (OHN) is a private initiative created to actively promote the One Health Concept and principles in Nigeria. OHNgroup is an interactive email discussion forum created June 06 2011 to actively promote One Health in Nigeria, by Babalobi Olutayo (DVM, MPVM, PhD; FCVSN), a Nigerian Epizootiologist (Veterinary Epidemiologist), subscriber/supporter of the One Health Initiative and the One Health Global Network

3. Key Collaborators / Participants and contact information

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4. Type of Organization

Interactive electronic group

5. Address of Organization/ Group

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6. Sources of funding for Organization/Group

None so far. Self-initiative

7. **One Health Course/Certificate/Training Offered by Organization or Group**
None yet
8. **Other One Health Activities/Initiatives**
Posting of relevant One Health articles and Interactive e-mail discussion
9. **Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement** (see below)

MY INVOLVEMENT WITH ONE HEALTH PROMOTION IN NIGERIA (2006 to 2015)

By:

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List-Creator, <onehealthnigeria@googlegroups.com>, an interactive email discussion forum created to actively promote the institutionalization of One Health in Nigeria.

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Alive by His Grace for His Purpose

The initiative to promote One Health has always being undertaken by veterinarians in different countries worldwide. So did I take it upon myself to selflessly and voluntarily promote One Health in Nigeria, as far back as 2006 to date, first during my tenure as Acting Head, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria August 2008 - July 2010; thereafter during my sabbatical leave August 2011- July 2012; and up to this date. These activities include as follows:

- i. 2006: became the *second Nigerian veterinary (after Professor Oyewale Tomori) to sign up to membership and supporter of the One Health Initiative worldwide.*
- ii. In 2008, at the NVMA Annual National Congress, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria, I took the personal initiative to present the two One Health proposals below for consideration and adoption. They are:
 1. "PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF A CONGRESS RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING, ACCEPTING AND SUPPORTING THE "ONE HEALTH"INITIATIVE BY THE NIGERIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION"

2. "PROPOSAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CONGRESS RESOLUTION ON THE "ONE HEALTH" PARTNERSHIP CONCEPT BETWEEN THE NIGERIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION";

(While the first was adopted, the second was stepped down to allow the NVMA National Executive NEC to initiate contact with NMA by setting up a committee to do this. Eight years later and four NVMA NEC gone, nothing has been done to this effect).

- iii. Submitted article to the NATIONAL HEALTH MAGAZINE of the NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION <nma_healthnews@yahoo.com> in November 2008, in response to an earlier invitation by Mr. Peter Kalu, Personal Assistant to Dr Igboeli, the Nigerian Medical Association NMA President.
- iv. Similarly, submitted a paper titled "**Pandemics and Paradigms (2): Emerging Zoonoses and the One Health Paradigm**" published as an Invited Paper for DOKITA, the Medical Journal of Medical Students of the University College Hospital, Ibadan in February 2009.
- v. Invited Lecture delivered at the Unibadan Conference of Biomedical Research at the University of Ibadan Conference Centre from 26th to 29 August 2008 on: **The "One Health" approach and partnership to the Biomedical Health of Humans, Animals and Plants living in a common Environment**".
- vi. Publication BABALOBI O. O., (2008). **One Medicine Approach to Emerging Zoonotic Diseases: A Review**. Vom Journal of Veterinary Science, Vol. 5 (1), 59-64.
- vii. International Conference: BABALOBI O.O. and Tomori O. (2009): **Pioneering a "One health" Non- Governmental Organization in Promoting the Effective Collaborative, Early Warning Detection, Prevention and Control of Emerging Zoonotic Diseases in Nigeria**. 'Epidemiology Unplugged-Providing power for better health': The Twelfth Conference of the International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE XII). 10 - 14 August 2009, Durban, South Africa; and

BABALOBI O. O. (2009): Promoting the "One medicine, one health" initiative in Nigeria. The 12th Conference of the International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE XII). 10 - 14 August 2009, Durban, South Africa. p777. <http://www.sciquest.org.nz/node/68268>
- viii. Invited Guest Lecture on "**One Health: The way out of Emerging Zoonoses**", by the Oyo State chapter of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association NVMA, Oyo State 2009 Annual Congress, I.A.R &T, Moor Plantation, Ibadan 18th August 2009
- ix. My creation of **One Health Nigeria e-group** <onehealthnigeria@googlegroups.com>, June 2011
- x. Nine (9) months *Sabbatical leave with the CDC One Health Office Animal: Human Interface Project Nigeria*. 2011- 2012

- xi. Commissioned by Dr. Abdul Salam Nasidi, Project Director, Nigeria Center for Disease Control NCDC, Abuja Nigeria to **Co-author the Concept paper on “One Health in Nigeria Coordinating Office”** under the NCDC October –November 2011 (see attachment)
- xii. Organized two **‘One Health workshops’** involving laboratorians, physicians and veterinarians to draw up a One Health Curriculum and Course content for African Field Epidemiology Network AFENET. November and December 2011
- xiii. Joined and contributed to **FAO’s One Health talk.org** January 2012
- xiv. Invited International Conference presentation: **Babalobi O. O. (2012): Implementing the One Health through the Nigerian Field Epidemiology Laboratory Training Program. Panel session on One Health: Concept to Action.** International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases 2012 (ICEID 2012), Atlanta, Georgia, USA. March 11-14, 2012.
- xv. Attended and conducted a **One Health interview with Prof James Steele** (*the ‘Father of Veterinary Public Health’*) during the 20th Annual James Steel Lecture/ 99th birthday anniversary at the School of Public Health, Houston Texas, April 2012
- xvi. Inter-professional paper :**Babalobi O. O. (2012): ‘One Health’ in Nigeria: The 2006-2009 Avian and Pandemic Influenza Experience:** Presentation at the 52nd Annual General Conference/Delegate meeting of the Nigerian Medical Association, 1st to 4th May 2012, International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja, Nigeria.
- xvii. Successful completion and submission of a **Technical report of a One Health Curriculum and Course Content template** to AFENET for implementation in other African countries. May 2012
- xviii. Conducted **One Health interviews** with Prof Oyewale Tomori, Prof G. O. Esuruoso and Dr. Abdulsalami Nasidi on the History of One Health in Nigeria. May, -August 2012
- xix. Submitted my Sabbatical Leave report to the University of Ibadan on resumption with emphasis on **“ The Role of Universities in promoting One Health in Nigeria”** earlier submitted to OneHealthtalk.org August 2012.

What are some challenges to creating One Health partnerships and collaborations?

- Coordination
- Leadership
- Individuality
- Professional suspicion/ Mutual mistrust
- Professional arrogance
- Professional ignorance

xx. Delivered two One Health related lectures - on invitation to the Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme NFEELTP MPH training program, Abuja, Nigeria involving laboratorians, physicians and veterinarians. August 2012

xxi. Deliver a paper titled **History of One Health in Nigeria**, at the 49th Annual Congress and Scientific Session of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association, EKITI 2012, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria Wednesday 07th November 2012

xxii. Keynote Speaker on the theme: "**The challenge and significant role of NVMA in Operationalizing the One Health Initiative In Nigeria**", Plenary Session Presentation at 49th Annual Congress and Scientific Session of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association, EKITI 2012, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria, Tuesday 06th November 2012

xxiii. Attended the 2013 Conference on "**A World United Against Infectious Diseases: Cross-Sectoral Solutions**" in Bangkok, Thailand during 28 January – 2 February 2013.

xiv. Delivered a plenary session presentation titled **A Review of One Health Veterinary Curriculum for the Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (2011-2012)** at the International UMA/UVMA One Health Conference, 14th to 16th February 2013, Kampala, Uganda.

xv. Delivered an invited plenary session Lead Speaker presentation titled "**Developing an interdisciplinary curriculum of One Health in West Africa**". Lead Speaker presentation for the 2nd Centre for Control and Prevention of Zoonoses CCPZ Annual Conference and One-Health exposition "Improving Zoonoses Surveillance in West Africa: The One-Health Approach" 3rd July 2013

xvi. Delivered two One Health related lecture - on invitation to the Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme NFE LTP MPH training program, Abuja, Nigeria involving laboratorians, physicians and veterinarians.

a. **History of One Health in Nigeria: A tribute to late One Health pioneers in Nigeria.** A presentation to Cohort five of the Nigerian Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (NFE LTP). 07th August 2014

b. **Present and Future One Health Roles of the Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programme.** A presentation to Cohort five of the Nigerian Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (NFE LTP). 07th August 2014

xvii. Delivered a paper titled: '**History of One Health in Nigeria**' at the World Association of History of Veterinary Medicine WAHVM Congress 2014, held at Imperial College London, 10th - 13th September 2014.

xviii. Delivered an invited paper titled: '**Veterinary Practice in the One Health Initiative: Back to Basics**' at the second Plenary Session presentation on Wednesday 26th November 2014 at the 51st Annual Congress of the Nigerian Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA KADA 2014) held at the Umaru Musa Yar'Adua Indoor Sport Centre, Murtala Square, Kaduna. Nigeria. 23rd to 28th November 2014.

xx. Official request from the Veterinary Council of Nigeria VCN for my recommendation of a draft Undergraduate (DVM) One Health Curriculum Course Contents/outline as input to the draft harmonized Veterinary curriculum for accredited Veterinary Faculties/Colleges in Nigeria being considered by the VCN. November 2014

xxi. Published three compendiums of One Health related Books

xxii. Submitted via email attachment my recommendation titled RECOMMENDED ONE HEALTH COURSE OUTLINE FOR VETERINARY STUDENTS IN NIGERIA AT UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL. January 2015

xxiii. Invited as Lead Author on The One-health movement – principles and practice in the One Health- Zoonoses Edition of the **Archives of Ibadan Medicine AIM Journal** of the College of Medicine/University College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, March 2015.

xxxiv. Submitted Hard copy and re-submitted via email attachment my recommendation titled RECOMMENDED ONE HEALTH COURSE OUTLINE FOR VETERINARY STUDENTS IN NIGERIA AT UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL. April 2015

xxxv. Selected by the National Executive Committee of the Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association NVMA as as Board Member of proposed Nigeria Medical Association/Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association NMA/NVMA proposed joint Journal of Zoonoses (and One Health), August 2015

Sincerely,
Babalobi, Olutayo Olajide
29th August 2015