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Thank you for this wonderful invitation.

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PRINCESS NIKKY BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

ABUJA , NIGERIA - AFRICA

- Princess Nikky Onyeri
- Founder & Executive Director of Princess Nikky Breast & Cervical Cancer Foundation
- Co-ordinator, Forum of African First Ladies Against Breast & Cervical cancer
- My life, personal and work experiences

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BACKGROUND OF MY STORY

- Had breast cancer misdiagnosis in Nigeria - given six months to live
- Suffered nightmare and trauma - the death sentence
- Travelled to UK, was confirmed to be a benign cyst

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BACKGROUND

- Returned to Nigeria in 1995 to set up

PRINCESS NIKKY BREAST CANCER
FOUNDATION (formerly PRINCESS NIKKY
CANCER TRUST)

to focus on breast cancer in Nigeria

- In 2005, refocused to include cervical cancer
- 2006, started working across Africa

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FOUNDATION'S GOALS:

- Education
- Preventive Programmes : vaccination and screening
- Treatment
- Palliation
- Research

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BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER IN NIGERIA & AFRICA

- Huge burden of breast & cervical cancer in Africa
- with high mortality rates
- Holistic approach of focusing on the disease as a women's health issue – breast & cervical cancer inclusive
- Breast Cancer & Cervical Cancer receives very little
or no attention in these regions, especially from the Ministries of Health
- Sharing common success stories and exporting to other countries in Africa and around the world



CHALLENGES FACING BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION IN NIGERIA & AFRICA:

- Poverty
- Limited Resources
- Lack of Education
- Language barriers
- Misconceptions about cervical cancer
- Cultural & religious beliefs
- Low socio-economic background
- Inadequate medical infrastructure
- Lack of knowledge about vaccination & screening
- Missed screening opportunities
- Other factors like transportation



**ANNUAL AFRICA BREAST CANCER
CONFERENCE (AABCC) - 2008**

**STOP CERVICAL CANCER IN AFRICA
CONFERENCE (SCCA) – 2007**

**FORUM OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES AGAINST
BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER (FAFLABCC)
-2009**

**AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIANS & HEALTH
MINISTERS'S AGAINST CANCER???** -2010



CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRINCESS NIKKY BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION ACROSS AFRICA

- Cancer is a disease - not witchcraft
- Better knowledge among all the relevant stakeholders
- African health agenda – Ministry of health
- International Breast Cancer Awareness Month and World Cancer Day Celebration
- National Cancer Plan – Nigeria, Uganda , Ghana, South Africa
- Data collection – the true incidence of cancer in Africa
- Establishment of Cancer Center's in Nigeria and across Africa
- Appointment of Goodwill Ambassadors on Cancer
- International focus , support and collaboration for cancer in Africa
- Networking, partnership in-country, Africa and the world
- Global media attention – CNN Documentary on 3rd & 4th Oct, 2009



OUR FINAL MESSAGE FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS FOR BREAST CANCER IN DEVELOPING WORLD

- . Identify key allies and stakeholders for collaboration and partnerships.
- Influential individuals as Champions and Goodwill Ambassadors.
- The Media is an important partner.
- Link Breast Cancer – Cervical cancer, Women's Health, Empowerment, Equity, Justice (MDG's)
- Remain focused, passionate, committed.



CALL TO ACTION – MAKING THE DIFFERENCE TO BREAST CANCER AROUND THE WORLD

UNLOCK THE POTENTIALS
AROUND US TO ACHIEVE THE
SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION
AND VISION –

A WORLD
WITHOUT BREAST



Indeed, we all have a stake –A *VERY HIGH ONE* – to make this difference in women’s lives all over the world – regardless of *RACE, COLOUR OR CREED.*

I THEREFORE PERSONALLY OFFER MY HAND OF SUPPORT, COOPERATION & COLLABORATION TO WORK WITH YOU INDIVIDUALLY & COLLECTIVELY IN YOUR REGIONS & AROUND THE WORLD.

I thank you all for listening?

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