

**5th International Conference**

**Global Network of  
Public Health Nurses**

**14th-16th May 2019**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

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## **THE CONCEPT PAPER**



Conference Theme

‘Good Health & Well Being’

Goal 3 of UN Sustainable Development Goals



## The Global Network of Public Health Nursing

Discussions on forming a **Global Network of Public Health Nursing (GNPHN)** began in 2009 in Diakonova University in Oslo at the first International Public Health Nursing conference. With the support of a grant from *Irish Aid*, the Network was formally launched in Dublin, by President Michael D. Higgins in June 2014.

The Institute of Community Health Nursing (ICHN) in Ireland provided a home for the network until January 2017 when the Secretariat of the Network was transferred to the Institute of Health Visiting (IHV) in the UK. The Network is governed by an eleven-member International Council and its membership now spans 29 countries ([www.gnphn.com](http://www.gnphn.com)).



Teresa Obwaya, Kenya, Kari Glavin, Norway (Founder member) and Maura Connolly, Ireland, with President Michel D. Higgins at the launch of the Network in Dublin in June 2014

The aim of the network is to create a platform for public health nurses, health visitors, community nurses, and all health partners working in Public Health Nursing to share knowledge, experiences and innovations towards promotion of public health awareness and evidence based practices across the lifespan of families, individuals and communities throughout the world.

The Network believes that high standards of education, research, leadership and practice for public health practitioners, are essential for equity and equality in public health nursing practice. This sharing of knowledge across the world has been the driving force of the four previous International Public Health Nursing conferences that have taken place every 2-3 years. The network is membership based <http://www.gnphn.com/membership/join-the-global-network/>. Nurses in developing countries are allowed free membership.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> International GNPHN Conference

Because of the global significance and relevance of Public Health Nursing in ensuring healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages, **Goal 3 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals ‘Good Health & Well Being’** was selected as the theme of the conference. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/health/>.

**The sub themes** will focus on the role of Public Health Nursing in achieving the targets of Goal 3 at every aspect and every population group including the elderly, maternal & child groups, people with disabilities, health care systems and safe environments. The focus is on; HIV/AIDS testing, disclosure, access and adherence to care; Adolescent reproductive health; Public health leadership and governance; Health systems integration; rural, county and national levels; Infectious disease management; Community health strategy; Public health workforce, labour relations and Mental health.

**The conference will be held between 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi.** Conference Sessions will be held through plenary interactions, breakaway sessions, workshops, symposia and exhibitions. The programme will be divided as follows:

**1) Preconference Programme: Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019(Optional).**

- Site visits to health-related community projects

**2) Conference Programme: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.**

- Opening ceremony
- Full conference programme, and poster presentations
- Global Network of Public Health Nursing discussion forum.

**3) Gala Dinner: May 15<sup>th</sup> evening, 2019**

**4) Post Conference Programme: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 (Optional)**

- Tours and Safaris

### **Participants:**

The Conference welcomes local and international policy makers, clinical nurse practitioners, scholars, lecturers, students, health professionals and partners. The participation is through abstract presentation, plenary sessions and commercial product displays.

## Aims of the Conference:

- To provide delegates with an opportunity to present their research work in public health nursing
- To provide a learning platform for delegates in order to promote evidence-based practice
- To allow delegates time to discuss and formulate plans to implement possible changes in their countries/local health systems.
- To explore and challenge public health nursing professionals to increase efforts to achieve the targets of Goal 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To provide networking opportunities for delegates
- To participate and represent public health nursing on international health policy groups and forums.
- To promote the Global Network of Public Health Nursing (GNPHN)
- To set up working collaborations between GNPHN and participating health partners in order to carry forth the recommendations arising from the conference.

**Registration Fees:** Online registration begins on 1st July, 2018.

Conference Registration Fees	Registration Fees in US Dollars
International Delegates (Outside Africa)	350
Delegates from Africa	280
Student Nurses (undergraduate)	150

**Early Bird Discount:** Register online before February 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 and get an early bird discount of USD. 50. The registration fees exclude travel expenses, accommodation, the tours and site visits which are all on delegate's cost.

**Call for abstracts:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Closing date extended to October 30<sup>th</sup> 2018**

<http://www.gnphn.com/kenya-2019/>

## Conference Planning Committee

The Global Network of Public Health Nursing (GNPHN) is grateful to the local planning group led by Dr. Miriam C.A. Wagoro, the Director, School of Nursing Sciences at the University of Nairobi.

The following are some institutions that have graciously accepted to be part of the local Planning Committee:

- University of Nairobi Nursing Sciences (UON-SONS)
- Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health (GOK-MoH)
- African Association of Midwifery Associations (CONAMA)
- East Central & Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON)
- Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)
- National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK)

We welcome expressions of interest from health-related organisations to become partners, contributors or sponsors of the event.

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