

Prof. Benjamin S.C. Uzochukwu
Keynote Speaker



Benjamin Uzochukwu qualified as a medical doctor in 1983 and obtained his Diploma in Public Administration in 1996 and Master of Public Health degree in 2000 as well as Certificate in Health Policy Analysis. He is a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians and Consultant Community Medicine Physician at the University of Nigeria, Teaching Hospital Enugu. He is also a Professor of Public Health, Health Policy and Systems in the Department of Community Medicine and Health Administration & Management, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus where he teaches Environmental Health and Health Policy and systems. He is also the assistant coordinator of the Health Policy Research Group. He has been working in public health for over 20 years and is the Deputy Chairman, Epidemiological Society of Nigeria (EPISON) and First National Auditor Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria (APHPN). He is a foundation member of the Association of Schools of Public in Africa (ASPHA).

He has done extensive work focusing on epidemiology of vaccine preventable childhood diseases, Malaria, HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis. He has been involved in the generation of knowledge on the effect of health sector reform on tropical diseases and reproductive health issues as well as health policy and health economics issues of malaria, HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis in developing countries, focusing on the effect of Health sector reform processes on utilization of PHC services, impact of user fees on households and exemptions policies in Nigeria: community participation within the context of health sector reform; family planning issues, immunization, rational drug use and generation of new knowledge on how to strengthen health system policies and key interventions which preferentially benefit the poorest. Other areas include scaling-up of health intervention strategies including HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis, IMCI and immunization. He has expertise in Health policy and systems analysis and getting research into policy and practice as well as impact evaluation of health programmes.

He is an examiner to the West African Postgraduate Medical College of Physicians and a member of the Accreditation and Quality Assurance committees of the college. He is an external examiner to the following Nigerian medical schools: University of Port Harcourt, University of Benin, Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka and Ebonyi State University Abakaliki and Imo State University. He is also an external examiner to the Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town, South Africa and a board member of the Health Systems Global

He is a Knight of Good Shepherd (KGS) of the Anglican Communion of the Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria and married with five children.