



## RCN Connecting Champions – Global Nursing Diaspora Event

Monday 16 June 2025

9:30 – 17:00, Cowdray Hall

08:30–09:30	Registration & Networking Coffee
09:30–10:00	<p>A New Dawn for Nursing and the RCN's role in Global Nursing <i>Lynn Woolsey, RCN Chief Nursing Officer.</i></p> <p>The role of organisational partnerships in supporting global health nursing <i>Bejoy Sebastian, RCN President.</i></p>
10:00 – 10:10	Comfort Break
10:10–11:25	<p>Showcase Panel: Nurses taking the lead globally -Nurse-led Global Health Programmes.</p> <p>10:10 -Panel Introduction <i>Marcus Wootton, Associate Director International Nursing Academy RCN.</i></p> <p>10:12 -Nigerian Nursing Charitable Association UK Diaspora Contribution and impact in the home country of Nigeria <i>Felicia Kwaku -Education Lead Nigerian Nurses Charitable Association UK.</i></p> <p>10:24 -International Health Partnership with Kerala to improve health outcomes <i>Bejoy Sebastian –RCN President.</i></p> <p>10:36 -CNMA's global health project in the Caribbean region <i>Ying Ling Butt -Caribbean Nurses and Midwives Association.</i></p> <p>10:48 -Nsambya Mental Project Mental Health Support at Nsambya Police Barracks, Kampala, Uganda <i>Herbert Mwebe -Uganda Nurses and Midwives Association UK CIC).</i></p> <p>11:00 -Supporting breast Cancer services in the West Bank, Palestine</p>

	<p><i>Zoe Hilton -Cardiff and Vale UHB/ Medical Aid for Palestinians/ First Aid Support Team.</i></p> <p><b>11:12 Q&amp;A with panel</b>  <i>Marcus Wootton, Felicia Kwaku, Bejoy Sebastian, Ying Ling Butt, Herbert Mwebe, Zoe Hilton.</i></p>
<b>11:25 – 11:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:40-13:00</b>	<p><b>Showcase Panel: Nurses taking the lead globally –Nurse-led Global Health.</b></p> <p><b>11:40 -Panel introduction</b>  <i>Elsa Afonso –Head of International Nursing Academy RCN.</i></p> <p><b>11:42 -Diaspora healthcare professionals as key stakeholders in global health</b>  <i>Elizabeth Pearson –Diaspora Uganda Nurses Midwives Society.</i></p> <p><b>11:54 -Remote consulting in primary care, palliative care in heart failure in Nigeria and Tanzania</b>  <i>Kennedy Nkoma -Kings College London, Editorial Board of Malawi Journal of Nursing and Midwifery).</i></p> <p><b>12: 06 -Humanitarian response from a nursing perspective –BANMA's work in Gaza</b>  <i>Ofrah Muflahi –British Arab Nursing &amp; Midwifery Association UK.</i></p> <p><b>12:18 -Capacity Building in Acute settings -Resuscitation Train the Trainer</b>  <i>Jesca Gudza –Zimbabwean Midwifery and Nurses Association.</i></p> <p><b>12:30 -From where I come: Empowering through sharing knowledge, experience and resources</b>  <i>Suman Shrestha -Kalpana Foundation Nepal.</i></p> <p><b>12:44 -Q&amp;A with panel</b>  <i>Elsa Afonso, Elizabeth Pearson, Kennedy Nkoma, Ofrah Muflahi, Jesca Gudza, Suman Shrestha.</i></p>
<b>13:00–13:40</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

13:40 – 14:30	<p><b>Roundtable Discussions</b></p> <p><b>Theme: “Common Threads, Shared Challenges”</b></p> <p><b>13:40 -Facilitated small-group discussions</b>  <i>Participants choose from 2 of the following small-group discussions and spend 20 minutes in each. Facilitators provide feedback at end.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Advancing Education and Capacity Building: Strategies for Sustainable Development</b> -Led by Katie Beck (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine –Professional Diploma in Tropical Nursing) and Suman Shrestha (Kalpana Foundation Nepal).</li> <li><b>2. Engaging Diaspora Communities: Pathways to Inclusive and Collaborative Development</b> -Led by Charity Gladstone (Malawi UK Nurses Association, Jesca Gudza (Zimbabwean Midwifery and Nurses Association) and Elizabeth Pearson (Diaspora Uganda Nurses Midwives Society).</li> <li><b>3. Enhancing Humanitarian and Emergency Response: Toward More Effective and Coordinated Action</b> – Led by Ofrah Muflahi (British Arab Nurses &amp; Midwives Association UK), Zoe Hilton (Cardiff and Vale UHB/ Medical Aid for Palestinians), David Anderson (UK-Med).</li> <li><b>4. Strengthening Research Partnerships: Promoting Equity, Relevance, and Impact</b> – Led by Kennedy Nkoma (King’s College London) and Herbert Mwebe (Uganda Nurses and Midwives Association UK CIC).</li> </ol> <p><b>14:20 –Golden Nuggets: 3 take-away messages from each discussion.</b></p>
14:30 – 14:50	Coffee break
14:50 – 15:10	<p><b>In our own mutual interest –the impact that diaspora supporting global health work has in the NHS</b>  <i>Moses Mulimira (Global Health Partnerships).</i></p>
15:10 – 15:20	Comfort break
15:20 – 16:20	<p><b>Collaboration Workshops: ‘How do I...?’</b>  <i>Participants choose 2 of the following collaboration workshops and spend 20 minutes in each)</i></p> <p><b>15:20 –16:10</b></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>How do I develop a project idea and pitch it to potential partners</b> – <i>Elsa Afonso (Head of International Academy)</i></li> <li>2. <b>How do I build effective partnerships and sustainable collaborations</b> – Marcus Wootton (Associate Director International Academy)</li> <li>3. <b>How do I navigate financial requirements, identify and apply for funding</b> – Moses Mulimira (Global Health Partnerships)</li> <li>4. <b>How do I use Digital Collaboration Tools and use technology to connect teams across continents</b> – Sala Kamkosi Khulumula (MUNA)</li> </ol> <p>16:20- Golden Nuggets: 3 take-away messages to share with the wider group.</p>
16:20 –16:35	<p><b>Collective Action: Mapping the Network</b></p> <p><b>Final Reflections and Comments</b>  <i>Marcus Wootton and Elsa Afonso.</i></p> <p><b>Close</b></p>