



## **THE EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA COLLEGE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (ECSACONM)**

### **16<sup>th</sup> ECSACONM BINNIAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

**Avani Maseru Hotel**

**Lesotho**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **CONCEPT PAPER**

**THEME: The role of evidence Based Practice and innovations in Nursing and Midwifery in combating of emerging and re-emerging Pandemics**

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing and Midwifery (ECSACONM), The East Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA HC) and The Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Lesotho and its partners have organized the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Conference to be held at the Avani Hotel in Maseru, Lesotho from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

#### **ABOUT ECSACONM**

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing and Midwifery (ECSACONM) is a professional body for nurses and midwives established in 1990 in the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) region comprising of 16 countries: Eswatini, Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

ECSACONM speaks authoritatively on professional issues affecting nursing, midwifery practice and health of the community in general and is anchored in the Health System and Capacity Development Program of ECSA Health Community (ECSAHC).

The aim of ECSACON is to foster strategic Collaboration for Professional Excellence and its primary goal is to improve the quality of community health in the region through programs geared towards strengthening nursing and midwifery education, practice, research, leadership and management.

The overall role of ECSACONM as a catalyst to the national health development and development of the nursing and midwifery professions is to complement government efforts in meeting the health needs of the community.

### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

Every two (2) years, ECSACONM holds a scientific conference with the aim of promoting strategic professional collaboration in nursing and midwifery practice in the region. The forthcoming conference will be the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial scientific conference of ECSACONM. The conference provides a platform for the professionals to share experiences, research findings. In addition, the participants share in learn- best practices and have the opportunity for to foster networks and linkages that help to strengthen their professional base. The last conference and the 7<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial meeting were hosted by Kingdom of Eswatini in 13-17 September, 2022.

We invite organizations to partner with ECSACONM and Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Lesotho in planning this conference and to sponsor as many nurses and midwives as possible to attend the conference. The conference will be structured in 2 phases:

### **THE STRUCTURE:**

1. **Pre-Conference closed Workshop: 10<sup>th</sup> September** (Closed Sessions) to be attended on invitations only
2. **The Conference: 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>:** (Open Sessions) to be attended by all registered delegates (nurses & midwives, researchers, policy makers, trainers, practitioners and other health partners).

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

There will be an opening ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup>, a gala dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> evening and a closing ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> afternoon.

Organizing team is comprised of members from the host country Lesotho ECSACONM Chapter and the local organizing committee under the leadership of the Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Lesotho. ECSA-HC Secretariat will work closely with the host country and the local committee to coordinate the preparation of the conference.

### **SUB-THEMES**

The conference will be featured by the following thematic areas.

- i. Advancing innovation and technology in nursing and midwifery
- ii. Nursing and midwifery, research and implementation effectiveness
- iii. Policy making, leadership and advocacy in Nursing and Midwifery
- iv. Midwifery and women health nursing as an outcome for the maternal and infant health

### **PARTICIPANTS**

The Conference welcomes organizations in health improvement, policy makers, professional nurses and midwives, scholars, lecturers and other health partners from all of Africa and beyond to submit abstracts, sponsor the event and attend the conference. We aim to attract at least 1000 delegates from at least 20 countries. Everyone is invited to submit abstracts via ([Home - ECSACONM](#)) for consideration.

### **STRATEGY**

Sessions will be held through plenary interactions, sponsored workshops, symposia and scientific sessions. National and international organizations working in the field of health improvement, nursing and midwifery are invited to sponsor sessions and use the opportunity to show case, educate, train or update delegates on new knowledge, promote best practices and products on thematic issues.

### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE CONFERENCE**

1. Global health initiatives and innovations on how to make health services cost effective and safe in the spirit of UHC and Primary Health Care discussed.
2. Nursing Now campaign activities undertaken by African countries shared
3. Best practice and lessons learnt in the areas of advanced nursing/midwifery education and practice shared.

4. Information, education as well as evidence reports provided to nurses in the region including updates on new and emerging issues on thematic areas.
5. Policy implication of scientific research findings (evidence---based---practice) identified and documented.
6. Strategic directions for sustainable quality nursing care developed and actions in mitigating the Non-communicable diseases and Communicable diseases put forward.
7. Current regional collaborations affirmed and regional and global links and relationships strengthened, as well as future collaborations identified.
8. Recommendations for considerations by ECSA-HC on nursing and midwifery training, practice and regulation documented and shared through a communique.

**For any further information and or clarification please contact the undersigned or visit our website: [www.ecsaconm.org](http://www.ecsaconm.org)**

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