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Partners for Development Proud to Announce New Board Chair, Ms. Lanre Williams-Ayedun

Partners for Development (Pfd) announces recent election of Ms. Lanre Williams-Ayedun as the new Chair for the Board of Directors.

Washington, DC --- Starting immediately, Lanre Williams-Ayedun assumes the role of Chair of the Board of Directors for Partners for Development, following a recent Board election. Outgoing Board Chair, Ms. Nancy Pendarvis Harris, will continue to mentor Lanre for a transitional period of six months. Since January 2013, Lanre has served as a Board Member Trustee, and has previously chaired Board Committees for strategic planning and resource development. Lanre has been a member of the Pfd family since 2005, and we anticipate great success for the incredibly skilled Lanre as she takes on this new role within the Board of Directors.

"Lanre is an amazing and inspiring professional who has supported Pfd for many years. She actually began her career as an intern at Pfd and continued to be involved as her career progressed. She gives generously of her time, talent and finances. No one is better qualified to take over the helm as Board Chair; we're lucky to have her in this new role." –Nancy Pendarvis Harris, former Pfd Board Chair

In the new role, Lanre hopes to support Pfd staff as they continue to implement and grow their successful grant portfolio, and solidify Pfd's technical brand. She is also excited to work at mobilizing a large base of new, regular donors to Pfd.



Lanre has over twelve years of experience in international development program design, implementation, and management. She started at Pfd as a Program Intern and subsequently held positions as Health Advisor in Pfd's Abuja, Nigeria office as well as Program Manager at Pfd's headquarters. Since 2009, Ms. Williams-Ayedun has worked for World Vision, Inc. She

currently serves as Deputy Director for the Child Development and Protection team, where she manages a team of Program Management Officers supporting a multi-million dollar global portfolio of child protection, education, youth workforce development, gender and gender based violence, and disability inclusion projects. Ms. Williams-Ayedun holds master's degrees in International Development and Public Health from The George Washington University.

Lanre was excited to take on this new challenge when her fellow board members unanimously elected her as the new Board Chair stating: "PfD has been an important part of my life since our paths first crossed when I was in graduate school. The opportunities and experiences that this organization has provided have shaped my personal and professional life. I am honored to have been mentored into this role, and look forward to serving my fellow Trustees, our generous donors and partners, PfD staff around the world, and our beneficiaries."

PfD's staff and volunteers work in partnership with local and international groups to improve quality of life for vulnerable people in underserved communities. We envision a more just, peaceful, and environmentally sustainable world, and seek to empower people by increasing their access to training, education, and resources to create more vibrant and resilient communities, with more accountable leadership. Partners for Development (PfD) is an American 501 (c)(3) non-profit. To learn more about Partners for Development, please visit the organization's [website](#), [blog](#) and [Twitter](#) page. Please contact Anna Titulaer, Director of Development and Communications at atitulaer@pfd.org with any questions.

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