Arthur Mbanefo Centre, Loving Guest Host Medical Community

The Arthur Mbanefo Digital Research Centre hosted the first workshop targeted to the Senior Medical Community in Lagos, Public Health Care and Welfare Government Officers, the pharmaceutical community, corporate social responsibility managers and the health officers of major private organizations. The two-day workshop aimed to focus on the uniqueness of each Patient. Medical staff should be educated to see each patient as a Person, beyond the pathology. Recognizing each patient as a person with its own desires, fears and reality allows the medical staff to approach the Person holistically; with care, acceptance and understanding. The workshop was meant to awaken in participants the realization that the core of their work centers on the value of human life and the need to develop a caring relationship and mutual respect.

Chief Arthur Mbanefo - Founder of the homonymous Digital Research Centre and Nigeria’s Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative at the United Nations from 1999 to 2003 - opened the workshop introducing the vision of the Foundation, which he established in 2012: “After my retirement I decided to contribute to reduce the gap in the education we experience in Nigeria. I believed that through the new technologies now available we could make high profile sources from all around the world available for the benefits of local students and researchers. Whether they are medical, engineering, or even arts publications, researches and magazines, now you can find them here available at our Centre. This multimedia room, fully equipped with a high standard videoconference room, will link us tomorrow to one of our speakers in Kampala and I can anytime put together classes from Lagos and abroad. We also have a digital library room with 20 desktops connected to the top medical and scientific libraries in United States.” The workshop inaugurates the cooperation between the Arthur Mbanefo Digital Research Centre and Loving Gaze - an independent not-for-profit organization, with 25 years of experience in education and primary health care service in Nigeria. Through its experience serving the most unprivileged community in Lagos, Loving Gaze realized on the ground the severe lack of education and professional medical care faced by the local community. The Centre and Loving Gaze share the same vision, as Mr. Barbara Pepoli - Loving Gaze General Manager - says: “The person, with his/her infinite value, desire for happiness and hope, is at the centre of our work. We recognize the dignity of each person without boundaries. And we share with Chief Arthur Mbanefo the belief that only education can plant seeds of hope, positive change, curiosity and openness to the others. This is why, together, we chose to start our cooperation organizing this workshop which focuses on the value of the person. Medical work in fact, becomes important and valuable only when it gives dignity to human life.”

Executive Director of the Permanent Center for Education, Kampala, Uganda, Mr. Mauro Giacomazzi led the workshop. He brought a decade experience as trainer, facilitator of Educational and Medical Staff in Uganda and around Africa.