



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## BLESSINGS FOR 2017

The CNMF President and Board wish all CNMF members and friends a safe, healthy, happy and peaceful 2017.



## MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF GHANA CONFERENCE

The Vice President of the CNMF represented the CNMF and made a presentation at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference *Dignity in Mental Health*, 17-19 October 2016 at the University of Cape Coast Ghana, sponsored by the Mental Health Foundation of Ghana.



Australian High Commissioner to Ghana, Andrew Barnes, Professor Kathleen McCourt (Vice President of CNMF) and Mr Frances Acquah, President of the Mental Health Foundation of Ghana

## CNMF Maternal Health Education and Training in Tanzania and Malawi

The CNMF conducted two maternal health education and training programs in Tanzania in October and December 2016 and in Malawi in December 2016. One hundred midwives participated in the training programs. The programs were funded by The Burdett Trust for Nursing.



Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Lilongwe, Malawi



Musoma, Tanzania



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## GLOBAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX



The potential for young people to contribute to a happy, healthy and prosperous future is threatened by widespread joblessness, unequal access to health and education and lack of political influence. This is the conclusion of the Global Youth Development Index, an initiative of the Commonwealth Secretariat, which ranked 183 countries according to 18 indicators covering employment, education, literacy, health, and civic and political engagement. The first-ever Global Youth Development Index shows that:

- The top ten countries, with the exception of Australia and Japan, are from Europe. The ten lowest-ranked countries are all from Sub-Saharan Africa, however the region also recorded the largest improvement in the last five years.
- Young people are twice as likely as adults to be jobless.
- Young women are much less likely to enjoy access to education, health services, financial services and digital technology than young men.
- Participation in formal politics is declining, underscoring growing frustration amid unmet aspirations, although digital activism, protests and volunteering are growing.
- Young people suffer disproportionately as victims of violent crime. However, young people also play an active role in peace-building.

The top ten Commonwealth member countries are: Australia (3), United Kingdom (4), New Zealand (11), Canada (14), Malta (20), Barbados (28), Brunei (31), Sri Lanka (31), Malaysia (34) and Cyprus (38) (<http://bit.ly/2eVeKQB>).

## 12<sup>th</sup> CNMF EUROPE REGION CONFERENCE

The 12<sup>th</sup> CNMF Europe Region Conference is being held 10-11 March 2017 in Limassol, Cyprus. All CNMF members and friends are invited to attend. Further information is available from: <https://cyna.org/pfds/recent-advances-in-nursing-future.pdf>.

**12th European Conference of the Commonwealth Nurses & Midwives Federation**

« Recent Advances in Nursing & Midwifery: Towards a Safer Future »

Friday - Saturday 10 & 11 March 2017  
Ajax Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

**First Announcement & Call for Abstracts**

The organising Committee invites abstract submissions from nurses and midwives, who are interested in sharing their skills and knowledge with a European audience.

**CONFERENCE THEMES**  
Leadership - Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery - Women's Health - Mental Health - Innovations in Nursing and Midwifery Practice, Research, Education and Management - Moving Nursing and Midwifery Forward - Practice Development Nursing and Midwifery - Information Technology in Nursing and Midwifery - Life Long Learning - Community Nursing and Midwifery

Abstracts should ideally fall within one of these categories, although other areas will be considered. However, presenters are reminded that papers need to include an indication of how their work addresses and adds value to nursing and midwifery.

Closing date for abstracts:  
Friday 16 December 2016

Logos for the Royal College of Nursing and AMUMS are also present.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting and 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

The 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London 9 to 11 March 2018. CNMF members should start planning **NOW** to attend including alerting their membership, fund raising, and considering abstracts for the conference. The 'Call for Abstracts' will be issued January 2017.