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Statement on World Psoriasis Day 2018 from Dr. Hoseah Waweru, President of IFPA

Dear friends around the world,

Today, October 29th, is a special day when the global psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis community comes together to focus attention on the disease, and call for action and efforts to be dedicated by governments worldwide to adequately meet the need of the over 125 million people living with psoriasis around the world.

IFPA, the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations, unites patient associations in 56 nations and regions all around the world, but many others are joining in sharing the message on October 29th and the weeks surrounding, as a reminder of the very real impact this disease has for so many. Psoriasis is a painful, severe, chronic non-communicable disease (NCD) of the immune system – not only a skin disease, and not contagious, as misunderstood by many. Together, we must work to create awareness to counter stigma and discrimination, ensure that healthcare systems can provide adequate access to treatment, and that adequate resources are allocated for research on psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

More information is available on www.ifpa-pso.com and www.worldpsoriasisday.com. You can also see activities taking place in different countries by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) ([@psoriasisIFPA](#)). Your likes, retweets, or shares under the hashtag #WPD18 can help make a difference!

At this stage, we would like to acknowledge the support of our partners and networks we are part of - the NCD Alliance, the Global Health Council and the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, as well as all the official sponsors of World Psoriasis Day 2018, which are listed on our website. We are also pleased to see the progress of the Global Psoriasis Atlas, a project IFPA shares with the International Psoriasis Council (IFPA) and the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).



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Finally, our appreciation and sincere thanks to all the tireless advocates, volunteers, patients, healthcare providers, and other representatives of civil society, governments, and other sectors that are joining together on this day with awareness marches, support events, media communications, meetings and many other ways of bringing attention to psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. It is time to treat psoriasis seriously – our lives depend on it!

Best regards and wishes on behalf of IFPA,

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