

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF TANZANIA

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Dear Pharmacy Professionals, this year's Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting 2023 marks fifty six years of existence of The Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania (PST). It also marks the end of two years and six months term of office of the current executive committee and start of a new three year term of office of the new executive committee, that will be formed after the election at the Annual General Meeting.

Through the PST's fifty six years we have seen the evolution both in numbers and responsibilities of the Pharmaceutical Personnel in Tanzania. Those who have led this profession thus far have set a formidable standard for us to continue in areas of health services provision, supply chain, R&D and manufacturing, entrepreneurship, academia, leadership and nation building. The work and determination put into carrying the pharmacy profession this far could not have been easy. Despite that good work and determination, we still see and hear a lot of great ideas being aired by pharmaceutical personnel suggesting ways to make our profession even better, and bridge gaps, most of which are rooted to **lack of unity and selfishness**. The Executive Committee understood that we needed **to build unity and channel our collective creativity** to achieve the goal of lifting pharmacy to a better position than when we entered office. We did our best and have documented a number of improvement areas, that calls for a bigger forum, the Annual General Meeting 2023, to reach and own the resolutions.

We want to encourage each of us to continue to own our profession and boldly continue to create the pharmacy stories. To do that there are three words that we must always remember, **vision**, **belief** and **persistence**. We must have a clear vision of where we want to take our profession and what legacy we leave behind as we build a strong PST for the betterment of pharmacy profession and health sector. Our vision must include how we will be focused on solving some of the problems inherent in our profession space in Tanzania including the running of PST matters. We must therefore be more than healthcare providers but also thinkers and solution-oriented professionals. We must also be firm in the belief that we can **work together intergenerationally** and **collaborate** as professionals to address fast changing healthcare circumstances that hinder the optimal utilization of pharmacy profession in our health system. We need always to be persistent and uphold the high ethical and moral standards despite the assault of many competing ideologies about our roles and responsibilities.

We all understand that , executive committee alone, will not be able to address all the issues impacting pharmacy profession in Tanzania considering the diversity of this profession. And it is at this point, we wish to request all pharmaceutical personnel in Tanzania to activate their membership with PST, pay for the November 2023 conference and AGM and make sure to attend in person. This is the year of reforms, and so make sure you are part of the reforms. Suggest, identify and encourage competent fellows to take up roles to strengthen PST.

New members :

President Fadhili Hezekiah. EXECUTIVE

General Secretary Benson Katundu.



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Pharmacists; Membership fee 20,000/=, Annual fee 50,000/=, Conference fee 100,000/=, a total of 170,000/=

Pharmaceutical Technicians; Membership fee 20,000/= , Annual fee 50,000/=, Conference fee 50,000/= , a total of 120,000/=

Old member (Non-active):

Pharmacists; Annual fee 50,000/=, Conference fee 100,000/=, a total of 150,000/=

Pharmaceutical Technicians; Annual fee 50,000/=, Conference fee 50,000/=, a total of 100,000/=

Active member:

Pharmacists; Conference fee 100,000/=, a total of 100,000/=

Pharmaceutical Technicians; Conference fee 50,000/=, a total of 50,000/=

We use this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the development of pharmacy profession, without whom we could not have come this far. We remind us all that the work continues. We need the support of everyone and each other, and this can only be when we all engage and participate actively in PST matters, **IT STARTS BY BEING ACTIVE MEMBERS**.

Dear colleagues, "We are made wise and strong, not by recollection of our past and getting stuck there, but by acting responsibly now for our better future". We appeal to all members of the profession to use their professional achievement to lift up others, champion a worthy cause and effect positive changes in PST. Let us be like the eagle, have a clear vision, keep soaring high and ride out the storms together so that we are made stronger. Let us stand together to build a future for pharmacy profession even better than any single one of us could have dreamt of or imagined.

With this message, we wish to inform you that PST 2023 Conference and AGM fee payment is open now. Look out for posters and promotional messages on the same.

Deadline is 31st October, 2023

Let's meet in Dodoma and make necessary reforms for our PST.

Thank you.

Benson Katundu General Secretary The Executive Committee 2021-2023 Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania

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