



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING ADVANCE NOTICE

The 22<sup>nd</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting will be held Friday 11 March 2016 at the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN. All CNMF members are invited to attend. There is no cost to members to attend the Biennial Meeting however registration is essential for entry to the RCN and for catering purposes. Registration forms will be sent to CNMF members in the near future. The Biennial Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for members to receive reports of CNMF activities over the last two years from the CNMF Board and officers and provide input into CNMF activities for the coming two years. All members should plan to be there!

## BOTSWANA REVISES SCOPES OF PRACTICE FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES



In May 2015, the nursing and midwifery leadership in Botswana commenced a project to revise their nursing and midwifery scopes of practice. The CNMF has been providing technical assistance to the project. A project advisory committee was established which met in May and September to develop the first drafts of the scopes of practice for nurses and midwives which will, when finalised, be put before a larger stakeholder group in October for comment and feedback. The Botswana scopes of practice covers eight domains for both nurses and midwives: clinical practice; management and administration; advocacy; communication and collaboration; ethical, legal and professional; research; teaching and learning; and response preparedness. When finalised, the Scope of Practice for Nurses and Midwives in Botswana will be submitted to the Ministry of Health for endorsement and implementation.

## BECOME A CNMF MEMBER

Membership of the CNMF is open to national nursing associations; national midwifery associations; specialist nursing associations (such as mental health, critical care, paediatrics, operating theatre etc); regional and international nursing, midwifery and health associations; regulatory bodies, universities, and individuals. By becoming a member of the CNMF, you can support the work of the CNMF and become involved in that work. Members can promote their own work through the monthly e-News, the CNMF website or the extensive CNMF network. You can join online through the CNMF website:  
<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/membership.html>.

## COUNTDOWN TO CONFERENCE 3<sup>RD</sup> COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES CONFERENCE

London UK 12-13 March 2016

### REGISTER NOW

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London UK 12-13 March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians Regent's Park. The theme of the conference is: *Toward 2020: celebrating nursing and midwifery leadership*. The conference will showcase and celebrate the work of nursing and midwifery leaders who have followed in the footsteps of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, the first nursing theorists, a great nursing leader and a role model for nurses and midwives everywhere. The preliminary program is available at:

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Nurses  
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**Toward 2020:  
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12-13 March 2016  
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[www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2016/](http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2016/)

Presentations will demonstrate leadership in:

- clinical practice;
- research and innovation;
- policies and projects;
- education and training;
- management and administration.

The conference provides a unique opportunity to network with nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth; with excellent plenary speakers and presentations; and an opportunity to join Commonwealth week celebrations in London. Register online at:  
<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2016>  
or email: [jill@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:jill@commonwealthnurses.org).



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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, and civil society. It is particularly important that nurses and midwives get involved, not only with government plans to achieve the SDGs, but also as nursing and midwifery organisations. Nurses and midwives need to (a) know what the SDGs are and (b) prepare a list of actions that can be taken to contribute to a sustainable future.



## ARC MEETS IN WEST AFRICA

The African Regulatory Collaborative which has been working in the east, central and southern Africa region for the past four years has commenced a similar initiative in west and central Africa with three countries, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The focus of the initiative in West Africa is to conduct projects to enhance the contribution of nurses and midwives to improve paediatric HIV prevention, care and treatment.

The Inaugural Congress for ARC West and Central Africa attended by nursing and midwifery leaders in the three countries was held in Yaoundé Cameroon in July 2015. At the meeting, countries considered proposals for funding.



The first learning session for ARC West and Central Africa was held in Douala Cameroon in October 2015. Countries reported on their progress in developing their projects and shared their objectives and methodology with each other. The DRC project is designed to improve data quality in relation to paediatric HIV; Cote d'Ivoire is focusing on developing a policy for task sharing; and the Cameroon project aims to improve the capacity of nursing and midwives in providing paediatric HIV services.



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