



THE **12th** ANNUAL AUTISM
CONFERENCE



THEME: CREATING A COMMUNITY OF
AWE-TISM
Advocates

29th & 30th August, 2022

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Welcome to the

12th ANNUAL AUTISM CONFERENCE

Dear Partners,

I am delighted to welcome everyone present in-person and all those joining us virtually to the 12th edition of the GTCO Autism Conference. Your continued show of support and active participation in our annual conference is greatly encouraging.

Now in its 2nd decade, the annual Autism Conference has over the years shaped a community of people with a shared commitment to create better outcomes for those who find themselves in the margins of society because they are deemed different from what the world defines as normal. While much has been done over the years to increase the social consciousness around Autism and to improve the available support systems for managing developmental disorders, I strongly believe that we can do more individually and collectively to create and uphold a culture of inclusion towards people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to enable them to reach their full potential.

The theme for this year's conference; "Creating a Community of Awe-Tism Advocates" seeks to highlight the issue of social isolation of persons with autism spectrum disorder whilst calling for all of us to do more in showing practical support for this special group of persons by adopting a mindset of inclusion. Beyond helping those with ASD directly, their families and primary caregivers stand to benefit from our
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community of "Awe-Tism Advocates" as having the support of friends outside the family circle and frequent engagement in community activities are proven measures to providing substantial relief.

In following our usual arrangement, the programme will include a series of panel discussions and keynote presentations by globally renowned autism specialists. Amongst other areas, the engagements will address the growing adoption of evidence-based interventions for the treatment of ASD, the importance of community involvement and what all of us can do to create better outcomes for individuals with ASD. Also, we will be learning practical approaches to special care and get to see and hear first-hand experiences of those who have overcome the limitations of ASD to build exciting careers from their passion.

For us at GTCO, we appreciate diversity in the range of capabilities available to everyone and see inclusion as a key enabler for wide-reaching growth. As an added feature of this year's Autism Conference and to ensure more persons with developmental disorders can benefit from professional help, we made provisions to offer specialist care to autistic children in the areas of speech and behaviour therapy, child psychology and psychiatry, as well as occupational development for adults living with autism via in-person consultations over a period of five days starting from Tuesday, August 23rd to Saturday, August 27th. We have continued to receive positive feedback on the exercise, and I would like to thank everyone who made the consultations a success.

Having honoured our invitation to be here today, I have no doubts that our community of 'Awe-Tism Advocates' will continue to grow and increasingly embody a safe space for people living with autism to thrive in.

Once again, please accept my warm welcome.

SEGUN AGBAJE

Group Chief Executive Officer
GTCO Plc

3 WAYS YOU CAN BE A VOICE

FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH AUTISM

1

Be the Change

Educate yourself about the everyday challenges people living with autism face, examine the biases you may hold about them and always speak up against the discrimination of people living with Autism.



2

Show your Support

Every individual's experience with autism is unique. Learn how best you can be there for them, by listening to their challenges and observing their behavioral models to create inclusive spaces for them!

3

Share Resources

There is strength in community. Spread the word about events like the Guaranty Trust Autism Conference because they can offer significant support and rare opportunities to interact and socialize with other families affected by autism.





Orange Ribbon Initiative

The Orange Ribbon Initiative is one of the ways we demonstrate our support for persons with disabilities with a focus on those with autism spectrum disorders as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As a primary component of this initiative, the annual GTCO Autism Conference is aimed at giving voice to the challenges faced by people with ASD and providing practical assistance to help them function well as part of the society. Over the years, more than 15,000 people with ASD and their families have benefited from the free one-on-one consultations with world-renowned specialists in autism treatment provided along with topical presentations and panel discussions at the annual GTCO Autism Conference.



Our key objectives are to:

- Increase social awareness of autism spectrum disorders (ASD)
- Provide free professional consultation for people living with Autism and their families
- Foster improvements in the care and management of autism among parents, caregivers, educationists, and health workers
- Support inclusive quality education for children living with autism and equip vocational centres for adults with ASD
- Offer funding for applied autism research

Persons with ASD and their families require support to live, work, and participate actively in communal activities. Effective social connections have been shown to help not just children and adults living with autism, but their family members and primary caregivers benefit from the reduced strains made possible with extra assistance. Hence, our focus this year is to galvanize support for persons with ASD by using our community of **“Awe-Tism Advocates”** to nurture an inclusive society where each one is celebrated and valued for their uniqueness.

At Guaranty Trust, we strongly believe that it is essential to give back to the communities where we operate and see Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a critical constituent of business sustainability. Our commitment to giving back runs just as deep as our passion for creating value and is driven by our belief that building strong businesses and creating better outcomes for all are both essential for long-term success. It is for this reason that we maintain a clearly defined CSR strategy focused on championing causes that transform lives and uplift our communities.

The Orange Ribbon Initiative continues to thrive on partnerships with resourceful organizations and individuals working tirelessly to improve lives. Our partner organizations this year include Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta, Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital Enugu, Autism Compassion Africa Ghana, The Color of Autism Foundation USA, Meharry Medical College USA, and Behaviorprise Consulting Inc., Canada, National Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi Lagos, Federal Medical Center Abeokuta and Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Yaba Lagos.



OUR STORY

OF BEING A VOICE

12 years ago,
we came up with a plan to
**build a better world for
everyone.**

In this world, we will give
people living with Autism
all the support they need
to live a bright and
colorful life.

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At the first conference,
**we invited world leading
specialists to share with us how
best we can support children and
adults living with Autism.**

We also organized free one-on-
one consultations with experts
for people with children
facing developmental
disorders.

3

2

We thought a campaign
would work brilliantly to
push our idea forward so we
named the campaign Orange
Ribbon Initiative and created
**The Guaranty Trust
Annual Autism Conference**
under it.

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In a short while the conference became a focal point for thousands of people across Africa who shared the same belief as us that **anyone can reach their fullest potential if they are supported.**

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So every year we organize the Guaranty Trust Annual Autism conference and one-on-one consultation as part of **our lifelong commitment to increase awareness about autism** and rally support for children and adults living with developmental disorders.

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While recognizing our impact in driving awareness for Autism, we knew that we still had a long way to go! Because sometimes, **it takes a lifelong commitment to build a better world.**

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And with your support over the years, our campaign has become stronger and we have become better advocates for people living with Autism.
**#Together
#BeAVoice.**

Our PROMISE



Our **ultimate goal** is achieving an **inclusive world**. We are committed to relentlessly tackling the barriers marginalized people, especially those living with Autism, face daily. We are providing tools and resources to pull down barriers that push vulnerable groups to the margins of society. Today, we have given over **4000** children access to free one-on-one consultation with leading medical experts. We have trained over **15,000** people on how to manage Autism. And we are not stopping there.

So, **here's our promise:** we will keep learning better ways to be there for people living with Autism and never stop pushing for a world where they, and everyone, can actively contribute in society as they desire.



The Carefully Curated SUPPORT KIT

Sometimes, the right information is all we need to come out stronger when faced with challenges.

This support kit was put together to give you easy access to the right resources and tools that will help you better understand your challenges no matter how unique and promote a better future for your child and family. From cognitive/behavioural apps to a directory of experts, we hope you find this guide helpful!

1. Otsimo

Using Augmentative Communication, like model sounds and sign language, Gemiini teaches children living with Autism to recognize and pronounce everyday words.

2. Gemiini

Otsimo uses a gamified approach to teach sounds and words to children living with Autism. It also has a reward system that makes learning fun and keeps your child motivated.

3. Touch and Learn - Emotions

With specific games, exercises and stories, Articulation station helps your child learn every sound of the alphabet, easier and faster. Also take advantage of its unique learning plan!

4. Articulation Station

This Touch and Learn Emotions app was made to help kids read body language and understand emotions by looking at gorgeous pictures and figuring out which person is expressing a given emotion.



Otsimo
Autism Games & Social Stories



Gemiini
Education



Touch and Learn - Emotions
Education



Articulation Station
Comprehensive Speech Therapy



About 2022 Autism Program



THEME: CREATING A COMMUNITY OF
AWE-TISM Advocates





Creating a community of Inclusion for those living on the autism spectrum

Community inclusion is best described as when there is an opportunity within a community for all its members to live, work, contribute and participate without barriers or obstacles. In an inclusive community, each person has their individual needs and differences not only accommodated but celebrated and valued. Community inclusion means every person should be treated as a whole community member. Being a part of one's community supports happiness and well-being, gives a sense of belonging and adds to a person's quality of life.

- Making all programs in which typically developing youth and their families participate accessible and available to youth with disabilities and their families.
- Developing community programs for individuals with and without disabilities.

- Placing individuals with disabilities in the same community programs that their parents would choose for them if they did not have disabilities.
- Providing opportunities for special services to be delivered and individual needs to be met within typical community settings.
- Providing opportunities for social relationships between individuals with and without disabilities.

**'EVERY CHILD MATTERS
AND HAS THE RIGHT
TO BE INCLUDED.'**

It's essential for their community to be a voice, be a champion, and be an Awe-tism Warrior for them.

This year's facilitators will cover an array of topics: What is Evidence-Based Therapy? Community Involvement: My Involvement, Your Inclusion and More!



IMPACT STORIES¹

I'm a voice director, a voice actor, a producer, and i'm also on the Autism Spectrum. I'm not on the mild side of the spectrum, so i'm very fortunate to be verbal - however it took a lot of work to start speaking. There is no part of my life where Autism did not make people look at me differently but thankfully I have learned to develop my mask by understanding that there is nothing wrong with me: I wasn't demon possessed, I wasn't stupid, I just needed to pay more attention to who I am. I don't see Autism as a disorder, for me, it's a superpower. I will maintain this as a fact in history, there is literally been no forward movement in human civilisation without the Autistic.

IMPACT STORIES²

My son is now 23. When he was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with Autism and one year before that he lost his verbal skills. I started teaching him sign language because I really wanted to communicate with him but that changed when I met one of the specialists at a Guaranty Trust Autism Conference. With her guidance, his speech returned and his skills for solving puzzles also expanded. But as he was getting to the age where his mates go to universities or get jobs, I started thinking of how to channel his potential to enable him have an independent life. It's because of him I went into poultry so that we could work together, and it has helped him alot. Autism isn't not a write off. From my experience I know that nature doesn't create a vacuum - something is always going on in their minds. Irrespective of the challenges, they will definitely learn (thrive)

IMPACT STORIES³

My first son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at 3-years old and ever since then it has defined our lives and who we are. My journey from when he was non-verbal till now has been marvellous; I think what made the difference is the support system that I put in place for him. Before now I thought I could control it all but I had to learn to give up that control and listen to my child more. Through listening, I learned how best to help him and now my son talks! Patience has been my biggest learning...cotd

IMPACT STORIES⁴

I have a son who is 9 years old and dealing with Autism, lots of people think it's contagious; I have had people who don't want their children to be around those with Autism. It's not contagious, it's not a disease, children with Autism are just wired differently; they just have different abilities but they are very much like every other person. A lot of people think nothing can come out of people living with Autism and that's wrong, because with the right therapy, support, they can live normal lives.

Watch Our Short Film, **A Mother Knows**



We made a short film in honor of World Autism Awareness Day and as part of our continued effort in addressing the neglect and stigmatization of children living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Nigeria. The film tells the story of a young boy growing up with autism and the impact of the condition on his family as they raise him.

Point your phone camera **Here** to watch this





IMPACT STORIES



◀ **Scan Here to see more**
Impact Stories







Meet

Our Facilitators and Presenters



Beauty Kumesine

Founder and Executive Director at Blazing Heart Autism Center, co founder of Azbekum Foundation. She has over 15 years of experience and impact with families and the community on Special Educational Needs and is a disability inclusion advocate.



Lanre Duyile

is the President and CEO of Behaviorprise Consulting Inc. in Toronto, Canada. He consults with Agencies and families to create evidence-based behavioral treatment to improve the lives of people living with developmental disabilities.

Whitney Hammel

is the co-founder and executive director of Autism Compassion Africa, an NGO in Ghana and a nonprofit in the US. She has over 15 years of experience directly working in the field of autism and applied behavior analysis (ABA).



Camille Proctor

is the Founder and Executive Director of The Color of Autism Foundation, a US based national Non-Profit organization she founded in 2009. Her organization focuses on self efficacy and advocacy which supports individuals living with autism.



Dr. Abimbola Akinyelure

is the Head of the Occupational Therapy Department at National Orthopedic Hospital, Lagos Nigeria. He is also a member of Nigeria's medical rehabilitation therapist board and the Occupational Therapy Association.



Bukola Ayinde

is the Founder of Diary of a Special Needs Mum Initiative under the P4:13 Foundation. She is a lawyer, storyteller, disability inclusion advocate, and social entrepreneur.



Amanda Budge

is the founder of Multikids Africa, a Ghana-based NGO and the co-founder and Head of Multikids Inclusive Academy, the first inclusive international school in Ghana, established in 2010. She has over 30 years of experience as an educator in special needs and mainstream settings in the UK and Ghana.



Solape Azazi

is an advocate for people living with ASD and the Executive Director & Founder of Cradle Lounge, a holiday club for all children to explore their creativity through arts & craft



Dr. Muideen Bakare

is a Chief Consultant Psychiatrist and Head of the Child and Adolescent Unit of Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu. He is also the present Chairman of Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders Initiatives (CNDI), an NGO in Nigeria.



Dr. Oladipo Sowunmi

is a consultant emergency psychiatrist with the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta, Nigeria. His interest in emergency psychiatry includes child and adolescent emergency mental health care, emergency psychoactive substance abuse treatment, genetics and emergency mental health ethics.





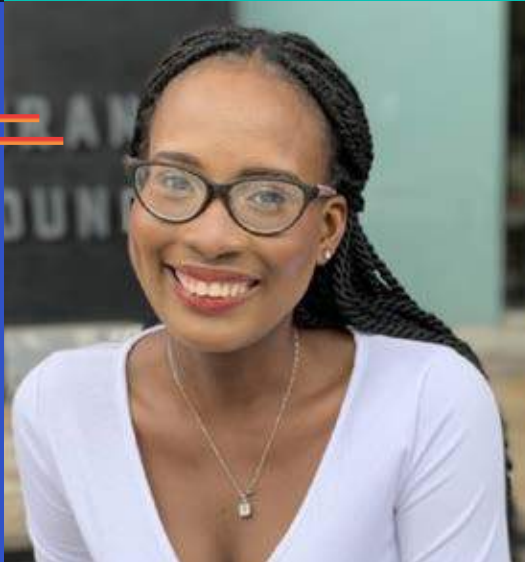
Paul Okeugo

is an experienced sales and marketing professional. He has held several senior sales and marketing positions in FMCG and telecoms Business. He is the founder of Chocolate City Group, now partnered with Warner Music Group, one of the most respected brands in the music industry.



Oluwatoyin Odunuyi

is a self-published author, writer, and disability advocate. She owns and manages a blog called "An Inclusive Kind World" that focuses on Autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disorders.



Dr. Ade Awe

is a special care dentist, specializing in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Meharry Medical College, USA.



Esther Sule Okeugo

is involved with numerous groups and communities which advocate for autism awareness and special needs. She is the founder of Haven for Autism a foundation that seeks to provide safe spaces and vocational skills for children living with autism



John Paul Horsley

is an actor and teacher, who moved into the healthcare sector, working at the Royal Bethlem Hospital in London, at the National Autism Unit, where his speciality is working with autistic adults who have other mental health conditions as well as autism.



Remi Olutimayin

is a voice director, voice actor, writer, and producer. His work covers animation, audiobooks, e-learning, and documentaries. He's been a part of memorable projects including Our Own Area animated series, and more recently the audio drama series Love, Music, and Dreams produced by TNC Africa

Tagbo Okeke

is a 12-year-old art savant living with Autism. Kanye started painting at age of 6 and has been recognized globally in the creative art world leading to him becoming a recipient of numerous local and international awards.



Viktoria Oliver

is 18 year old. She is a licensed flight attendant. She has an interest in criminal investigations and aspiring to become a lawyer in the nearest future. She spends her free time drawing and reading. She has an 8 year old brother living with Autism



Zizah Okeugo

is a 13-year-old visual artist diagnosed with Autism. He spent his early years as a non-verbal introverted child. After his diagnosis at age 4, he underwent constant therapy in speech development, motor skill development, and several emotional control techniques to help him blend into a neurotypical world.



Joy Ovioije Adeniyi

is an Applied Behaviour Analyst with Autism Compassion Africa in Lagos. She has a master's degree in Education, and is a certified International behaviour analyst (IBA) from the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT), USA.



Alex Oliver

is a 16 year old, graduate of secondary school. He spends his free time playing Minecraft and has a particular interest in coding and technology but aspires to become a pilot. Alex has a brother living with ASD.



Mr Tagbo C Okeke & Dr. Silvia Tagbo-Okeke

are the founders of the Kanyeyachukwu Autism Society (KAS), an organization dedicated to assisting in the spread of autism awareness in Nigeria and beyond. The KAS foundations vision is developed to reduce discrimination and achieve wider acceptance and inclusivity of Children living with Autism in the larger society



Presentations & Panel Discussions

SN	Names	Specialisation	Topic
1	Lanre Duyile	Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and Founder, Behaviourise Int. Canada	What is Evidence-Based Therapy?
2	Amanda Budge	Inclusive School Leader and Specialist Educator	Inclusion is Transforming how we See the World: Education, Collaboration and Paying Attention
3	Whitney Hammel	Board certified Behaviour Analyst	Use of Compassionate Care to Develop Strong Parent and Educator Relationships to Create Best Outcomes for the Child
4	Beauty Kumesine	Founder Blazing Heart Autism Center	Community Involvement: My Involvement, Your Inclusion
5	Bukola Ayinde	Special Needs Advocate	Moderator & Panelist, Circles of Care
6	Dr. Muideen Bakare	Childhood Neuropsychiatrist, Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Enugu	Panelist, Circles of Care Research - Validity and reliability of the Nigerian Autism Screening Questionnaire
7	Dr. Abimbola Akinyelure	Occupational Therapist, Igbobi Orthopedic, Yaba	Panelist, Circles of Care
8	Joy Ovioije Adeniyi	Behavior Analyst	Panelist, Circles of Care
9	Dr Oladipo Sowunmi	Consultant Psychiatrist at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Abeokuta	Panelist, Circles of Care
10	Solape Azazi	Parent & Founder, Cradle Lounge Special Needs Initiative, Lagos	Moderator & Panelist, It Takes a Village (Parent and siblings)
11	Tagbo C. Okeke	Parent	Panelist, It Takes a Village (Parent and siblings) Panelist, Finding your child's passion
12	Oluwatoyin Odunuyi	Sibling	Panelist, It Takes a Village (Parent and siblings)
13	Viktoria Oliver & Alex Oliver	Siblings	Panelist, It Takes a Village (Parent and siblings)
14	Dr. Ade Awe	Special Care Dentistry for children with Autism	Practical Approaches to Special Care Dentistry
15	Remi Olutimayin	Voice over actor	Becoming a Voice Over Artist; How I channeled my autistic strengths into a career Panelist, Centering Autistic Voices
16	John Paul Horsley	Award Winning Singer and Autism Support specialist	My Life My Art; The Journey of Self-discovery and Fatherhood Panelist, Centering Autistic Voices
17	Oluwaseun Olaniyan	Media Creative and Radio/TV Host	Moderator, Centering Autistic Voices
18	Camille Proctor	Educator and Founder, The colour of Autism USA	Moderator & Panelist, Finding your child's passion
19	Esther Sule Okeugo	Parent	Panelist, Finding your child's passion
20	Paul Okeugo	Parent	Panelist, Finding your child's passion
21	Zizah Okeugo	Child	Artist
22	Silvia Tagbo-Okeke	Parent	Panelist, Finding your child's passion
23	Tagbo Okeke	Child	Artist



A Platform for Enriching **LIVES**

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc is a multinational financial services group that provides individuals, businesses, private and public institutions across Africa and the United Kingdom with a broad range of market-leading financial products and services. Headquartered in Lagos, GTCO Plc currently employs over 12,000 professionals across Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom.

At Guaranty Trust, we constantly strive to create the best outcomes for our customers and communities. Our strong service culture, efficient management, world class corporate governance standards and bias for innovation has enabled us maintain consistent year on year growth in customer base and profitability since inception. As a Proudly African and Truly International Institution, we are fully invested in powering our continent's progress. We are at the forefront of promoting enterprise and empowering small businesses, and our free business platforms are driving the growth of Africa's fashion and food industries and helping to create new and global opportunities for the continent's incredibly young population.

We are also passionate champions and enduring patrons of a wide range of Social Responsibility causes. We strongly believe that of far greater importance to us, beyond providing first class service, is the role we play in improving access to Education, driving Community Development, promoting the Arts and protecting the Environment.

Over the years, we have been at the forefront of delivering innovative banking products and services to customers and best-in-class Return-on-Equity to shareholders. We are widely regarded as the best managed financial institution in Nigeria and have, over the past decade, embarked on a period of unparalleled growth, growing our customer base from less than 3 billion customers in 2011 to over 28MM in 2021.

Ultimately, our vision is to build an enduring Proudly African and Truly International Institution that plays a fundamental role as a Platform for Enriching Lives by building strong, value adding relationships with our customers, stakeholders and the communities in which we operate.

**Thank you
for joining
us in Being
a Voice**

**for people living
with Autism!**



**We hope your Advocacy
doesn't stop here.**

See you next year!

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME DAY 1

MONDAY,
29TH AUGUST

9:00am	BREAKFAST		
10:00am	Opening / Introductions		
10:10am	Special rendition / Performance 'Inclusion'		
10:40am	Keynote Address	Mr. Segun Agbaje Group Chief Executive Officer – GTCO Plc	
10:50am	Session 1	Lanre Duyile	Specialisation: Board Certified Behaviour Analyst, Behaviorprise College of Business and Health Studies, Canada. Topic: What is Evidence Based Therapy?
11:20am	Session 2	Amanda Budge	Specialisation: Inclusive School Leader and Specialist Educator Topic: Inclusion is Transforming how we See the World: Education, Collaboration and Paying Attention
11:50pm	Session 3	Beauty Kumesine	Specialisation: Founder Blazing Heart Autism Center Topic: Community Involvement: My Involvement, Your Inclusion
12:20pm	Session 4	John Paul Horsley	Specialisation: Award Winning Singer and Autism Support specialist Topic: My Life My Art; The Journey of Self-discovery and Fatherhood
1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
PANEL DISCUSSIONS			
2:00pm	Session 5	Circles of Care Moderator Bukola Ayinde	Dr. Muideen Bakare Chief Consultant Psychiatrist, Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders Initiatives & Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu. Dr Abimbola Akinyelure Occupational Therapist, Igbobi Orthopaedic, Yaba Joy Ovioije Adeniyi Behaviour Analyst Dr Oladipo Sowunmi Consultant Psychiatrist at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Abeokuta
3:30pm	Session 6	It takes a Village (Parent and siblings) Moderator Solape Azazi	Camille Proctor Educator and Founder, The colour of Autism USA Mr. Tagbo C. OKeke Parent Oluwatoyin Odunuyi Sibling Viktoria & Alex Oliver Siblings

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME DAY 2

TUESDAY,
30TH AUGUST

9:00am	BREAKFAST		
10:00am	Recap of Day 1 – Camille Proctor		
10:20am	Special rendition / Performance ‘Inclusion’		
10:50am	Session 1	Dr. Muideen Bakare	<div><div>Specialisation: Researcher</div><div>Topic: Validity and Reliability of the Nigerian Autism Screening Questionnaire</div></div>
11:20am	Session 2	Dr. Ade Awe	<div><div>Specialisation: Special Care Dentistry for children with Autism</div><div>Topic: Practical Approaches to Special Care Dentistry</div></div>
11:50pm	Session 3	Whitney Hammel Anny	<div><div>Specialisation: Board certified Behaviour Analys</div><div>Topic: Use of Compassionate Care to Develop Strong Parent and Educator Relationships to Create Best Outcomes for the Child</div></div>
12:20pm	Session 4	Remi Olutimayin	<div><div>Specialisation: Voice over actor</div><div>Topic: Becoming a Voice Over Artist; How I Channeled my Autistic Strengths into a Career</div></div>
1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
PANEL DISCUSSIONS			
2:00pm	Session 5	<div><div>Finding your Child’s Passion</div><div>Moderator Camille Proctor</div></div>	<div><div>Mr. Tagbo Okeke & Dr. Mrs. Silvia Tagbo-Okeke Tagbo’s Parents</div><div>Mr. Paul Okeugo & Mrs. Esther Sule Okeugo Zizah’s Parents</div></div>
3:30pm	Session 6	<div><div>Centering Autistic Voices: Refocusing the Autism Narrative</div><div>Moderator Oluwaseun P. Olaniyan</div></div>	<div><div>Remi Olutimayin Award-winning Voiceover Actor</div><div>John Paul Horsley Award-winning Singer</div></div>

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Boyl Special Centre for Children BSCC	2a SMC Quarters Bamaawa Kaduna		0803 960 7012; 0803 903 0000
Centre for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADO)	1 Chika Ono Street, Behind Lion House, Off Nnebisi Road, Abba, Delta State		0803 811 2838; 0806 114 8025 cadding@yahoo.com
Children Development Center (CDC)	31 Modupe Street, off Admiralty Courtyard Street, Surulere, Lagos State		01-4702648; 0802 317 6525 www.cdcnigeria.org
Domlaah Development Institute (DDI), Abuja			0802 827 6957; 0805 200 0000
Eleve Great Minds (Centre for Special Needs)	48b Oromai Street, Moremi, Ilorin, Ife-Ife.	Mercy Igudia	0703 280 9999
Excellent Child Support Initiative	No 7 Oshurba Okogba Street, Off Dosumu Ayodeji, GRA 2, Ikodu	Mrs. K Amida	0802 123 2420; 0906 042 4303 Excellentchild27@gmail.com
Little Beginnings Academy	13a Alarabi Olu Street, Lekki Phase 1	Chunee Joel Ojo, Jeff Ojo, Head of School	0817 438 0100 www.little-beginnings.org
NWATU Autism Foundation	4, Ibehu Ruffa Street, Apo Palace Way, Oshodi, Lagos, P.M.B 039, Festac Town, Lagos State		01-8992331; 0805 845 8995 autism@nigra@yahoo.co.uk
OLG Health Foundation and Autism Centre	8 Faith Avenue, Woji Avenue, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.		0803 056 4479 chris_zowah@yahoo.co.uk; www.olgaautismnigeria.org.ng
Patrick Speech and Languages Centre	13B Rumi Fare-Kayode Street, GRA Ikoyi, Lagos		0803 361 9855; 0818 012 7108; 0705 502 8215 patrickspeech1@gmail.com; www.patrickautism-ng.org
The Children's Practice Where you get Experience, Cutting Edge Care and Dedication	No 25 Raymond Nkoku Street, SW Ikoyi, Lagos.	Dr. Alexandra Luraba Ayga	01-4811941; 01-8920723 www.childrenspediatric.com
The Learning Place Centre (TLPC)	18, Chris Madukwe Drive, Lekki, Phase 1, Lagos	Doyinsola Adebomahin	01 342 5537; 0815 086 8120 admission@tlpcentre.com www.tlpcentre.com
Toluwal Special Needs Center	2, Somorin Street, Oshodi, Abeokuta, Ogun State.		0808 601 2440
Willing Health Advocacy & Training Support	46 Airport Road, Benin City, Edo State		0803 863 6071; 0805 618 4790 willinghealth@yahoo.com
Zamarr Institute Abuja	27 Liberville Street, Off Aemru Kano Crescent, Wuse II, FCT Abuja	Mrs Ronke Kutagum	0809 814 3671; 0803 314 3671; 0802 765 3255 info@zamarrinstitute.org; zamarrinstitute@yahoo.com; www.zamarrinstitute.org
Quest Learning Centre	28 M. Emmanuel Drive, Off Total Gospel Road, Off Peter Odili Road, Port - Harcourt	Mrs Ibene Oboh	0813 502 7070; 0813 510 8480 questteacem@gmail.com

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Friends Consult Independent Speech & Language Therapy Services, BSA	10 Osoyuni Street, Off Amore Street, Off Toyin Street Ikaja, Lagos.	Mrs Grace Bamigboye	0805 578 0090 grace.bamigboye@yahoo.com
J&J Calvary Hearing & Speech Centre	8 Suru Mogaji Street via Association Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos State		0803 344 5445, 0802 365 9108 jcalvary@yahoo.com
Patrick Speech Training Academy	138 Romi Fani-Kayode Street, GRA Ikeja, Lagos		0803 301 9865, 0818 012 7108, 0705 502 8216 patrickspeech1@gmail.com, www.patrickspeech.org
NUTRITIONISTS			
Ideal Eagle Hospital	Sunusi Fafunwa Street, Victoria Island, Lagos State	Dr. Cecilia Chidiac	01-7757077, 0803 400 0911 leh@mygenia.com
OLG Health Foundation and Autism Centre	8 Faith Avenue, Woji Avenue, Port Harcourt, Rivers State		0803 556 4409 chlo_zower@yahoo.co.uk
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SUPPORT GROUPS			
Warrior Mums Support Group	WhatsApp / Telegram Occasional Physical Meetings	Mrs Jonathan	0802 330 6107
Super Parents Support Group	Facebook Occasional Physical meetings	Folasho Olatu	0803 201 5652
AMIN (ASD Mums In Nigeria)	WhatsApp / Instagram Occasional Physical Meetings	Ifuako Karol-Whyte	0803 754 3693
Autism Parents Association	WhatsApp / Telegram Occasional Physical Meetings	Solape Aboji	0818 340 2111
INTERNATIONAL			
Behaviorprise Consulting Inc. Toronto, Canada		Laive Doyle	laive@behaviorprise.com
Blazing Trails International Center (BTIC), USA	8204 Elmwood Drive, Suite 111 Dallas, TX, USA	Dr. Anna Lamkera	blazingtrailscenter@gmail.com +1 572 538 5543
The Color of Autism Foundation		Camille Proctor	info@thecolorofautism.org
Bearly Articulating, USA		Jaannette Washington	hb@bearlyarticulating.com
Nuru Behavioral Network, USA		Kora Hardy	contact@nurubehavioralnetwork.com
The London Multidisciplinary Team		Toni Agboola-Odeye	toni@londonmdt.com

SPECIAL CENTRES / SCHOOLS			
Makbel Montessori School	37 Adekunle Ademola Street, Adesoro Bus-Stop, Via LASU-Ikara Road, Lagos.		makbelschool@gmail.com 0904 111 0001
Makbel Child Development Centre			centrenakbel@gmail.com 0904 111 0002
Antowa montessori school and special centre	21 Asokun street, Fawole bus stop Bayeku Ikorodu, Lagos		0803 510 7920 0818 871 5856
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SERVICES			
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Center	Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital Yaba, Oshodi branch, off Ajaye motor road	Dr. Oluwafemi Ogun.	
Department of Psychiatry	College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi Aro, Lagos, Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH)	Dr. Yewande Oshodi	
Child and Adolescent Unit	The Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Am, Abokuta, Ogun State	Dr. Paul Agboola	www.neuronano.com
INTERVENTION SERVICES			
Acceleration Therapy	74 Community Road, Akoka Yaba, Lagos State	Dr. Helen Nwarze	0802 315 1105 acceltherapy@yahoo.com
Autism Associates	1 Bode Thomas Street, off Bode Thomas Road, Oshodi, Lagos, State		01-8506324; 0803 911 2639 info@autismassociatesnigeria.org autismassociates@yahoo.co.uk www.autismassociatesnigeria.org
Brain and Body Solutions Limited	39 Suez Crescent, Wise Zone 4, Alhaja	Dr. Dayo Alade	0810 200 7700; 0703 864 46743 brainandbodycentre@gmail.com
Smartbase Services	23 Chalede Road, S.W Ikoyi, Lagos State		01-2670032, 0802 379 0236 www.smartbase.ng
Pinnacle Medical Services	14 Murtala Ebu Street, behind Sefurt Plaza, Oshodi Lagos, Lagos	Mrs Mamusa Kufajit Kufajit	0809 973 1209, 0803 304 3563 www.pinnaclemedicalservices.com.ng
Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorder (CAND-Do)	College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi Aro, Lagos	Mr. Hodele	canddo@unilag.edu.ng autismservice@coml.edu.ng
Pleasant Places Therapy Centre	5 Chief Ige Street, By Ecobank Artillery Branch, Kuruogba, Port Harcourt	Mr. Emegha	0815 967 1945 info@pleasantplacescentre.com www.pleasantplacescentre.com
RSET-F Training Centre Royal School of Educational Therapy Foundation	Plot 134, 4461 Crescent, Abubakar Ali Gumbo Street, Civic Villas, Gwarinpa, Abuja FCT	Dr. Badiwa	0803 953 0275
Pleasant Places Therapy & Training Academy	30 Cameriland Street, Off OMB Builders Mart Road, Eff Busstop, Lekki, Lagos	Mrs Daisy Jonathan	0802 330 6107 director@pleasantplaceschools.com



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ABOUT ME

I first knew my child had autism when _____

My first thoughts were _____

My child's name is _____

His/her pet name is _____

The best thing about my child _____

My favorite moment with my child _____

My child's super power is _____

My most recent win as a parent is _____

I'm proud of _____

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