

NIGERIAN HEART FOUNDATION CELEBRATES WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY 2017

The President Nigerian Heart Foundation, Mrs Francesca Emanuel, stated that African countries are overwhelmed by the threats that tobacco industries poses to the Sustainable Development of all countries, including the health and socioeconomic well-being of citizens especially the young population. She made the statement at the event to mark the 2017 World-No-Tobacco Day on the 31st of May 2017 in Lagos.

The Regional Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional office for Africa, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, urged African countries to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco. Dr. Moeti's message was read by Dr. Meimuna Esan of WHO Lagos office who also implored individuals to help make a sustainable tobacco – free world, either by quitting the habit or by never to use tobacco products.

The activities were organised by the United Nations Information Centre, the Nigerian Heart Foundation, the United Nations Association of Nigeria and Youth Action on Tobacco Control and Health.

The event also featured student's arts competition and exhibition. The artworks were submitted by students from eleven junior and senior secondary schools in Lagos. The best artwork attracted a bicycle as the prize and it was won by Lawal Ayobami a junior secondary school (JSS) student of Debiruss College Ajah, Lagos.



Photograph of the President of NHF Mrs Francesca Emanuel, Executive Director NHF, Dr. Kingsley K. Akinroye, Ambassador Ayo Olukanni of UNAN, Dr. (Mrs.) Meimuna Esan of WHO, Mr. Seyi Soremekun of UNIC, Mr. Seye Omiyefa of YATCH, Mrs. Edirin Metseagharun of Project Healthy Kids, Lagos and others with participating students of Lagos Junior and Senior Secondary Schools during the event marking the 2017 World-No-Tobacco Day in Lagos.