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## CNF BIENNIAL 2009

Gaborone, Botswana

Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2009



The CNF Biennial Meeting and Workshop was held in Gaborone Botswana 24-25 June 2009. The Biennial Meeting and Workshop was preceded by a meeting of the CNF Board on 23 June 2009.

Eighty two members from eighteen countries attended the Biennial Meeting and Workshop which was hosted by the Nurses Association of Botswana.

Formal presentations supporting the theme: *Achieving and maintaining a sustainable nursing and midwifery workforce for the future* were given by New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Uganda, Botswana and Cameroon. Copies of the presentations and reports are available on the CNF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.



Marion Guy and Brenda Close NZ



Nick Blake, Australia



Ramziah Bt Ahmad, Malaysia



Janet Obuni, Uganda



Geetha Feringa, Botswana



Clarisse Lamnyam, Cameroon

The Biennial was opened by the Assistant Minister of Health, the Honourable Mr Gus Matlhabaphiri and participants were welcomed to Botswana by the Mayor of Gaborone, His Worship Mr Harry Mothei.



Children from Mophane Primary School Traditional Dance Group entertained participants with a traditional dance showing the joy and sadness associated with the birth and death of a baby.



The Biennial was characterised by energy, enthusiasm and warmth between the participants from different Commonwealth countries.



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The CNF was very pleased and honoured to have Mrs Margaret Kobue of Botswana attending the Biennial. Mrs Kobue was President of CNF from 1988-1993.

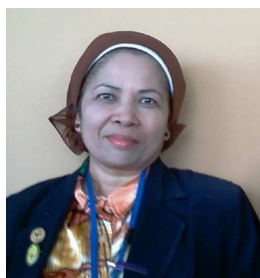


The CNF recipient of the *Young Nurse Fellowship* for 2009, Miss Clarisse Bombi Lamnyam from Cameroon also addressed the Biennial Meeting and Workshop.



## CNF ELECTIONS

During the CNF Biennial meeting, Ms Ramziah Bt Ahmad, President of the Malaysian Nurses Association was elected unopposed to the position of CNF Board member for the Pacific Region.



This is the first time that a representative from Malaysia has held the position. Ms Ahmad committed to close communication with all members in the CNF Pacific region.

## COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM



The Commonwealth Peoples' Forum (CPF) is held in conjunction with the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. This year it will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad 22-26 November 2009. The CPF provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations

across the Commonwealth to interact, network and share ideas around issues of concern and interest. See the website of the Commonwealth Foundation: <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>.

## Commonwealth Africa Symposium on the International Migration of Health Workers

The Commonwealth Foundation held a second symposium on the international migration of health workers in Gaborone Botswana 16-18 June 2009. The Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance worked in partnership with the Commonwealth Foundation to conduct the symposium.



CNF nurses from Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Uganda, Tanzania, Lesotho and Botswana attended the Symposium to discuss the effects of migration on their nursing workforce and the impact of HIV and AIDS on nurses' migration decisions.

