



**THE 6TH QUADRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE 13TH SCIENTIFIC
CONFERENCE OF THE EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA COLLEGE OF
NURSING (ECSACON)**

3RD - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018

SAFARI PARK HOTEL, NAIROBI. KENYA

THEME: *Nurses and Midwives responding to global agenda on sustainable
development goals and universal health coverage.*

THE CONCEPT PAPER

ABOUT ECSACON

The East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON) is a professional body for nurses and midwives established in 1990 in the East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) region comprising of 16 countries: Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan and Rwanda. ECSACON speaks authoritatively on professional issues affecting nursing, midwifery practice and health in general and is anchored in the Human Resources Development and Capacity Building Programme 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 programmes geared towards strengthening nursing and midwifery education, practice, research, leadership and management.

The overall role of ECSACON 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.

Whilst ECSACON region covers 16 countries, nurses and professionals from other countries can derive considerable benefit from utilising the online resources via the ECSACON website and attending ECSACON conferences such as this one.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This will be the 6th quadrennial general meeting and the 13th scientific conference of ECSACON. Every 4 years, ECSACON hosts a general meeting and a scientific conference with the aim of promoting strategic professional collaboration in nursing and midwifery practice in the region. Besides providing a platform for the professionals to share experiences, research findings and lessons learned and the opportunity for them to foster networks and linkages that help to strengthen their professional base, the conference also hosts ECSACON's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The last such conference was hosted by Zimbabwe in 2014.

We invite organisations to partner with ECSACON and Ministry of Health in planning this conference and to sponsor as many nurses and midwives as possible to attend the conference.

The conference will be hosted at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya from 3rd to 7th of September 2018 and will be structured in 3 phases:

The structure:

1. **Pre-Conference closed Workshop:** 3rd and 4th: **(Closed Sessions)** To be attended on invitations only
2. **The Conference:** 5th and 6th: **(Open Sessions)** to be attended by all registered delegates (nurses & midwives, researchers, policy makers, trainers, practitioners and other health partners).
3. **AGM:** 7th morning **(Closed Session)**, to be attended by all ECSACON members where election of new officials will be conducted.
4. **Special Events:** There will be an opening ceremony on the 5th afternoon, a gala dinner on 6th evening and a closing ceremony on the 7th afternoon.
5. **Post Conference:** 8th: **(Closed Sessions)** to be attended by the ECSACON Project task force, CNRs and key partners.

The Organizing Team is comprised of the ECSACON leadership in Tanzania, Kenya, and the other 14 member countries, spearheaded by a local coordinating committee based in Nairobi, Kenya with the support of the Ministry of Health, National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK) and the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK).

PRIMARY THEME

“Nurses and Midwives responding to global agenda on sustainable development goals and universal health coverage. “

SUB-THEMES

- a) Quality and affordability of Maternal, New-born and Child Health Services
- b) Increasing access to Health Care including GBV services and SRHR among the Youth
- c) Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Development to achieve HRH2030 Agenda

- d) Innovations in preparing competent, skilled and motivated Nurses & Midwives
- e) Nursing and Midwifery workforce preparedness to respond to Global Calls, Challenges and/or Disasters
- f) Prioritizing Communicable and NCDs including Mental Health and Nutrition

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 1,000 delegates from at least 20 countries. Everyone is invited to submit an abstract via www.ecsacon.org 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 educate, train or update delegates on new knowledge, promote best practices and products on thematic issues.

OVERALL EXPECTED OUTPUT OF THE CONFERENCE

- Global health initiatives and innovations on how to make health services cost effective and safe in the spirit of UHC discussed.
- Nurses and Midwives voice on the “Nursing Now campaign” African Chapter heard.
- Best practice and lessons learnt in the areas of advanced nursing/midwifery education and practice (including infection prevention and specialization) shared.
- Information, education as well as evidence reports provided to nurses in the region including updates on new and emerging issues on thematic areas.
- Policy implication of scientific research findings (evidence-based-practice) identified and documented.
- Strategic directions for sustainable quality nursing care developed and actions for clinical implementation proposed in line with the SDG health objectives.
- Current regional collaborations affirmed and regional and global links and relationships strengthened, as well as future collaborations identified.

REGISTRATION FEES:

<i>Conference registration fees (USD)</i>	<i>Early bird registration (15th Jan 2018 - 30th Apr 2018)</i>	<i>Late registration (1st May 2018 and later)</i>
<i>ECSACON Members</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>Non ECSACON Members from the ECSA region</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>Non ECSACON Members from outside the region</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>600</i>

The registration fees **EXCLUDE TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND SUBSISTENCE.**

Delegates are invited to register online in advance to benefit from the early bird discount as advised on the conference website.

More information about the conference will be posted on: www.ecsacon.org.

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