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Dear Colleagues,

Summer is slowly creeping on us as the snow is all melted, except probably in Calgary where it snowed yesterday! Trees and flowers are blossoming and spring is fading away. These changes herald in the greatest event of the summer : The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of our association, CANPAD. August 2 – 6, 2007.

This year, we are in Toronto where the Local Organizing Committee members led by Dr. Leke Badmos have been working hard to produce another memorable get-together of the type we have come to expect. A copy of the tentative agenda is attached to this e-mail for your attention. If you have not registered please visit the Association's website at [www.canpad.org](http://www.canpad.org). Please spread the word ; bring a colleague to Toronto to attend the Association's meeting, enjoy the variety of tourists attractions and re-establish acquaintances. Remember, ours is a FAMILY event. Bring the children to mix and have a taste of Nigerian camaraderie. The Children are our future.

Th following are some updates since my last communication with you. These will be further discussed at the annual meeting in Toronto.

- 1) Medical Mission(s)/Aids to Nigeria: Dr. Chris Ekong is leading a group of four to provide a comprehensive feasibility study.
- 2) Dr Onayemi, Dr Badmos and I are discussing the possibility of awards/scholarships to recognize our youths in the Nigerian communities in Canada.
- 3) Dr Ola Kassim, Chairman and Executive Director of NIDO (Nigerians in Diaspora Organization) America, extended an invitation to CANPAD to their Annual meeting in Toronto early this year. As your President, I participated in a symposium to address Health Care in Nigeria. I had the opportunity to meet

other eminent Nigerians among whom was Dr. Yele Aluko  
President of ANPA. We had useful discussions.

4) The CANPAD website is up and running , please visit.

I will like to remind you that Dr. Agboola heads the committee to review  
and update our constitution. The committee will welcome any  
suggestions from you.

In closing, I look forward to meeting you all in Toronto soon.

**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. (TEAM)

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

L . Kola. Oyewumi

**CANPAD**, President.