



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Inaugural CNMF West Africa Region  
Conference, Abuja, Nigeria  
21-23 April 2026

go to:

<https://www.commonwealthnurses.org/WA2026>



The CNMF President and Board wish all CNMF members and friends who celebrate Christmas a safe and happy Christmas...



... and to all CNMF members and friends, we wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday period. Stay safe, and find joy in the company of family and friends.

2026 will be a big year for CNMF with the Inaugural CNMF West Africa Conference in Abuja, Nigeria in April 2026 and the 27<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of Members and the 7<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference in New Delhi India in September 2026. We hope you will be able to join us at either or all these exciting events.



**Nurses and Midwives**  
... working together toward excellence  
education, practice, and regulation ...

## Call for Abstracts closes 16 January 2026

The Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation (CNMF) is excited to announce the Inaugural CNMF West Africa Region Conference to be hosted by the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives (NANNM) at the Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja Nigeria on 21, 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

The title of the conference is '*Toward excellence – nurses and midwives working together toward excellence in education, practice, and regulation*'.

Abstracts should address activities, research, studies, strategies, or policies that are providing or working toward excellence in nursing and midwifery:

- education,
- practice, or
- regulation.

For more information go to the home page of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation:

<https://www.commonwealthnurses.org>

and to register, go to:

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### **Shaping the Future nurses and midwives navigating new frontiers**

**7<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives  
Conference**  
Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September 2026  
New Delhi, India

The 7th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference is being held in partnership with the Trained Nurses Association of India. The Conference will be held on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, India.

Submit your abstract for the 7th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference by 31 MARCH 2026. Further details and the abstract submission template are available at:  
<https://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2026>.

## **27<sup>th</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**Wednesday 23 September 2026**

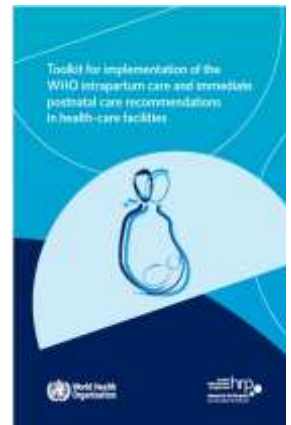
The CNMF is pleased to announce that the 27<sup>th</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held on Wednesday 23 September 2026 in New Delhi India.

The Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI) is hosting the 27<sup>th</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members at the TNAI Greater Noida Campus. All CNMF members and friends are welcome to attend. Attendance is free. Further information, including registration details, will be provided over the coming months on the CNMF website and through the CNMF e-News.

## **NEW MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE TOOLKITS FROM THE WHO**

The World Health Assembly has produced two new toolkits addressing maternal and newborn care.

The first toolkit is titled: *Toolkit for adaptation of the WHO recommendations for a positive pregnancy and postnatal experience*. The second is titled: *Toolkit for implementation of the WHO intrapartum care and immediate postnatal care recommendations in health-care facilities*.



In 2016, the WHO released recommendations on the routine antenatal care for all women and adolescent girls and in 2022, recommendations were released on maternal and newborn care for a positive postnatal experience.

The WHO acknowledge that introducing the WHO ANC and PNC models in different countries requires adapting them to existing health systems which may require extensive reform of existing health programs.

The toolkits were developed with the aim of helping national governments to adapt the 2016 and 2022 WHO recommendations to their context.

The primary target audience for the toolkits are policy-makers, program managers, program implementers, and other decision-makers involved in the planning and management of maternal and child health services in their countries. CNMF encourages all nurses and midwives to download and read the toolkits and work toward implementing the WHO recommendations in their countries.