



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010 A WORD FROM THE CNF BOARD

On behalf of the CNF President and Board members we wish you a safe, happy, healthy, peaceful and productive 2010. Below, the CNF President and Board Members share with CNF members a word that describes their hopes and aspirations for 2010.



VITALITY



HEALTH



EXCELLENCE



COMMITMENT



SUCCESS



LOVE



PEACE



HOPE



## RWANDA JOINS THE COMMONWEALTH



Commonwealth leaders holding their biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 28 November 2009 considered the application for membership of the Commonwealth by the Republic of Rwanda. The leaders agreed to admit Rwanda as the 54<sup>th</sup> member. The CNF welcomes Rwanda to the Commonwealth and looks forward to making contact and working with the National Association of Nurses and Midwives, the Chief Nursing Officer and the National Council of Nurses and Midwives.

## SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE FIJI NURSING ASSOCIATION



Salanieta Mataivi (President) and Kuini Lutea (Secretary) FNA

Our colleagues in Fiji are doing it tough at the moment. A word of solidarity or encouragement from nurses across the Commonwealth would mean a lot to them. As reported in an earlier edition of e-News, Fiji has been suspended from the Commonwealth however the Fiji Nursing Association remains a member of the CNF.

Recently, Kuini Lutea, General Secretary of FNA wrote: *FNA is taking things slow as we brace ourselves for other changes that the interim government is planning. Our Association cannot protest without being arrested as the emergency decree continues to be in force each month. My heart is sad with what is happening here. This week we will lose more of our senior nurses who have been forced to take early retirement; we are already short, yet these forced policies continue to be implemented.*

Send your message of support to: [fna@connect.fj](mailto:fna@connect.fj).

## 8<sup>th</sup> CNF EUROPEAN REGION CONFERENCE

*Advancing health through nursing*  
12-13 March 2010  
Coral Beach Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

<http://www.cyna.org>





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**World Health  
Organization**

## HAVE YOUR SAY

The World Health Organization has released a further draft of their global code of practice on the international recruitment of health personnel which incorporates feedback and comments from regional consultations. Two core themes identified by the regional committees and incorporated in the revised draft code were that Member States should strive to achieve a balance between the rights, obligations and expectations of source countries, destination countries and migrant health personnel, and that international health worker migration should have a net positive impact on the health system of developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The revised draft code also recommends that Member States should seek to strengthen the balance between the rights of health personnel to leave their countries and the right of everybody to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health in order to mitigate the negative effects of migration on health systems.

Any comments on the draft code should be directed to the WHO Executive Board which will meet to discuss the draft code 18-23 January 2010. A copy of the draft code is available from:

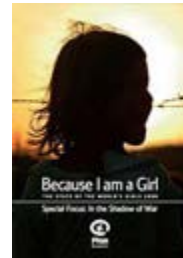
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## COMMITMENT TO MIGRATION



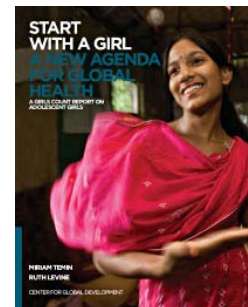
On December 14-15 the Commonwealth Secretariat hosted a meeting in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia to follow up on recommendations made in the Commonwealth Asia and Africa Migration Symposia. Nurses from Barbados, UK, Malaysia, Singapore and Kenya, including Susie Kong and Jill Iliffe from the CNF, attended the meeting. The CNF was invited to present at the meeting.

## RESOURCES ABOUT GIRLS



Because I am a Girl is Plan's campaign to fight gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls out of poverty. Across the world, girls face the double discrimination of their gender and age. Girls are denied access to health services and education, and also face extremely high levels of violence, abuse, and harassment. Plan is producing one girl report each year in the run up to 2015, the target year for the Millennium Development Goals. The 2009 report focuses on the global economy and warns that failing to send girls to school is costing the world's poorest countries billions of pounds each year. The 2008 report examines the state of girls in conflict situations around the world. The 2007 report is the first in the series of reports following 135 girls born in 2006 to see how their gender impacts on their lives. The resources are available from: <http://plan-international.org/what-you-can-do/campaigns/because-i-am-a-girl-campaign>.

Founded over 70 years ago, Plan is one of the oldest and largest children's development organisations in the world. Plan is independent, with no religious, political or governmental affiliations and works in 48 developing countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas to promote child rights and lift millions of children out of poverty. Plan works with more than 3,500,000 families and their communities each year.



The Centre for Global Development has two publications which argue that improving the health of adolescent girls in the developing world is the key to improving maternal and child health, reducing the impact of HIV, and accelerating social and economic development. The reports are available from: <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1422899>; <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/15154>.