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6th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference
in partnership with the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses

REGISTRATION OPEN

<https://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2024/conference-registration.html>



The theme for the conference is

HEALTH FOR ALL: *nurses and midwives meeting the challenge - showing the way*

Our world is facing many challenges – inequality; poverty; wars; displacement; poor health outcomes; biodiversity loss; food insecurity; a climate crisis – and so it goes on. Whether it is improving health outcomes; achieving universal health coverage; preparing for or responding to disasters; mitigating climate change; meeting the Sustainable Development Goals; or any other challenge - nurses and midwives are meeting these challenges and showing the way to a safer, happier, more equal, and more prosperous world. [Click here to access the program.](#)

The 26th CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held Thursday 26 September at the new offices of the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses in Qormi

It will be quite a celebration to be together again after the hard years of working through, and recovering from, COVID-19. The CNMF is looking forward to welcoming members and friends to a great celebration in Malta, hosted by our wonderful friends at the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses. Registration is essential. Go the CNMF website home page to download the registration form

<https://www.commonwealthnurses.org>

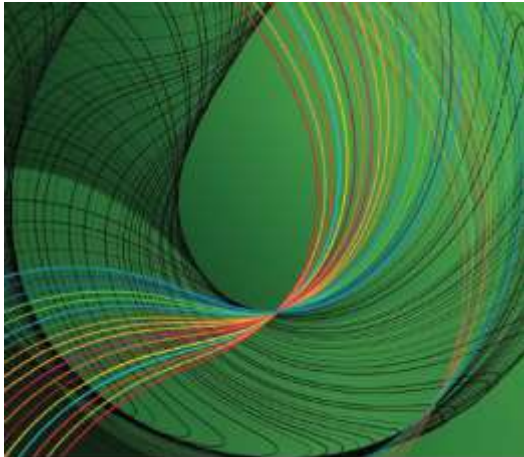


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WHO RELEASES STATUS REPORT ON ALCOHOL AND HEALTH

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Global status report
on alcohol and health and treatment
of substance use disorders



The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released another of its Global Status Reports, this one on Alcohol and Health and Treatment of Substance Disorders. The Global Status Report contains some very disturbing data:

- Worldwide, 4.7% of all deaths in 2019 were attributable to alcohol consumption.
- The global burden of disease and injuries caused by alcohol consumption can be quantified for 31 health conditions on the basis of available scientific evidence, with the alcohol attributable disease burden heaviest among males.
- The highest levels of alcohol attributable deaths per 100,000 persons were observed in the WHO Africa and European regions.
- Globally, 7% of the world's population aged 15 years and older, live with alcohol use disorders, and an estimated 3.7% of the adult world population live with alcohol dependence.

The WHO says that on current trends, the global target in the Sustainable Development Goals set for alcohol consumption will not be met by 2030. Only 56% of countries reporting had national alcohol policies in place. The WHO also noted that members continued to report interference from the alcohol industry in the development of policies about alcohol consumption.

While achievement of the SDG targets will require political commitment, strong advocacy and resource mobilisation, the WHO points out that while the major responsibility lies with government, civil society and professional associations have an important role to play also.

Global Status Report on alcohol and health and treatment of substance disorders

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240096745>

Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-2030

<https://www.who.int/teams/mental-health-and-substance-use/alcohol-drugs-and-addictive-behaviours/alcohol/our-activities/towards-and-action-plan-on-alcohol>

SAFER package

<https://www.who.int/initiatives/SAFER>

The SAFER package has

- **S**trengthen restrictions on alcohol availability.
- **A**dvance and enforce drink driving counter measures.
- **F**acilitate access to screening, brief interventions and treatment.
- **E**nforce bans or comprehensive restrictions on alcohol advertising, sponsorship and promotion.
- **R**aise prices on alcohol through excise taxes and pricing policies.