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CAMEROON WORKSHOPS A GREAT SUCCESS

The CNF, in conjunction with the Cameroon Nurses Association, held two very successful workshops in the 4 Safety series in Yaounde 5-6 July and Bamenda 8-9 July 2010. Forty three nurses attended the Yaounde workshop and 48 nurses attended the Bamenda workshop. Delegates considered key factors essential to ensure patient safety; discussed strategies to make their workplaces safer; debated issues around whether nursing in Cameroon was a safe profession; and reflected on their own capacity to be a safe nurse.



Participants at the Yaounde workshop



Participants at the Bamenda workshop



Members of the Cameroon Nurses Association Executive: Nkwain Joseph (President), Njini Rose (Secretary General), Kechia Assumpta (Executive Member) and Ntalabe Joseph (Vice President)



President of the Cameroon Nurses Association: Nkwain Joseph



Workshop presenters from Cameroon: Njini Rose (CNA Secretary General) and Ntalabe Joseph (CNA Vice President) who presented on: A safe profession and A safe patient respectively



Mbah-Mbole Christina and Clarisse Bombi Lamnyam presented on: A safe workplace; and A safe nurse respectively.



ADVANCE NOTICE

20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 April, 2011
Radisson Blu Resort, St Julian's, Malta

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Wednesday 27 And Thursday 28 April 2011 in Malta. Information about the theme, registration and accommodation will be forwarded to CNF members and placed on the CNF website very soon. CNF members are encouraged to advertise the dates to their members; put the dates in their diaries; and start planning to attend.

The ICN Committee of National Representatives meeting is being held in St. Julian's Malta 2-4 May 2011 with the ICN Congress being held in Valetta Malta 2-8 May 2011.



15TH SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM

8-11 November 2010

Aotea Centre, Queen Street, Auckland New Zealand

NURSES AT THE HELM *Steering health across the Pacific*



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WHO RESOURCE ON HEALTH WORKFORCE



Increasing access to health workers in remote and rural areas through improved retention, WHO July 2010

The WHO has just released guidelines designed to assist countries to increase the retention of health workers in remote and rural areas. The guidelines contain specific recommendations covering: education; regulation; financial incentives; and personal and professional support. National nursing and midwifery associations are encouraged to obtain a copy of the guidelines and set up a meeting with their governments to discussing the development of strategies for implementation of the recommendations. A copy of the guidelines is available from:

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2010/9789241564014_eng.pdf.

NEW UN AGENCY TO PROMOTE WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

In an historic move, the United National General Assembly on 2 July 2010 voted unanimously to create a new single entity to promote the empowerment of women: *the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women*, to be known as **UN Women**. The new entity merges four UN offices focusing on gender equality: the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW); the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues; and the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW). **UN Women** is the result of years of advocacy by the global women's movement. The new UN entity will have an annual budget of at least US 500 million and will become operational in January 2010. For further information go to:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35224&Cr=gender&Cr1=#>