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**5th
Commonwealth
Nurses and
Midwives
Conference**
6-7 March 2020
London UK

Join us at the 5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives conference where we will be celebrating the past achievements, present endeavours, and future contributions of nurses and midwives.

Over 120 nurses and midwives from every region of the Commonwealth (35 different countries) will present papers and posters at the conference showcasing how individual nurses and midwives, or nursing and midwifery groups, associations or institutions, are contributing to global health and wellbeing across the lifespan in all settings.

The conference will feature performances from the Commonwealth Children's Choir and Youth Orchestra as well as a special appearance from acclaimed tenor, Mr Joseph Aquilina from Malta.

The conference is a wonderful opportunity for nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth to come together to share with and learn from each other, make friends, and establish strong and supportive networks: 6-7 March 2020 London UK.

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24th CNMF Biennial Meeting

Thursday 5 March 2020

Royal College of Nursing London UK

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The 24th CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held on Thursday 5th March 2020 in London, United Kingdom at the offices of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). The RCN is the CNMF UK member.

The Biennial Meeting of Members is the decision making body of the CNMF. All CNMF members are entitled to attend and participate in the debate and decision making. CNMF friends are also welcome to attend as observers.

The agenda (see page 2 of the e-News), papers, and registration form for the Biennial Meeting of Members can be downloaded from the CNMF website:

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

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference opening speakers include the CNMF President, Professor Kathleen McCourt; WHO Chief Nurse Elizabeth Iro; ICN Chief Executive Howard Catton and the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Hon Patricia Scotland. The Commonwealth Children's Choir will also perform at the opening ceremony.

The 5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will comprise nine plenary presentations supporting over one hundred individual presentations covering areas such as: universal health coverage; prisoner health; midwifery; clinical care; health systems; quality care; mental health; palliative care; children and young people; leadership; aged care; and the health workforce. There will be three symposia: Nursing Now; Digital Health; and Strengths Based Nursing.

The closing ceremony will feature the Commonwealth Youth Orchestra and a special guest appearance from acclaimed tenor and nurse from Malta, Mr Joseph Aquilina.



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CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS DRAFT AGENDA

- 08:00-08:30 Registration
- 08:30-09:00 1 **Opening and welcome**
Professor Kathleen McCourt, President, CNMF
Dame Donna Kinnair, Chief Executive Officer and General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing
- 09:00-09:30 2 **Introductions**
CNMF Board
Delegates
- 09:30-09:45 3 **CNMF President's Report**
- 09:45-10:45 4 **CNMF Executive Secretary's Report**
- 10:45-11:00 5 **CNMF Treasurer's Report**
- 11:00-11:30 Refreshment Break
- 11:30-12:30 6 **CNMF Board Member Reports**
- 12:30-13:00 7 **Constitutional changes**
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 8 **Endorsement of policy statements**
- Policy statement on continuing professional development for nurses and midwives: presented by Mr Obonolo Rahube (President BONU, Botswana)
 - Policy statement on the relationship between nursing and midwifery: presented by Mr Simon Hlungwani (President DENOSA, South Africa)
- 14:30-15:00 9 **Policy discussion 1**
The climate crisis: led by Ms Annie Butler (Australia)
- 15:00-15:30 10 **Policy discussion 2**
International recruitment of nurses and midwives: led by Dame Donna Kinnair (UK)
- 1530-1600 Refreshment break
- 1600-16:30 11 **Policy discussion 3**
Gender equity led by Mr Paul Pace (President, MUMN)
- 1630-1700 12 **Regional planning 2020-2022**
Group work led by CNMF Regional Board members
- 1700-1730 13 Closing comments from delegates and close of 24th Biennial Meeting
- 1730 14 **Reception**
Farewell to Ms Jill Iliffe
Jill has indicated to the CNMF Board that this will be her last Biennial Meeting as Executive Secretary of the CNMF and that she will resign her office during 2020.