

AFRICAN NURSES AND MIDWIFERY CONFEDERATION CONFERENCE 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Conference Theme:

“HARMONIZING STANDARDS, ELEVATING PRACTICE: A UNIFIED APPROACH TO NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXCELLENCE IN AFRICA”

Conference Date: March 2026

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 31, 2025

ABOUT THE AFRICAN NURSES AND MIDWIVES CONFEDERATION (AFNMC)

The African Nurses and Midwives Confederation (AFNMC) is dedicated to building a unified voice for nurses and midwives across Africa to enhance welfare, improve healthcare standards, and promote professional growth. Our mission centers on Unity in Nursing & Midwifery, strengthening African nurses and midwives through collaboration for change, empowering national unions through shared resources, collective advocacy, and stronger representation at national and international levels.

AFNMC is committed to elevating nursing and midwifery standards through investment in capacity building, knowledge sharing, and policy advocacy to improve healthcare delivery across the continent. This confederation serves as a platform for professional growth, collaborative innovation, and unified advancement of nursing and midwifery practice throughout Africa.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 2026 African Nurses and Midwifery Confederation Conference will serve as a premier platform for nurses, midwives, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders to share knowledge, exchange best practices, and collaborate on innovative solutions to advance nursing and midwifery practice across Africa.

This landmark conference aims to harmonize standards, elevate practice, and foster a unified approach to nursing and midwifery excellence throughout the African continent. We invite healthcare professionals, researchers, educators, policymakers, and students to contribute to this important dialogue that will shape the future of nursing and midwifery in Africa.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

1. STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

Explore innovative strategies to improve healthcare infrastructure, optimize staffing models, enhance resource allocation, and advance universal health coverage initiatives. This theme focuses on:

- Healthcare system strengthening and sustainability
- Workforce optimization and distribution strategies
- Resource management and allocation
- Universal health coverage implementation
- Health system resilience and emergency preparedness
- Public-private partnerships in healthcare
- Community health systems strengthening

2. NURSING AND MIDWIFERY RESEARCH

Showcase cutting-edge research initiatives, evidence-based studies, and innovative methodologies that inform healthcare policy and improve patient outcomes. Topics include:

- Evidence-based practice implementation
- Clinical research and outcomes measurement
- Health services research
- Implementation science in nursing and midwifery
- Research capacity building in Africa
- Technology integration in practice and research
- Quality improvement initiatives
- Maternal and child health research
- Non-communicable diseases research

3. LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

Examine the evolving roles of nurses and midwives in healthcare leadership, policy development, patient advocacy, and health equity promotion. Focus areas include:

- Professional leadership development
- Policy advocacy and healthcare reform

- Patient rights and advocacy strategies
- Professional regulation and governance
- Interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork
- Mentorship and succession planning
- Professional standards harmonization
- Healthcare transformation leadership
- Advocacy for professional recognition and compensation

4. ADDRESSING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Develop comprehensive strategies to address health disparities related to rural-urban divides, socioeconomic factors, gender, and access to healthcare services. Key topics include:

- Health equity and social determinants of health
- Rural health service delivery
- Gender-based health disparities
- Cultural competency and community engagement
- Access to quality healthcare services
- Health literacy and education
- Vulnerable populations care
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Community-based intervention programs

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

A. ORAL PRESENTATIONS (15-20 minutes)

- Original research findings
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- Program evaluations and outcomes
- Policy analysis and recommendations
- Innovation and best practice implementations

B. POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Work in progress research
- Case studies and clinical innovations
- Quality improvement projects
- Community health initiatives
- Student research projects
- Educational innovations

C. SYMPOSIA AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- Multi-institutional collaborative research
- Cross-border healthcare initiatives
- Regional policy frameworks
- Professional development programs
- Technology and digital health innovations

D. WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

- Skills development and training programs
 - Technology demonstrations
 - Professional development activities
 - Policy development workshops
 - Research methodology training
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TARGET AUDIENCE

We encourage submissions from:

- **Registered Nurses and Midwives** in all specialties and practice settings
 - **Healthcare Researchers** and academics
 - **Healthcare Policymakers** and administrators
 - **Healthcare Educators** and trainers
 - **Nursing and Midwifery Students** (undergraduate and postgraduate)
 - **Healthcare Technology Innovators**
 - **Public Health Professionals**
 - **Healthcare Quality and Safety Specialists**
 - **Professional Association Leaders**
 - **Healthcare Advocates and NGO Representatives**
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

General Requirements:

- Abstract must be submitted in English
- Maximum 400 words (excluding title, authors, and affiliations)
- Structured format required for research abstracts
- Clear relevance to conference theme and sub-themes
- Original work not previously published or presented

Structured Abstract Format:

For Research Presentations:

1. **Background/Objectives** (75 words maximum)
2. **Methods** (100 words maximum)
3. **Results** (125 words maximum)
4. **Conclusions/Implications for Practice** (100 words maximum)

For Program/Innovation Presentations:

1. **Background/Problem Statement** (100 words maximum)
2. **Description of Program/Innovation** (150 words maximum)
3. **Outcomes/Impact** (100 words maximum)
4. **Lessons Learned/Implications** (50 words maximum)

Required Information:

- **Title:** Clear, concise, and reflective of content (maximum 20 words)
- **Authors:** Primary presenter and all co-authors with full names and credentials
- **Affiliations:** Institution, department, city, and country for each author
- **Contact Information:** Email address and phone number of primary presenter
- **Category:** Specify preferred presentation format
- **Sub-theme:** Indicate primary sub-theme alignment
- **Keywords:** Provide 3-5 relevant keywords

Submission Process:

1. **Online Submission:** All abstracts must be submitted through the official conference website
2. **Deadline:** December 31, 2025, 11:59 PM (GMT)
3. **Confirmation:** Automatic email confirmation upon successful submission
4. **Review Process:** Double-blind peer review by subject matter experts
5. **Notification:** Acceptance notifications by January 15, 2026

REVIEW CRITERIA

Abstracts will be evaluated based on:

- **Relevance** to conference theme and sub-themes (25%)
- **Scientific/Professional Merit** and methodology (25%)
- **Innovation** and contribution to practice (20%)
- **Clarity** of presentation and writing quality (15%)
- **Potential Impact** on nursing and midwifery practice in Africa (15%)

Scoring Scale:

- **Excellent (4 points):** Exceptional quality, highly innovative, significant impact
 - **Good (3 points):** High quality, good innovation, meaningful contribution
 - **Fair (2 points):** Adequate quality, some innovation, limited impact
 - **Poor (1 point):** Below standard, minimal innovation, unclear contribution
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IMPORTANT DATES

Milestone	Date
Abstract Submission Opens	October 10, 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	December 31, 2025
Notification of Acceptance	January 15, 2026
Early Bird Registration Deadline	February 15, 2026
Full Paper Submission (Optional)	February 28, 2026
Conference Dates	March 2026 (Specific dates TBD)

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

For Accepted Oral Presentations:

- 15-20 minute presentation plus 5 minutes for questions
- PowerPoint presentation required
- Audio-visual equipment provided
- Dress code: Professional business attire
- At least one author must register and attend the conference

For Accepted Poster Presentations:

- Poster size: A0 format (841 x 1189 mm) portrait orientation
 - High-resolution graphics and clear, readable fonts
 - Interactive poster sessions with designated presentation times
 - Poster setup and breakdown times will be communicated
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Excellence Awards:

- **Best Research Presentation Award** (per sub-theme)

- **Best Innovation in Practice Award**
- **Best Student Presentation Award**
- **Outstanding Poster Presentation Award**
- **Young Professional Excellence Award**
- **Lifetime Achievement in Nursing/Midwifery Award**

Recognition Benefits:

- Certificate of recognition
 - Monetary prizes for top awards
 - Featured presentation opportunities
 - Publication opportunities in partner journals
 - Networking opportunities with conference leaders
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-Conference Workshops:

- Research methodology and grant writing
- Leadership development for nurses and midwives
- Digital health and technology integration
- Quality improvement methodologies
- Policy advocacy and healthcare reform

Networking Events:

- Welcome reception
- Professional association meetings
- Mentorship program connections
- Young professionals networking sessions
- Country-specific meetups

Continuing Education Credits:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points available
 - Certificates of attendance provided
 - Professional learning portfolios supported
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PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Proceedings:

- Selected abstracts will be published in conference proceedings
- Full papers may be invited for special journal issues
- Partnership with leading nursing and midwifery journals
- Open access publication options available

Media Coverage:

- Press releases for significant research findings
 - Social media coverage and documentation
 - Professional newsletter features
 - Video presentations of key research
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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT

Limited Travel Grants Available:

- Priority for first-time presenters
- Support for presentations from low-resource settings
- Student travel assistance program
- Application deadline: December 31, 2025

Accommodation Partnerships:

- Preferred rates at partner hotels
 - Shared accommodation options for students
 - Local hospitality program for international visitors
 - Transportation assistance information
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ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Research Ethics Requirements:

- Evidence of institutional review board approval required for human subjects research
- Ethical approval documentation must be provided upon acceptance
- Informed consent requirements must be met
- Animal research ethics compliance required where applicable

Conflict of Interest:

- All authors must declare potential conflicts of interest
- Commercial relationships must be disclosed

- Funding sources must be acknowledged
 - Industry partnerships must be transparent
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ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Conference Commitment:

- Full accessibility compliance for all venues
- Sign language interpretation available upon request
- Cultural sensitivity and inclusion practices
- Dietary accommodations for all participants
- Family-friendly policies including childcare support

Language Support:

- Primary conference language: English
 - Translation services for major African languages upon request
 - Interpretation support for presentations
 - Multilingual conference materials where possible
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Abstract Submission Queries:

Email: abstracts@afnmc.org

Subject Line: “AFNMC 2026 Abstract Inquiry”

General Conference Information:

Email: info@afnmc.org

Phone: [To be provided]

Website: <https://www.afnmc.org/conference2026>

Technical Support:

Email: techsupport@afnmc.org

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (GMT)

Media Inquiries:

Email: media@afnmc.org

Phone: [To be provided]

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Scientific Committee:

Representatives from leading nursing and midwifery institutions across Africa, international partners, and subject matter experts in each sub-theme area.

Local Organizing Committee:

Distinguished nursing and midwifery leaders from the host country working to ensure exceptional conference experience and logistics.

PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

The AFNMC 2026 Conference is proud to collaborate with:

- World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa
 - International Council of Nurses (ICN)
 - International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)
 - Leading African universities and healthcare institutions
 - Professional nursing and midwifery associations across Africa
 - Healthcare technology and innovation partners
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Join us in March 2026 as we work together to harmonize standards, elevate practice, and advance nursing and midwifery excellence across Africa. Your contribution to this important conference will help shape the future of healthcare on our continent.

Submit your abstract today and be part of this transformative gathering of African nursing and midwifery professionals!

The African Nurses and Midwifery Confederation reserves the right to make changes to the conference program, speakers, and logistics as necessary. All registered participants will be notified of any significant changes in advance.

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#HealthcareTransformation**