

The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2026 Election

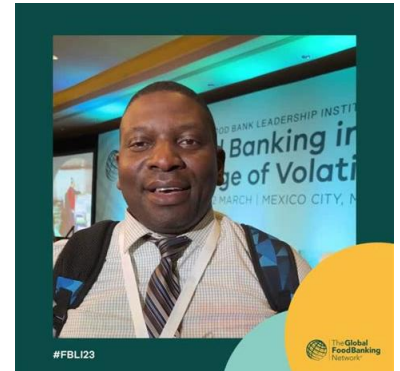
Candidate for the office of: Healthy Food, Active Communities
Chair-Elect

Name: Gbadebo Odularu

Credentials: B.Sc., M.Sc.

Title: Past-Chair, ASPHN Fruit and Vegetable Council

Agency: School of Community and Environmental Health, College
of Health Science, Old Dominion University



ASPHN Activities:

- Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN)'s National Fruit & Vegetable (F&V) Nutrition Council (NFVNC) Past Chair
- ASPHN's Collaboration Committee.
- American Public Health Association (APHA) Food and Nutrition Section Councilor.
- APHA-ASPHN Liaison.

Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:

- My keen interest in serving on the ASPHN Healthy Food, Active Communities (HFAC) Council weaves together my leadership roles and service commitments across public health nutrition, food systems, and community engagement as presented below:
- Past Chair, ASPHN National Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Council (NFVNC) – Led national discourse and policy initiatives to nudge fruit and vegetable consumption and value chain for healthier communities.
- ASPHN Collaboration Committee – actively engaged in fostering partnerships across public health nutrition networks.
- APHA Food and Nutrition Section Councilor – provided governance and strategic inputs in one of APHA's most impactful sections.
- APHA – ASPHN Liaison – strengthened cross-organizational collaboration, ensuring alignment of priorities between APHA and ASPHN.

Broader Public Health and Community Service

- Volunteer, Virginia Public Health Association – supporting state-level initiatives to enhance public health outcomes.
- Member, Virginia State Food is Medicine Committee—aimed at integrating nutrition in healthcare delivery.
- Member, Capital Area Food Bank SNA/WIC Sub-committee—aimed at strengthening food access programs for vulnerable populations in the Greater DMV Area.
- President, No Hunger Food Bank—providing strategic leadership to combat hunger and foster community-led food and nutrition security.

Why HFAC Council: My career reflects a unique blend of national leadership, state-level advocacy, and community-based healthy livelihoods aimed at:

- Strengthening cross-sector collaboration between nutrition, healthcare, and community development organizations.
- Advance equity-focused strategies for enhancing healthy food and active living opportunities for all.
- Convene both local and global perspectives, connecting international best practices with community-driven solutions in the U.S.

These experiences demonstrate my deep commitment to deepening the role of public health nutrition in fostering healthy food consumption and community empowerment, making me an ideal candidate to contribute meaningfully to the ASPHN HFAC Council

Other Related Activities (professional and/or personal):

- APHA Volunteer
- Virginia Public Health Association Volunteer
- Virginia State Food is Medicine Committee
- Capital Food Bank SNAP/WIC Subcommittee
- No Hunger Food Bank President