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Congratulations to the First Lady Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu And the leadership of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials For keeping the legacy alive. Let the Conversation Continue.

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A Time for Solidarity from our Women

Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke SANWO-OLU Her Excellency Chief (Mrs.) Oluremi HAMZAT

We are in transition Looking forward to the birth of the 10th Republic To build new dreams, beat new feats In our hands, Lagos continues to excel A new airport at Lekki Blue Line Train from Orile to CMS Badagry expects a new sea port We thank our women for the solidarity, support and sustenance

As the 22nd National Women Conference

gathers momentum I welcome, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Buhari, The First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I congratulate Her Excellency, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu, First Lady and Chairperson of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials and the leadership for another milestone. I wish participants who have registered to add quality to this annual conversation about the progress of women in our state happy and fruitful deliberations.



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he annual National Women Conference organised by the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials began as a noble initiative of the wife of the first military governor of Lagos State, Mrs.Funmilayo Johnson.Born December 6,1939, Mrs Johnson passed on peacefully at the age of 76 in February 2016 leaving behind a legacy for the First Ladies of Lagos. The idea of berthing a forum for wives of Lagos State officials flowed from the urbane traditions of Lagos society. Women associations of faiths and humanitarian causes were key features of the polity. For instance, the Young Women Christian Association still plays major role in the Anglican Church.Late Funmilayo's idea provided fantastic support for her husband during his assignment as the military governor. However, as coups and counter-coups punctured governance in the country, her husband'a exit in July, 1975 following the overthrow of his boss, General Yakubu Gowon by Colonel Murtala Muhammed, marked the end of a great initiative.It took the brilliance of the wife of the civilian governor of Lagos State, elected in 1999 to discover the gem in the rubles of the history of governance, polish it and make it glitter once again.Her name: Oluremi Tinubu.

It was exciting to watch the founder and the restorer, the delectable but aging Mrs Johnson and the beautifully vibrant Mrs Tinubu enjoying each other's company at the



Participants at the 22nd National Women conference press briefing

her husband was elected as the governor of Lagos State in 2019, Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-olu became the Chairperson of COWLSO.She focussed on adding value to campaign to combat practices endangering women, particularly domestic violence.In the course of several walks her office organised to sensitive the public, she brought her weight, morally and financially to support the organisations working in this area of human rights.Bose Ironsi, one of the activists involved in tracking domestic violence eulogised Dr.Sanwo-olu for the bus she donated to her nongovernmental organisation and funds for setting up the facility to rehabilitate

victims. According to her, these have enabled her organisation to monitor such abuses in Lagos State and encourage more victims to speak out.COWLSO's most ambitious project in recent times is the establishment of a public secondary school for

r e l e v a n c e . T h e s e achievements form the impeccable background for this year's theme: Spring Forth, Stand Out. It speaks to the critical importance of initiative that stands out by distinct value. It calls on participants not to rest on

salon where hairdos and styles which would command attention. Next is the visit to the tailor to fit into wears, all in the bid to be appear at their best during the women conference.The conference has also opened opportunties for buyers and sellers. By October 12, the event website punlished that there was no more place to register those seeking to market their wares.But the most enduring feature of the conferece is the transfer of knowledge.As participants register to take their seats, it is certain that the faculty of speakers and guests lined up to educate them will deliver life -changing content and make everybody better than before.

annual national women conferences.Fast forward.It is October 18, 2022. The restorer of the COWLSO, Mrs.Tinubu, has been appreciated by the good people of Lagos State. A third term senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and holder of the national honour, Officer of the Order of the Niger, OON.Her successors include Mrs. Abimbola Emmanuela Fashola, 2007 to 2015 and Mrs.Bolanle Patience Ambode, 2015 to 2019. Since the Ogombo community.

Explaining the objective to h e r c o l l e a g u e s from.Southern states recently, she said the project translated COWLSO's objective of making impact on communities to reality.Her visitors agreed with her. Speaking on behalf of the Southern Governors' Wives, SGWF President and Wife of Osun State governor, Mrs Kafayat Oyetola, praised COWLSO leadership for raising the bar of social their oars in today's highly competitive world.

The National Women Conference has become a never-miss event as hundreds plan early to secure a place. This year, more participants will be recorded in the virtual segment as the event, though taking place in the prestigious Eko Hotels, Victoria Island , has gone global.For many women, the weekend preceeding the conference begins at the

The Media & The First Lady

It's not all the time that a First Lady charms the Press, the Fourth Estate of the Realm with her passion to add value. Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu stands out. Medical doctor, mother, wife, women rights and health advocate, she enjoys immense goodwill from the media.

In this section, reporters and writers from Nigeria'a leading newspapers share impressions of the First Lady leading the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials to give back to humanity.

Gboyega Akosile celebrates her humility, Tunde Opeseitan captures her at work and Chinonso Udorah discusses her contribution to the enviable office of the First Lady.

Celebrating Lagos First Lady, Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu on her special day

Gboyega Akosile



y first encounter with the Lagos State First Lady, Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, will forever remain indelible in my mind. I had gone for a meeting, sometime in 2019, with her husband who was then an aspirant vying for the position he currently occupies at their beautiful but modestly arranged home in Ikoyi.

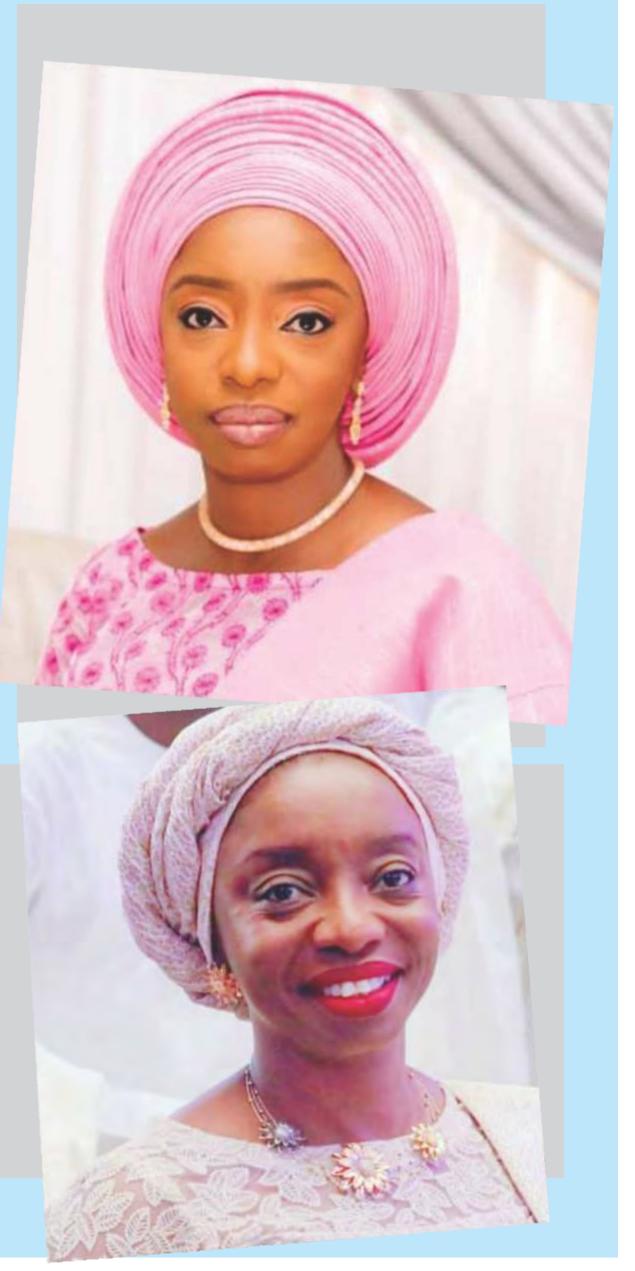
As I sat in the living room, waiting for my prospective boss to arrive, the woman of the house came in from the door, adjacent to where I sat. I knew instantly that this was my principal's wife. I stood up to greet her but to my utter amazement, madam returned my greetings in an unbelievable mannerin a bent knee position (this to Yoruba people is a high-level courtesy). This act of Omoluabi, which came naturally that day set me thinking, because madam is herself an accomplished public servant, a well read and widely travelled medical doctor, who has also raised beautiful children that are on top of their class. I immediately whispered to myself, "this is a family you must work with"! This first encounter was not to be an accident as madam continued to excite my thoughts and imagination in many ways. One of such was a certain day that we had worked till late in the night. She came to me more than three times to

ask whether I had been offered food and each time I'd said I was alright. The last time, she insisted that I must eat something. I told her that a cup of tea would be fine. Pronto madam went into her kitchen and personally made me the tea. At that time madam had about four domestic staff, including a cook and a chef, who we fondly call Mr. White. Those guys are still with her till date!

Character is a major recipe for success. I have seen a display of great character in our First Lady-intelligent, warm, hospitable and generous, madam would call to find out how you're doing especially when she notices that something is going wrong with you and you're troubled.

A big supporter of her husband's THEMES project. Dr. Mrs. Sanwo-Olu is one of the biggest promoters of the Governor's development agenda. She does this through her numerous interventions for women and the vulnerable people in the society.

Her campaign against sexual and gender-based violence in Lagos State has helped to reduce the incidence of rape and other forms gender-based violence. Today is madam's birthday. She deserves all the happiness, joy and prayers that come on a day like this. On behalf of my family, I wish our First Lady, Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu a happy birthday and many more years in sound health and joy for her to continue rendering more service to



humanity.

Akosile is the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

A Quintessential First Lady

BY TUNDE OPESEITAN



othing more surely cultivates and embellishes a man than association with refined and virtuous women – William E. Gladstone

The above expression by Gladstone, a British statesman and liberal politician who served for 12 years as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, aptly explains how the 15th Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has been able to achieve so much in life and positively impact humanity on account of his association with virtuous women starting with his amiable wife and quintessential First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, who is today celebrating her birthday.

Indeed, the story and trajectory of Ibijoke who is the first Medical Practitioner to become the First Lady of Lagos State is that of exceptional combination of beauty and intellect. And more importantly, she has been passionately consistent with her abiding faith in the aphorism that the true essence of life is to make every effort for the world to be a better place.

Born on January 8, 1967 to the family of Paulinus

the league of the brightest minds and pride of the profession, Ibijoke is an active member of Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Lagos Anesthetic Association (LAA), Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN) and Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWLSO) where she is currently serving as the Chairman.

practitioner who represents

Prior to becoming the First Lady, Ibijoke served Lagos State Government meritoriously for 25 years rising through the ranks to become the Chief Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer of Harvey Road Comprehensive Health Centre, Yaba; and later General Hospital, Somolu.

While taking the reins of leadership of COWLSO from the immediate past Chairman, Mrs Bolanle Ambode, Ibijoke declared emphatically and I quote: "I will do my best, God helping me, to move COWLSO to the next level."

True to her words, Ibijoke, within a short period of time in the saddle, has carried on with commendable zestfulness, passion, courage and unwavering determination to promote the ideals of COWLSO which is a community-based gender organization established principally to complement the efforts of the Lagos State Government in bringing about exponential development and growth and generally improving the welfare of Lagosians.

COWLSO is a platform through which wives of the officials of the State Government promote child healthcare, empower women to discover their hidden treasures and protect the environment, among others. In furtherance of the above, Ibijoke introduced a novel initiative of recognizing and appreciating the contributions of elders to the successes recorded by COWLSO through a program tagged 'Senior Citizens' Visit'. The essence of the visit is to basically appreciate senior citizens and to identify with them in whatever they are going through.



2019 when the initiative was birthed till date, a total of 42 senior citizens have been visited with gifts and other items. Apart from giving senior citizens a sense of belonging, the elders in turn have also offered insightful and useful counsel on how to deepen the ideals of COWLSO to positively impact humanity. A passionate lover of women and children, the First Lady has also been a strong voice and a leading light in the advocacy against all forms of sexual abuse and domestic violence against women and children. For her, such bestial act must be stamped out of our society and she is relentlessly pursuing that with the desired vigor and candor. Another area which the First Lady has not hidden her bias is that of health and environment. Interestingly, the second pillar of the developmental agenda of the present administration for greater Lagos otherwise known as T.H.E.M.E.S talks about Health and

Environment. T.H.E.M.E.S is a n a c r o n y m w h i c h encapsulates the vision of Lagos State for Traffic M a n a g e m e n t a n d Transportation; Health and Environment; Education and Technology; Making Lagos a 21st Century Economy; Entertainment and Tourism; as well as Security and Governance.

During the electioneering for her husband's emergence, the First Lady actively Mission International, an offspring of Sanwo Cares and Independent Campaign Group (ICG).

The program, which was designed to positively impact a critical mass of Lagos p o p u l a t i o n t h r o u g h specialized medical services, achieved remarkable success and contributed significantly to the bid of the present administration to revamp, rejuvenate and reposition healthcare delivery in the State, especially in the area of assisting the less privileged members of the society.

Specifically, Pediatric Surgery, Pediatric Eye Surgery, Dental Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and Adult Eye Surgery were carried out at General Hospitals in Lagos, Badagry, Onikan, Randle, Gbagada, Orile Agege, Ikorodu, Epe and Massey Children's Hospital, with health screening done at Primary Healthcare Centers across the State including Ajara, Badagry; Akerele, Surulere; Iga-Iduganran, Lagos Island; Epe in Epe; Ikotun in Alimosho; Onigbogbo in Ikeja; and Ita-Elewa in IKorodu.

At the end of the exercise which lasted for a month, over 21,000 people received free health screening and treatment out of which 3,157 surgeries were carried out for residents.

Also, the First Lady was strongly involved in another medical mission carried out by the State Government in partnership with Benjamin Olowojebutu Foundation to mark the 100 days of Governor Sanwo-Olu's impactful administration. Through that intervention, free surgeries were carried out for 150 residents suffering from Lipomas, Breast Lumps, Hernia and Fibroid, with additional Free Consultation and Free Dental Check at General Hospital, Ijede. She has equally been visible in a number of health advocacy interventions, including the need for residents to key into the Lagos State Health Insurance Scheme, a game changer that will greatly facilitate the Universal Health Coverage plan of the State Government.

Olusegun Carrena of Popoaguda, Brazilian descendant area of Lagos Island, Ibijoke holds Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S) from the prestigious University of Lagos, Akoka. She also has in her academic kitty a Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital and Health Management (PGDHM); Diploma in Anesthesia (DA); Masters of Public Health (MPH) and Masters in Business Administration (MBA). A thoroughbred medical

At the last count, from July

participated in the Free Health Mission of the then Sanwo-Olu campaign train that traversed all nooks and crannies of the state, especially the grassroots and riverine communities. Not done with that upon assumption of office, she was also actively involved in the Lagos State Healthy Bee Project, a free health initiative carried out by the State Government in partnership with Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu/Kadri Obafemi Hamzat (BOSKOH) Health Care

In the area of environment, the First Lady has also been at the vanguard of advocacy for residents, especially women to embrace the Blue Box Program of the Lagos State Government, among other initiatives to engender clean, healthier, livable and sustainable environment. The Blue Box Program, which is being implemented by the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), is designed to encourage waste sorting, especially from source of generation.

Prior to hosting the 2019 National Women's Conference of COWLSO which is one of the best in the history of the association, the First Lady participated in a number of pre-event activities where she announced some of the things the people should expect from COWLSO under her leadership.

First, she said concerted efforts would be geared t o w a r d s m e d i c a l assistance, financial assistance to students, especially through the 'Adopt A Student Project,' creating more awareness to women, building more youth centres, and a lot of health interventions, among others.

"In our tenure by the grace of God, we would be looking more at medical assistance and financial assistance to students. In this direction, there is a

project called 'Adopt A Student in UNILAG (University of Lagos) which we are going to embark on to assist our children as much as possible so that they can finish their education. We are going to combine efforts of what my predecessors have done and that includes creating more awareness and building more youth centres. A lot of health interventions would be taking place by the grace of God," she said.

Just a day after making the declaration, the First Lady walked the talk during a special walk to create awareness for the COWLSO conference when she said that plans have been firmed up to launch an Endowment Fund to defray the cost of pediatric surgeries for needy babies of Ayinke House of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja. Till date, many are still basking in the euphoria of the 2019 COWLSO Conference held from October 22 to 24 with the theme: "Unlearn, Learn and Relearn: 21st Century Women's THEMES Approach/Perspectives. The conference recorded massive attendance of over 3,000 participants who went through three days of mind shifting trainings and brainstorming on how to equip women and position them to key into the

emerging opportunities in Lagos State.

Participants benefited immensely from the life changing experiences, true life stories and case studies presented by thoroughbred professionals in various fields who facilitated the sessions at the conference. It was also on record that for the first time, two houses were won at the raffle draw held during the conference, among other mouthwatering prizes which include cars, cash rewards, return air tickets, deep freezers, cooking gas, television, washing machines and exquisite bed.

During the 2019 edition of the annual Lagos Women Run, the First Lady also broke Nigeria's road race record as the first governor's wife to finish an athletic road race. The First Lady not only flagged off the race as scheduled at the Tafawa Balewa Square, but also ran the whole course of the 10km race to the finish point at Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere.

Under her, the annual Children's Party and Christmas Party were also held with remarkable improvement, in concert with relevant government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

In sustaining the annual first baby of the year celebration, the First Lady improved on the year 2020

edition with special visit for the first time to some general hospitals that have never benefited from the initiative since it started 18 years ago. These include General Hospital, Ijede; General Hospital, Agbowa; General Hospital, Ketu Ejirin and the regular beneficiary, Lagos Island Maternity Hospital. Exciting gifts including mum's packs, baby essentials, cash rewards and other baby items were presented by the First Lady to the first babies and their mothers. The ultimate definition of a good team player, the First Lady is always carrying all COWLSO members along in the activities of the association, especially the Deputy Chairman of COWLSO and wife of Deputy Governor, Mrs Oluremi Hamzat, who she always refer to as 'my amiable sister.' Obviously referring to the Governor and his deputy, Mr Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, the First Lady would always say that Lagos is fortunate to have two for the price of one at the moment. As a matter of fact, the

As a matter of fact, the First Lady is the type that loves to give full support from behind the scene to the Governor. I have heard her say several times that "I want all the focus and attention to be on the Governor; I am not competing with him but complementing him to succeed." That is loaded! It speaks volumes about the amazing quality of the First Lady. She also loves to encourage people to 'walk the walk, talk the talk, and dance the dance,' meaning that people must have time to work hard, make the necessary moves and position themselves to get the best out of life.

It is, therefore, not surprising when in his testimonial, Mr Governor has this to say about his wife: "I can attest to the Bible verse that says, He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord. You (Ibijoke) have not only been my wife, you have also been my prayer partner, my confidant, my number one supporter, my happy place, and most importantly, my peace. Ibijoke mi, your commitment of service to Lagosians continues to delight me because you are my pillar of support and epitome of love."

As this remarkable jewel and inestimable diamond celebrates her 53rd birthday today, I can only join her numerous well wishers to congratulate her. I pray that may the good Lord profoundly bless her today and always with sound health, peace of mind that surpasses all understanding and the good things of life to continue to be a blessing to humanity.

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Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu: The Passionate First Lady, Living Her Career as a Lifestyle

BYCHINONSO UDORAH MARCH 11, 2022

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he is one woman that needs no introduction, especially for her accomplishments in the health sector. The verv virtuous, amiable and quintessential First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, is a woman to be admired by all and sundry, and of course, celebrated as well.

Dr Ibijoke, who is the first Medical Practitioner to become the First Lady of Lagos State, is a combination of beauty and intellect, and has put in so much passionate effort to make her part of the world, a better place.

Born on January 8, 1967 to the family of Paulinus Olusegun Carren of Popoaguda, Brazilian descendant area of Lagos Island, Ibijoke holds a bachelor of medicine, Bachelor of surgery (M.B.B.S), from the prestigious University of Lagos, Akoka. She also holds a post graduate diploma in hospital and health management (PGDHM); Diploma in Anesthesia (DA); Masters of Public Health (MPH) and Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

Dr Ibijoke, a very brilliant mind, is also an active member of Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Lagos Anesthetic Association (LAA), Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN), and Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWLSO), where she is currently serving as the Chairman. Before she became the First Lady of Lagos State, Ibijoke served Lagos State Government on merit for 25 years, and rose through the ranks to become the Chief Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer of Harvey **Road Comprehensive Health** Centre, Yaba; and later

General Hospital, Somolu. She had sworn when she became the new Chairman of COWLSO, that she would do her best and move COWLSO to the next level. And she has not stopped doing that. She has zestfully and passionately promoted the ideals of COWLSO, and the activities of the organization through her, has complemented the efforts of the Lagos State Government into making the welfare of Lagos State

residents much better. She has introduced initiatives like the Senior Citizens Visit, through the activities of COWLSO. The visit was aimed at appreciating senior citizens and identify with them, in whatever they are going through. The visit impacted the lives of over 42 senior citizens and counting and brought a reciprocation from the senior citizens as well.

Dr Ibijoke, has consistently lived her passion of being a voice for women and children, by advocating against all forms of sexual abuse and domestic violence against women and children. And this she did even in the health and environmental sectors, augmenting the developmental agenda of the present administration for greater Lagos, otherwise known as T.H.E.M.E.S talks about Health and Environment.

Dr Ibijoke, was an active participant in the Free Health Mission of the then Sanwo-Olu election campaign train that impacted all parts of Lagos State, particularly the rural and riverine communities. And even after her emergence as the First Lady of the state, she is still actively involved in the Lagos State Healthy Bee Project, a free health initiative carried out by the State Government in partnership with Babajide Olusola Sanwo- Olu/Kadri Obafemi Hamzat (BOSKOH), Health Care Mission International, an offspring of Sanwo Cares





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livable and sustainable environment for Lagosians, and encourages waste sorting through the services of the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA).

Dr Ibijoke also created the 'Adopt a Student Project,' which creates more awareness to women, building more youth centres, and a lot of health interventions, through COWLSO.

The positive impacts of the 2019 COWLSO Conference, with the theme: "Unlearn, Learn and Relearn: 21st Century Women's THEMES Approach / Perspectives", are still being felt across the state. The over 3,000 participants of the conference, went through three days of mind shifting trainings and brainstorming on how to equip women, and position them to key into the emerging opportunities in Lagos State. Did you know that Dr Ibijoke is also athletic? Well, she made records as the first First Lady to finish an athletic road race in the 2019 edition of the annual Lagos Women Run. She flagged off the race at the Tafawa Balewa Square, and also ran the whole course of the 10km race to the finish

Other projects she has championed including the annual Children's Party and Christmas Party, with collaborations with relevant government Ministries, Departments and Agencies. And she made dramatic improvements in the annual first baby of the year celebration, by paying special visit for the first time to some general hospitals that have never benefited from the initiative since it started 18 years ago. Needless to say, that Dr Ibijoke's life is that of service, passion and empathy to women and children and she has impacted the lives of these individuals immensely.

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Stadium, Surulere.

The program helped the present administration to revamp, rejuvenate and reposition healthcare delivery in the State, especially in the areas of, Pediatric Eye Surgery, Dental Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and Adult Eye Surgery, at General Hospitals in Lagos State. She has also worked with several non-governmental organizations, to administer health interventions for free,

Hernia and Fibroid, with additional Free Consultation and Free Dental Check etc. she has also raised a lot of awareness about the Lagos State Health Insurance Scheme. Dr Ibijoke, has also

advocated for the environmental sector, by encouraging women to embrace the Blue Box Program of the Lagos State Government. This is one of her other initiatives to engender clean, healthier,

Congratulations!

On behalf of the Chancellor, Pro – Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Distinguished Members of the Governing Council, University Senate, University Management, Sta and Students of Lagos State University, I heartily congratulate the

FIRST LADY OF LAGOS STATE, DR. CLAUDIANA IBIJOKE SANWO OLU

on her laudable achievements and remarkable contributions to Women Empowerment and Development in Lagos State.

On this historic occasion of the 22nd Annual National Women Conference organized by the Committee of Wives of Lagos State O icials (COWLSO), I equally join all well meaning Nigerians to celebrate with you on this milestone.



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Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke

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The Chief Executive Officer, Lagos State Lotteries and Gaming Authority, Mr Bashir Are, felicitates with the First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, on her immense contributions towards women development in Lagos State and the convening of the 22nd National Women Conference by the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWLSO)







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The Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Arts welcome participants to the 22nd National Women Conference organised by the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials.

Congratulations to Her Excellency, Dr.Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu,

the First Lady, Lagos State and the leadership of COWLSO for this great achievement.



Pharm. Hazmat Akinbile-Yusuf Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture



Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

BRAVO COWLSO!

Hearty Congratulations to the First Lady, Her Excellency Dr. (Mrs) Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu and all COWLSO members

Thank you for continuing a laudable initiative that brings women's affairs on the front burner



Hon. James Abiodun Faleke

Member, Federal House of Representatives Ikeja Federal Constituency



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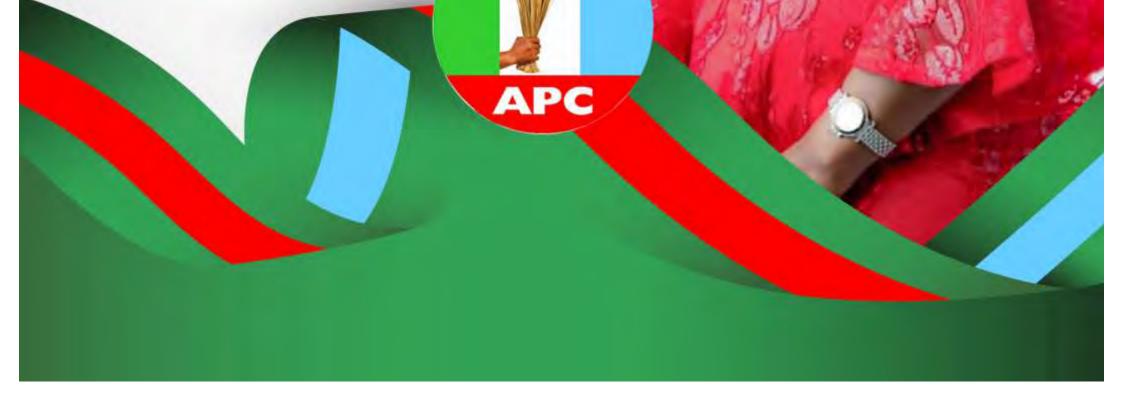
Her Excellency Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu First Lady, Lagos State & Chairperson, Committee of Wives of Lagos State officials, COWLSO on the occasion of the 22nd National Women Conference organised by COWLSO. I wish the participants happy deliberations.

Professor Babagana Zulum Executive Governor Borno State Her Excellency Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu On behalf of the All Progressives Congress, I join all well-wishers to congratulate the FIRST LADY, DR. CLAUDIANA IBIJOKE SANWO-OLU,

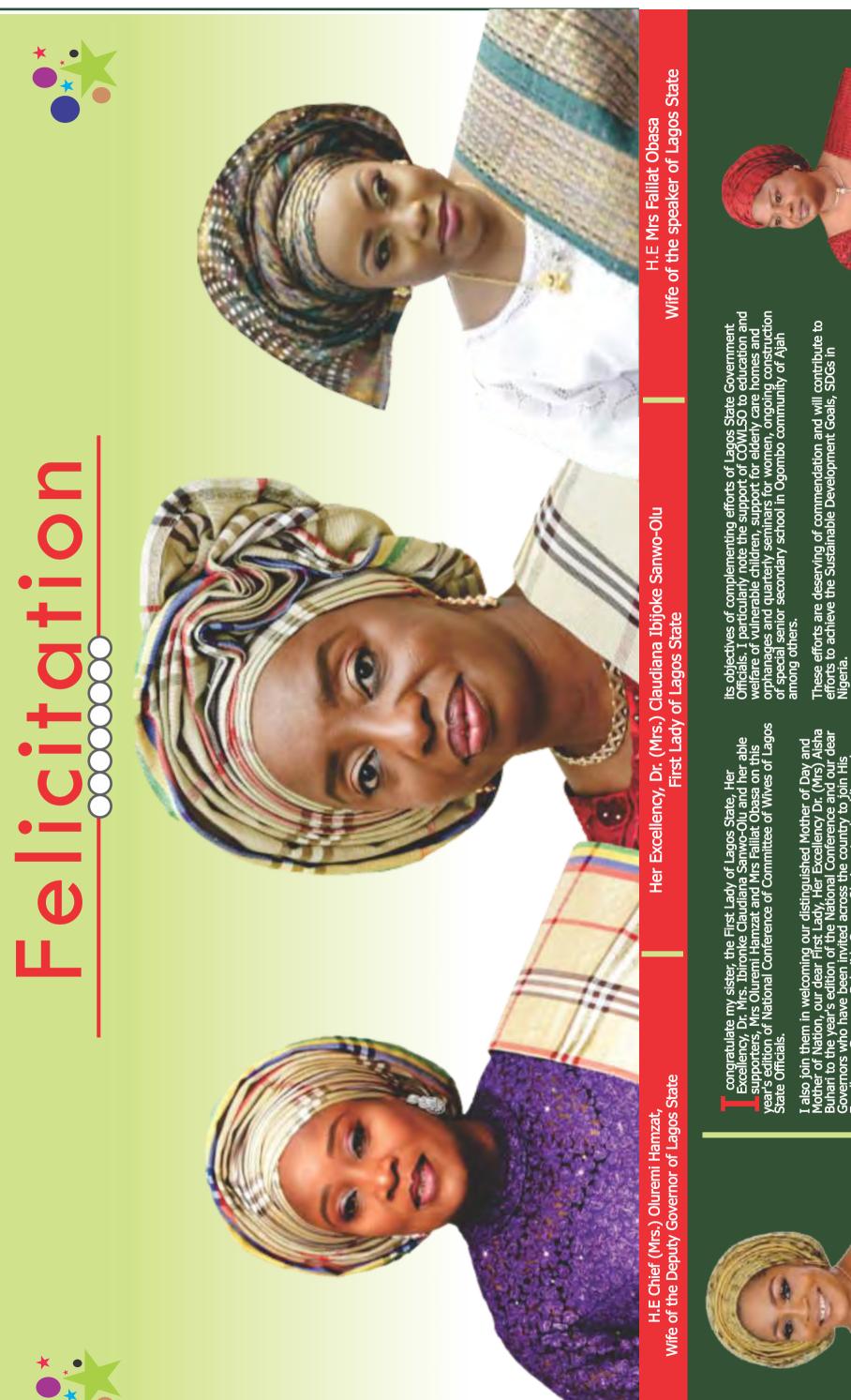
the executive and members of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials, COWLSO on the hosting of the 22nd National Women Conference. We await your progressive resolutions.



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I also join them in welcoming our distinguished Mother of Day and Mother of Nation, our dear First Lady, Her Excellency Dr. (Mrs) Aisha Buhari to the year's edition of the National Conference and our dear Governors who have been invited across the country to join His Excellency, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu in not only adding colour, but to make this year's edition of the COWLSO National Conference a much more fruitful one.

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I especially commend my sister, Dr. Sanwo-Olu, the leadership, and all members of COWLSO for keeping the flag of the Council flying and taking to greater heights,

Therefore, I use this opportunity to again assure COWLSO of my readiness and that of my Office to continue to partner with it in its core objectives of advancing the empowerment, welfare of women, children and other vulnerable groups in Lagos State and Nigeria in general.

eko o ni baje o!

Princess (Dr.) Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire Former Deputy Governor Of Lagos State and Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals <u>Signed</u>



Chairperson, COWLSO NWC Mrs. Nkem Sofela



Congratulations for Making History Again

Since the Fourth National Women Conference, Echonews Newspapers in 2004, Echonews Newspapers Limited has added value to the event by covering the proceedings for the records. We congratulate the

First Lady, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke

Sanwo-Olu

on making history again with the 21st National Women Conference organised by the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials.



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The Lagos State University of Education Congratulates Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu And the leadership of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials for the giant stride that the 22nd National Women Conference represents.

Education is critical to preparing Lagosians for development and our institution is determined to consolidate the legacy of our founders.

I wish all participants happy deliberations.

Signed



Professor Bidemi Bilkis Lafiaji-Okuneye

Vice - Chancellor Lagos State University of Education

Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke SANWO-OLU

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We congratulate Her Excellency, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu and the leadership of COWLSO on this brilliant success.

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Congratulations to Her Excellency, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu, the leadership of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials and participants for recording another milestone.

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Dr. Dolapo Fashawe

General Manager Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA)



Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke

CONGRATULATIONS

Her Excellency, Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

The 22nd National Women Conference is an eloquent to the resilience of the great women of Lagos State, and the inspiring leadership of the Amazon of our state,



Dr. Mrs. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu I hereby congratulate Her Excellency and all the participants on the occasion.

Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa Speaker, Lagos State House of Assembly

FELICITATION

On behalf the good people of Ejigbo LCDA, I Hon Monsurudeen Oloyede Bello OBE The Executive Chairman, felicitate with Her Excellency,

Dr. Mrs Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

and members of the committee on the 22nd National Women Conference.

Her Excellency Dr. Mrs Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

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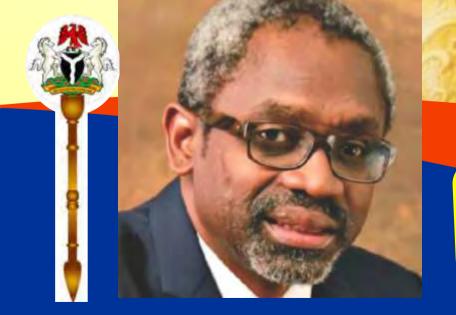
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HONOUR **TO WHOM IT IS DUE**

The people of Surulere rejoice with the women of Nigeria, as you assemble for the 22nd National Women Conference l congratulate

Her Excellency Dr. (Mrs) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu and the entire **COWLSO** members

Happy Deliberations





Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila Speaker, Federal House of Representatives of Nigeria

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The National Association of Local Government Vice Chairmen of Nigeria

Felicitates with

Her Excellency Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu First Lady & Chairperson of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials, COWLSO, the leadership and participants On the occasion of the 22nd National Women Conference.

Her Excellency Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

Aarebirin Hon. Princess Folashade Olabanji-Oba National Chairman Association of Local Government Vice Chairman of Nigeria (ALGOV) & Executive Vice Chairman Ikorodu LGA

Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

Lagos State Parks & Gardens Agency, LASPARK congratulates Her Excellency, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu First Lady, Lagos State And the leadership of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials,

COWLSO on the successful hosting of the 22nd National Women Conference.

We wish you fruitful deliberations.



Mrs Adetoun Ibilola Popoola General Manager Lagos State Parks & Gardens Agency



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Dr.(Mrs) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu

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We join other wellwishers to congratulate the First Lady, Lagos State, Her Excellency, Dr. Ibijoke Claudiana Sanwo-olu and the leadership of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State O icials, COWLSO for organising the 22nd National Women Conference.

We wish you successful deliberations..

her EXC LENCY DR MRSC ALDAIBLOKE SANNO-OLU



PRI E ADEDAMOLA DOCEMO Managing Director/ Chief Execu?i@e Officer



You are the wives, the mothers, the pillars and the salt of life. On this occasion 22nd National Women Conference, the citizens of Ikosi Isheri, heartily congratulate Her Excellency, **Dr. Mrs. Caudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu**, the First Lady of Lagos State and the entire

Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials.

Have a fruitful deliberation

Hon. Abolanle Bada Executive Chairman Ikosi Isheri LCDA





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We congratulate Her Excellency, Dr. Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-olu on this feat and wish the leadership of COWLSO the very best.



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Tayo Akanle General Manager Lagos Traffic Radio Her Excellency Dr. Mrs. Claudiana Ibijoke



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But you take courage! Do not let your hands be weak for you shall be rewarded. 2 Corinthians 15:7

From a mustard seed, the National Women Conference is growing into an oak.

Many thanks to thousands of women, who make it happen every year. Special thanks to the First Lady, Dr. (Mrs) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu and all members of Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials for taking it higher.





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