



# EDITORIAL SUITE

Welcome to the October 2025 Edition of WC Network Magazine.

We are excited to present the 10th edition of the year and are grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received from readers in Nigeria and beyond.

WC Network Magazine serves as a vital platform for women worldwide—a voice that champions fairness and empowerment.

In this edition, we shine a spotlight on extraordinary women across diverse industries who are making significant strides in their fields, breaking through the glass ceiling, and challenging the status quo with every step they take.

Join us as we delve into this inspiring October edition of WC Network Magazine.

Stay inspired, informed, and empowered.

Oyinlola Sale Publisher





OluwaToyin F Collins is the current President of Practioners of Spa and Beauty Association Of Nigeria (POSBAN). As one who has passion for the industry, she has started taking the association to a new level to bring innovations and collaborations to achieve high standards and regulations to fight

malpractices and quackery in the industry in joint efforts with Lagos state safety including other govt bodies to achieve a sane beauty industry that will produce Beauty Council of Nigeria in due time.

She's Director of Esthetic, a US trained skincare specialist, products developer, seasoned Beauty columnist, online radio

host on beauty and esthetics, Educator of esthetics beauty, owner and CEO of Freshlook Day Spa, consultant to Lagos state safety on beauty & Spa, an independent spa consultant.

She graduated from city of London polytechnic in information technology, a certified esthetician with a core training in esthetics that was



continued to expand on education in esthetics at Dermal Institute International in Fort Lauderdale Florida where she obtained her post graduate diploma advance studies in esthetics. Toyin Collins also a graduate of Lagos State College of Health in Medical Esthetics esthetics at Lagos prestigious Spectrum Beauty Academy in injectable's and more.

As a pioneer in the industry, she's one of first to put up a spa in the map of Lagos and Nigeria as far back as 2002. In the spirit of giving back to the communities and society, she has trained and

to her numerous collections in the industry is excellence award as a specialist in area of skincare aesthetics by Africa Aesthetics & Spa industry (powered by west Africa Spa and Medical Aesthetics)

#### **Special Feature**

# Advocating for Excellence: Practitioners of Spa and Beauty Association of Nigeria Collaborates with Lagos State for Industry Standardization













he Practitioners of Spa and Beauty Association of Nigeria (POSBAN) is making significant strides in collaboration with the Lagos State government to establish standardization and sanitation protocols within the beauty industry. This initiative aims to combat quackery practices and empower beauty professionals to enhance their skills and knowledge, rather than instilling a fear of business closures. By focusing on raising standards and providing essential training, POSBAN seeks to foster a more professional and regulated environment for practitioners, ensuring that they operate within recognized industry guidelines.

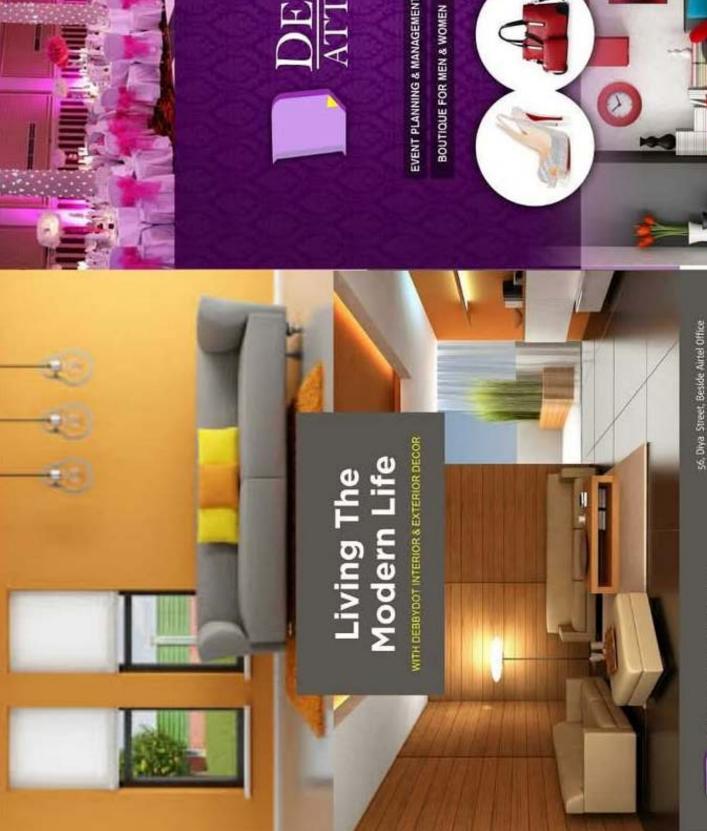
On September 15, 2025, POSBAN hosted a pivotal training session in Ikeja, where the Lagos State Safety Commission provided critical insights into workplace safety specifically tailored for the beauty sector. This training emphasized the importance of maintaining a secure work environment and equipped participants with essential safety protocols for their operations.

In addition to this initiative, POSBAN also collaborates with the Lagos State Health Facility Monitoring and Accreditation Agency (HEFAMAA) to further support a healthier and more regulated beauty industry. Together, we are committed to creating an environment that benefits both practitioners and consumers alike.

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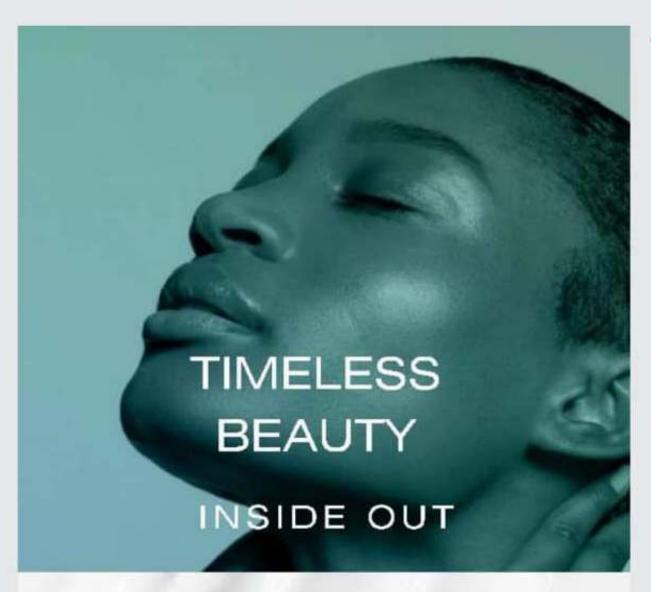
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Abigail Okeke Akano Takes the Helm as the 14th President of the Rotary Club of Ikeja GRA



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Abigail's leadership philosophy centers on engagement and collaboration, believing that an nclusive approach is crucial for nspiring active participation among club members. "When members see the real impact of eir efforts and feel a sense of ownership, they become more motivated," she expressed. Under her guidance, the club is set to tackle significant issues such as limited access to quality education, youth unemployment, and poor healthcare infrastructure through targeted projects, including vocational training and healthcare interventions.







Peace Udoka Anyira is a dedicated advocate for change and empowerment, and her unwavering commitment to the well-being of others has shaped her life's work.

Peace is on a mission to make a positive difference in the world by fostering collaboration and offering community support to all, aiming to address the diverse challenges they encounter.

As Founder of Global Impact Empowerment Hub (Non-profit Organization), Udopeny Network Limited (Consulting), "Girls Time Out"- (A haven, collaboration space, a support group for women), and Book Club. As well as the President of the Rotary Club of Brampton South. Peace extends her encouragement to people to uplift one another and chase their dreams.

Peace has also made significant contributions to her community through various endeavors. She is actively engaged in training, coaching, and mentorship programs, assisting individuals in their professional and personal development journeys.

Peace has received numerous honors and awards for her contributions, some of her Honors & Awards include:

- "Transformational Leadership Award" Issued by Council of Nigerian Professionals (CNP) and the Council of African Professionals (CAP), -Power of Inclusion (POI) 5.0 Award - 6th September 2025

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Issued by Canadian & African Women And program (C.A.W.A.P) - Sankofa Royale, - 10th August 2024

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#### - Advocate for Transformation

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#### -Golden Heart Award

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#### - RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award Nominee - April 2023

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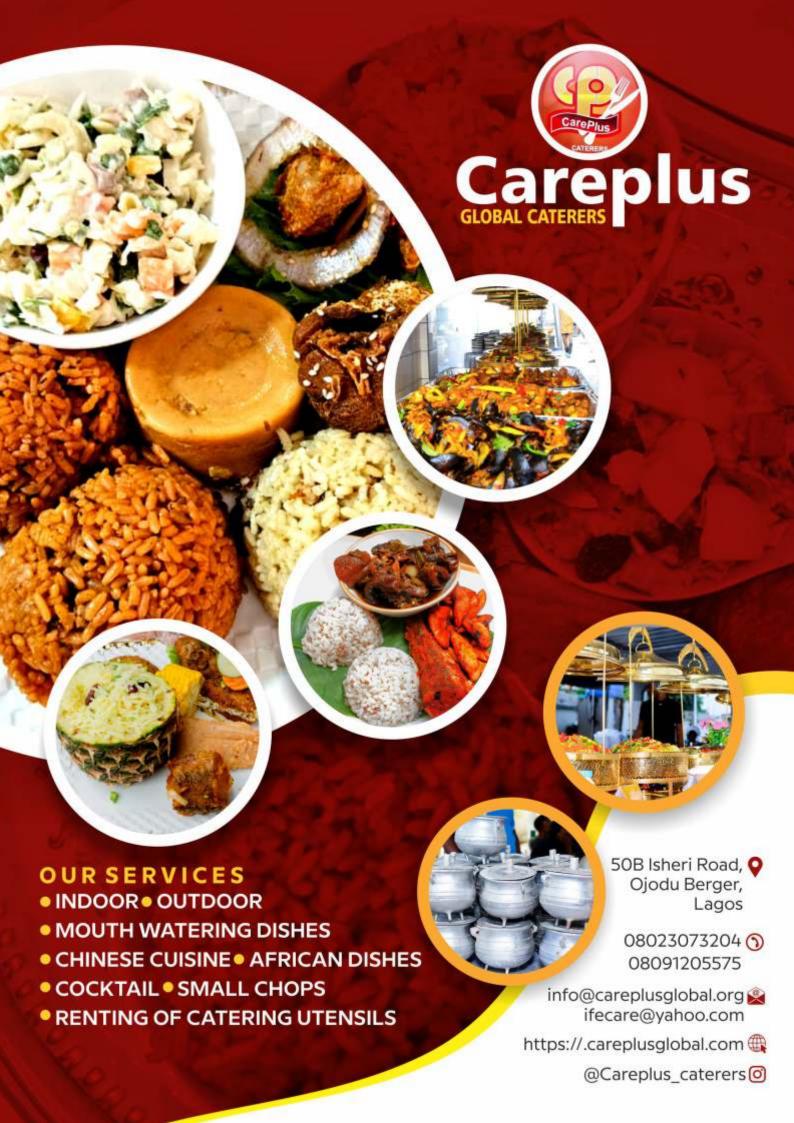
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Her relentless passion for helping individuals achieve their dreams has earned her the endearing moniker of "Mother of Nations."

Her mission is to create a better world for all!









Berneditha Rijssel-Omusuo is a former politician who served four years as a local city councilor in Almere (the Netherlands). As a longtime expert and advocate she initiated and changed policies to build gender equality and empower women, African diaspora and youth to participate in politics and policy making. Berneditha utilized her political platform to address discrimination and underrepresentation of women and youth in politics and leadership roles. Her bold statements received nationwide media attention resulting in additional measures and policies to protect vulnerable groups, including the African diaspora, against racism and discrimination.

Berneditha has a Masters Degree in Culture, Organization & Management with a special focus on Good Governance.

She advises companies, NGO's, senior management, expats and diplomats in clarifying vision, planning strategies and implementing actions.

Over the last ten years, Berneditha worked closely with governmental partners and nongovernmental stakeholders to help ensure humane management of migration. Including the promotion of sustainable inclusion in national education systems for refugees.

Berneditha is currently working as a senior strategic advisor. She has been a Rotarian for over a decade and serves as an Area Governor. Her role on the district leadership team is therefore crucial. Berneditha lives in the Netherlands with her husband and two kids.





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With a proven track record of success and a clear vision for collaboration, Abigail seeks to build strategic partnerships with other organizations and government agencies. "Together, we can do so much more," she emphasized, underscoring her commitment to amplifying the club's impact. Her own journey—from earning degrees in finance and education to serving as Operations Manager at Kartel Energy-reflects her dedication to excellence and community service. As she embarks on this leadership role, the Rotary Club of Ikeja GRA is poised for a year of meaningful contributions, spearheaded by Abigail's passion and vision for positive

change.

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# **Empowering Communities:**

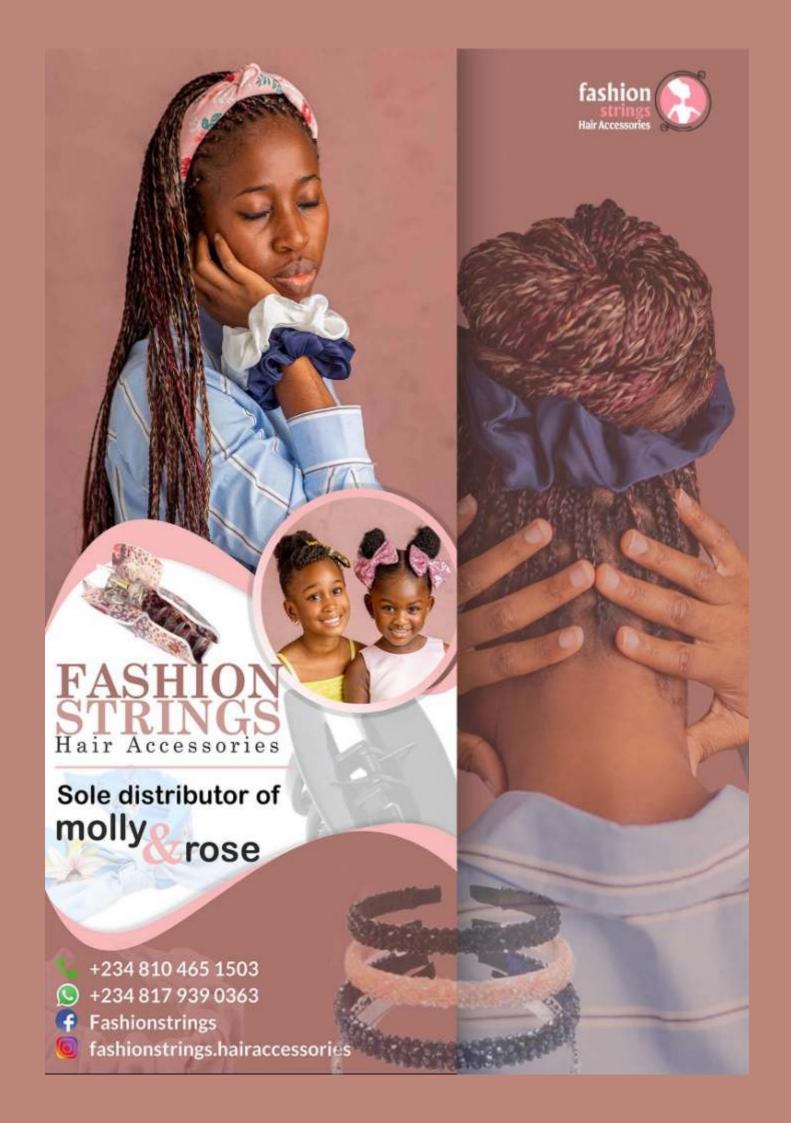
# The Inspiring Journey of Rotarian Olayide Olayide Oluwafunmileyi





otarian Ogundele Olayide Oluwafunmileyi, a distinguished member of the Rotary family, hails from Iporo-Ake in Abeokuta, Ogun State. With a degree in English Language from Obafemi Awolowo University and professional expertise in Customer Service, Project Management, and Administrative Management, Olayide's journey spans 23 years, beginning as an Interactor in 2002. A proud Paul Harris Fellow, she embodies humility, hard work, and a commitment to mentoring the youth, reflecting the core values of Rotary. As she steps into her role as President, she prioritizes community-driven initiatives aimed at addressing critical issues like poor healthcare access and economic development, with an emphasis on sustainable projects such as the Pad A Girl Child program and vocational skill training for young people.

Olayide believes that true engagement starts with ownership and seeks to involve every member in the planning and execution of projects that align with their passions. By fostering a culture of recognition and celebrating successes, she aims to create a sense of purpose that energizes her team. With a vision to deepen the club's impact in Maternal and Child Health and Basic Education while promoting youth inclusion through strengthened Interact and Rotaract clubs, Olayide's leadership is characterized by empathy, creativity, and inclusiveness. As she forges partnerships with local health centers, NGOs, and government agencies, she is poised to inspire meaningful change and ensure that Rotary's mission of service and hope resonates throughout her community.





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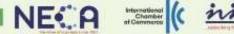


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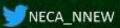
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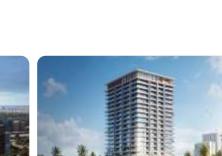
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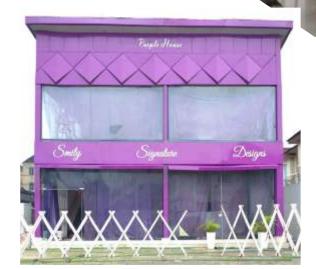
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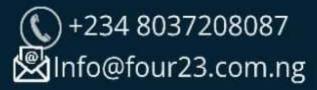
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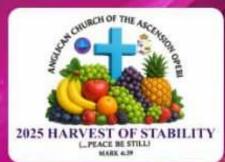
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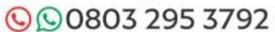
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