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4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

London UK | 10-11 March 2018



**LEADING THE WAY: Nurses and midwives
for a safe, healthy and peaceful world**

The 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference
Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March 2018

A very successful 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference, was held in London 10-11 March 2018. Two hundred and fifteen participants from 24 different countries attended the conference. The conference was opened by the Commonwealth Secretary General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC who gave the keynote address.



Outgoing CNMF President, Ms Ramziah Ahmad with the Commonwealth Secretary General and incoming CNMF President, Professor Kathleen McCourt.

Excellent presentations by nurses and midwives from every region of the Commonwealth addressed the conference theme, demonstrating how nurses and midwives can and are leading the way to a safe, healthy and peaceful world. The conference was held at the historic Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park London.

The conference was a wonderful opportunity for nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth and beyond to share their experience with and learn from each other; to make new friends; and to establish international networks. The evaluations from the conference demonstrated that 100% of participants learned something new at the conference and 100% were able to make new friends or new networks. The Book of Abstracts and conference evaluation can be accessed on the CNMF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.

23rd CNMF Biennial Meeting

London UK | Friday 9 March 2018

The CNMF 23rd Biennial Meeting of members was held at the Royal College of Nursing, London UK on Friday 9 March 2018. The Biennial Meeting is the decision making body of the CNMF. At the Biennial, members voted on constitutional changes, endorsed policy statements, and elected the new CNMF President and Deputy President. Constitutional changes and policy statements are available on the CNMF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.



CNMF Biennial March 2018



'Nursing Now' is a three-year global campaign run in collaboration with the International Council of Nurses and the World Health Organization. 'Nursing Now' aims to improve health globally by raising the profile and status of nurses worldwide, influencing policymakers and supporting nurses themselves to lead, learn and build a global movement. Nurses everywhere can get involved by signing the pledge and joining the campaign. Go to: <http://www.nursingnow.org/join-the-campaign/>



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New Chief Nurse for WHO



Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) will meet in London 19-20 April 2018. Four civil society forums will be held 16-18 April in the lead-up to the CHOGM. These are the Commonwealth Youth Forum, the Commonwealth People's Forum, the Commonwealth Women's Forum, and the Commonwealth Business Forum. The CNMF will be participating in the Commonwealth People's Forum. The Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA), an alliance of Commonwealth accredited civil society health organisations, will be presenting a session on Universal Health Coverage at the Commonwealth People's Forum. More information about the session on Universal Health Coverage is available on the CHPA website: <http://www.chpa.co>.

Ms Elizabeth Iro, a distinguished nurse from the Cook Islands has been appointed Chief Nurse for the World Health Organisation. Formerly a Chief Nurse and Principal Secretary for Health in the Cook Islands, Ms Iro is pictured with CNMF Executive Members, Professor Kathleen McCourt and Mrs Rosemarie Josey.

ECSACON CONFERENCE 3-7 September 2018 Nairobi Kenya

THE 6th QUADRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE 13th SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE OF THE EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA COLLEGE OF NURSING (ECSACON)

Theme: *Nurses and Midwives responding to global agenda on sustainable development goals and universal health coverage.*

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Get Involved. Participate.

VENUE: Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
Dates: 3rd - 07th September 2018

The 6th Quadrennial General Meeting and the 13th Scientific Conference of the East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON) will be held 3-7 September 2018 at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The theme for the conference is: *Nurses and Midwives responding to global agenda on sustainable development goals and universal health coverage*. For more information go to: <http://ecsahc.org/news/1454/>

ICN ANNOUNCES THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY 2018



International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. The International Council of Nurses commemorates this important day each year with the production and distribution of the International Nurses' Day Kit. Posters and other resources are available for download from the ICN website:

<http://www.icn.ch/publications/2018-nurses-a-voice-to-lead-health-is-a-human-right/>.

Nurses are essential in transforming health care and health systems such that no person is left behind without access to care or impoverished because of their need for care, the ICN say. Nurses can be a voice to lead by supporting a people-centred approach to care and by ensuring their voices are heard in influencing health policy, planning and provision.