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TWO MONTHS TO GO!

3rd COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES CONFERENCE

London UK 12-13 March 2016



NEW SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH



There are only two months to go until the 3rd Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London UK. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to hear excellent papers and network with other nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth. The conference program and online registration are available at the conference website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2016>.

22nd CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING

CNMF members are reminded the 22nd Biennial Meeting of members will be held at the Royal College of Nursing London UK on Friday 11 March 2016 commencing at 0830. The Biennial Meeting is the decision making body of the CNMF. The Biennial Meeting will receive reports from the President, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer. There will be a number of extraordinary guest speakers and policy debates led by member countries. Members must register to attend. Following the close of the meeting, members are invited to join the RCN at a reception to celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

In November 2015, The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC was appointed the new Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

Baroness Scotland is the sixth Commonwealth Secretary-General and the first woman to hold the position. She was born in Dominica the tenth of twelve children. Her family moved to the UK when she was 2 years old.

Baroness Scotland studied for a law degree and was admitted to the bar in 1977 at the age of 22. In 1991, at the age of 35, she was the first black British woman to be made a Queen's Counsel; the youngest QC since William Pitt, British Prime Minister in the late 18th century. In 1997, she was made a life peer by the Labour Party and given the title Baroness Scotland of Asthal, after the village in Oxfordshire where she lives.

In 1999, two years after entering the House of Lords, Baroness Scotland became Britain's first black female government minister holding the portfolio of Foreign Minister for the Caribbean and overseas territories.

Then in 2007, she was given one of the most significant positions within Britain's political system: Attorney General; the first woman to hold the office since it was created seven centuries ago.

Read Baroness Scotland's warm and inspiring interview at: <http://caribbean-beat.com/issue-140/patricia-scotland-i-wanted-to-do#axzz4DBBja8Ya>.

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