

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of OWF, Ilorin Zone

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2025

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Ilorin, Kwara State (Physical Meeting)

Attendance

- i. Mrs. Kate Bamigboye – 07037149311
- ii. Mrs. Ayoola Yemisi – 07066697378
- iii. Mrs. Durotoye Omotayo – 08035672511
- iv. Dr. Mrs. Olarenwaju Adetokunbo O. – 08030644852
- v. Mrs. Idowu Tejumade – 080357338199
- vi. Alh. Bola Azeez – 08033114979
- vii. Prof. Olabisi Olasehinde Williams – 08033560994
- viii. Mrs. Makanjuola Yemisi Monisola – 08038185478
- ix. Dr. Durotoye Idayat – 08035978472
- x. Mrs. Abolarin Damilola – 08123806389
- xi. Mrs. Ogundeqi – 08053404852
- xii. Alhaja Omotosho Ganiyat – 08060707826
- xiii. Mrs. Awotunde Felicia Moji – 08032224137
- xiv. Mrs. C.M. Oyinloye – 08062622840
- xv. Mrs. Taiwo Taiye Olutola – 08033808589
- xvi. Alhaja Falilat Oyinloye – 08033146849
- xvii. Mrs. A.D. Olaniyan – 08166804668
- xviii. Mrs. L.M. Abidoye – 08030681287
- xix. Mrs. M.A. Adebayo – 08035755367
- xx. Mrs. Ashola Joke – 08036435238
- xxi. Mrs. Abidoye F.O. – 08035880695
- xxii. Dr. Ayide A.F. – 09029472553
- xxiii. Mrs. Ariyo Bola – 0804092948
- xxiv. Mrs. Ogunjide Olanike – 08063109994
- xxv. Mrs. Idowu Funsho Aduke – 08035730298
- xxvi. Mrs. Ikupolati Grace Bukola – 08036421772
- xxvii. Alhaja Jimoh Bola Adijat – 08066782789

1. Opening

The meeting commenced at exactly 3:30 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Prof. Olabisi Olasehinde.

2. Welcome Remarks

The Coordinator, Mrs. Kate Bamigboye, introduced herself and welcomed all members to the *first physical meeting* of the OWF Ilorin Zone. She expressed appreciation to members for attending and gave brief introductory remarks about the forum's purpose.

3. Self-Introduction

All members present introduced themselves. The Coordinator also introduced the new executives. Members interacted warmly and exchanged pleasantries.

4. Mission and Vision Statement

- The mission and vision of OWF were presented by Dr. Durotoye, representing the National Forum.
- She reiterated that OWF was established in 2012 as a non-governmental organization (NGO) to empower women, particularly those from the *Omu-Aran* community, and create opportunities for self-reliance and social development.
- She also explained that the forum is guided by its constitution and aims to:
 - i. Unite women under a common vision for empowerment and support.
 - ii. Engage in honor-based businesses and social enterprise.
 - iii. Provide facilities and programs for women's growth.
 - iv. Initiate programs that prioritize children's and family welfare.

5. National Representative's Speech

- The National Representative further elaborated on OWF's collaboration with the Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and other bodies.
- She highlighted that Prof. Felicia Olasehinde, the founding Chairperson, initiated the forum to promote community service and women's advancement.

- She mentioned that OWF has already begun construction of an administrative building, with funding support from members and partners.

6. Discussion and Observations

The Coordinator urged members to demonstrate active commitment and participation. She emphasized the importance of discipline, teamwork, and inclusivity in achieving the forum's goals.

Key discussions included:

- i. The need to maintain safety and organization during physical meetings.
- ii. Encouraging all members to pay both national and zonal annual dues.
- iii. Adoption of a uniform to strengthen identity and unity within the forum.
Members agreed that the uniform design and cost will be communicated once finalized.
- iv. Clarification from Prof. Olasehinde that each chapter retains autonomy to choose its preferred uniform style, in line with the national constitution.
- v. Prof. Olasehinde encouraged members to participate fully in the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and to emulate the activeness of other chapters.
- vi. She also suggested nominating members for various committees to increase engagement and contribution.

The National President noted that the national body is currently facing certain operational limitations but assured members that pending matters would soon be addressed.

Prof. emphasized the need to remove existing barriers affecting participation and instructed that any requests or reports should be directed to the National Secretary. She further stressed the importance of ensuring safety during all physical gatherings.

Prof. reaffirmed the value of consistent physical meetings to enhance collaboration and unity among members..

7. Upcoming Activities

The AGM was scheduled to be held on 27th December 2025.

Members were encouraged to:

- i. Participate actively in planning.
- ii. Attend the AGM in person.
- iii. Adhere to the forum's dress code (white and blue attire).

7. Resolutions

- i. Members reaffirmed their dedication to the mission of OWF.
- ii. The Planning Committee was officially constituted to oversee preparations for the AGM.
- iii. Members agreed to support ongoing development projects and community outreach programs.
- iv. The forum will continue to promote the inclusion and empowerment of women in Omu-Aran and surrounding areas.

9. Refreshments and Closing

- After deliberations, light refreshments were served.
- The meeting was brought to a close with a closing prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Mrs. Durotoye Omotayo

Approved by:

Mrs. Kate Bamigboye – Coordinator, OWF Ilorin Zone