



2ND NURSING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**THEME: “Building Capacity for Nursing and
Midwifery Leadership in Africa”**
*Leading Change, Achieving Universal Health Coverage,
Achieving Health*

St. Paul's University Main Campus, Limuru, Kenya

13th & 14th June 2019

CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

Nurses, the backbone in every healthcare system, deliver the greatest percentage of healthcare services worldwide. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 calls upon governments to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. There is great need for governments, especially those in low and middle income countries, to facilitate reforms in healthcare that empower key actors, like nurses and midwives, to play a leading role and maximize their contributions in tackling major health challenges and achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Although the number of institutions providing nursing training has increased remarkably for the majority of developing nations, the numbers and quality of training, especially that which prepares nurses for leadership roles in health care, remains a challenge. Nurses and midwives desire better training to ensure they have the knowledge, skills, competencies and judgement to handle the complexity of health problems in the world today. There is urgent need to propel nursing as a pillar in healthcare to manage the rapidly changing epidemiological and demographic transitions that predispose citizens to the double burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Educating, empowering and supporting nurses and midwives to be leaders of change will ensure they have a more prominent voice in health policy-making, will be recruited into leadership positions, and will practice to their fullest potential; hence creating better health outcomes for their countries. Equally, there is need to empower nurses to undertake quality research and to integrate the same into practice to improve the quality of healthcare outcomes. Nurses need to be supported to lead, learn and strengthen their profession. Universal Health Coverage will not be achieved unless nursing is strengthened to own its central role and position in healthcare systems.

CONFERENCE GOAL/OUTCOMES

To bring together nurses, midwives, experts and leaders impacting healthcare in Kenya and other regions of Africa to explore ways that institutions, organizations, and governments can unlock the leadership impetus for the acceleration and realization of healthy lives and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents as per SDG 3. This conference also aims to empower nurses and midwives to take strategic leadership roles in tackling current health challenges, formulating

healthcare and nursing policies as well as identifying opportunities for advocacy at local, regional, national and international levels in support of Universal Health Coverage, the Beyond Zero and Nursing Now Campaigns. Further, it will enhance research capacity and evidence based nursing practice.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The two-day conference will take place on **13th and 14th June 2019** in **Kenya**. The conference activities will include keynote presentations, plenary speakers, breakout workshops and resolutions. It will feature diverse sets of speakers including prominent practitioners and thought leaders in nursing and midwifery as well as health care experts from Africa and US.

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