Message from the President, Federation of African Medical Physics Organizations (FAMPO)

on the occasion of the

International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP) – 2026

Theme: *"Advancing Global Health Equity: The Ethical Foundation of Medical Physics"*



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to extend warm greetings to medical physicists and colleagues across Africa as we commemorate the **International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP) 2026**, celebrated by the International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) under the theme "*Advancing Global Health Equity: The Ethical Foundation of Medical Physics.*"

IDMP provides an important opportunity to celebrate our profession, highlight the vital contribution of medical physicists to healthcare, and reaffirm our commitment to safe, effective and equitable patient care.

This year's theme reminds us that medical physics is not only about science, technology and innovation; it is fundamentally about people. We have an ethical responsibility to ensure that the benefits of advances in healthcare reach all who need them, regardless of geography or socioeconomic circumstances.

For Africa, this responsibility is particularly important. Significant disparities remain in access to medical technologies, specialised expertise and quality healthcare. As medical physicists, we must apply our expertise where it is most needed, strengthening radiation safety and quality, supporting appropriate technologies, developing affordable solutions, and building sustainable human capacity. Our science must serve humanity, and no patient should be left behind.

As the regional federation of the IOMP in Africa, **FAMPO remains committed to advancing the standard, visibility and recognition of medical physics across the continent**. We will continue to promote education, professional development, research, innovation, collaboration and advocacy, while intensifying efforts towards the legal and professional recognition of medical physics in countries where this remains outstanding.

I therefore call on all FAMPO member organisations and colleagues to make IDMP 2026 more than a celebration. Let it be a renewed commitment to action. Let us champion equity, uphold professional and ethical standards, mentor the next generation, and develop solutions that respond to Africa's healthcare needs.

I encourage colleagues to use and share the official IOMP IDMP 2026 logo and materials through conferences, publications, social media and other activities to raise the visibility of our profession across Africa. Participate in the "**FAMPO IDMP Dressed-in-Culture Campaign**" – Wear your native attire to work, take a photo or make a video and post on social media platforms with #FAMPO.

As we celebrate, let us remember that the true measure of our profession is not only the advances we make in science and technology, but the lives we improve and the equity we help create.

On behalf of FAMPO, I wish all medical physicists across Africa a **Happy International Day of Medical Physics 2026!**

Let us celebrate our profession. Let us advance our science. Let us serve humanity. And together, let us ensure that medical physics leaves no one behind.

Happy Medical Physics Day, Africa!

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