

PACAW Aims to Transform the Mindset of Future African Leaders

Dr. Sylvanus Ayeni, a retired neurosurgeon, is the president and founder of the nonprofit organization.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The monumental problems impacting the young, neglected populations in the world's poorest countries will, sooner or later, reach everybody's borders, posits Dr. Sylvanus Ayeni, a retired neurosurgeon who is also the president and founder of [Pan Africa Children Advocacy Watch](#) (PACAW), a nonprofit organization headquartered in Maryland.



Dr. Sylvanus Ayeni is shown here with children from a primary school in one of the villages in Nigeria where PACAW is very active.

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Ayeni founded PACAW in 2007 in response to the devastating deficits in education, infrastructure and healthcare facing African nations, predominantly in Sub-Saharan Africa. PACAW's primary mission is to nurture and develop a new generation of African leaders who will use the continent's abundant natural resources to provide a

much needed better life for the citizens. PACAW does this by providing access to quality education at public primary and secondary schools, and community development activities.

“The main purpose is to get Nigerian youths to think differently about who they are, their innate capabilities and ultimate responsibility to their nation,” Ayeni said. “Furthermore, to get them to develop a ‘Can Do’ mindset instead of constantly waiting for foreign aid from Europe, the United States, Canada and Asia. Also, to embrace the spirit of selflessness, incorruptibility and nation building.”

PACAW is currently seeking funding to build science laboratories in public high schools run by the state and local governments, an issue that is very close to Ayeni's heart.

"Many of these schools, sadly, have been totally neglected by the leaders," he added.

In the 2024 school year, which begins in September, PACAW, in collaboration with Olise Omolu Foundation (<https://oliseomolu.com>), will launch an annual multi-state high school essay competition in Nigeria for senior high school students. The goal of this project is to re-orient and guide Nigeria's youths — the nation's future — toward a mindset of selflessness, service, incorruptibility and ethical thinking. Support for this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.



"The world would be different — hopefully better — if we realize that there is only one human race, a well-established scientific fact which unfortunately has been ignored for decades," Ayeni said.

To learn more about PACAW or to make a contribution, please visit <https://www.pacaw.org>.

About Sylvanus Ayeni

Sylvanus Ayeni was born and raised in Nigeria and graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Nigeria. As a neurosurgeon, he worked in the private sector, for the U.S. Navy and in academia. Now retired from medicine, he is the president and founder of PACAW. He is also the author of [Rescue Thyself: Change In Sub-Saharan Africa Must Come From Within](#) (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers), in which he offers a bold dialogue about the necessity of finding alternative pathways to solve the monumental problems facing the nations of Sub-Saharan Africa.

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