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The West African Postgraduate College of Nurses and Midwives (WAPCNM) is one of the specialised agencies of the former West African Health Community (WAHC). WAHC was established as the Commonwealth West African Regional Health Secretariat in May 1972 by the governments of The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone in cooperation with the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. In 1974, the Republic of Liberia joined the Community and the word “Commonwealth” was dropped from the designation of the organisation. It is within this context that the WACN council was inaugurated 5th April 1979.

On 25th October 1979, in Lagos, Nigeria, the policy making organ of the organisation, signed a Treaty to change the name of the Organisation and thereby establishing the West African Health Community.

By 1980, the WACN constitution was ratified by the Assembly of Health Ministers in Accra, Ghana. On Tuesday 14th April 1981, WACN was inaugurated in Banjul The Gambia by His Excellency, Honourable Mr. Assan Musa Camara, GCRG, MP and Vice President of The Republic of The Gambia.

The community was established to undertake such activities as would contribute towards the attainment of the highest possible standards and protection of health for the peoples of the sub-region. In November 2000, in Bamako, Mali, the merger of WAHC and OCCGE (our French counterpart) to form the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) was launched by the Malian Head of State.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Promote excellence in nursing education – basic and post basic level and maintain the standard of nursing within the sub-region
2. Formulate and support nursing educational programmes
3. Contribute to the improvement of health care within the West African sub-region.
4. Plan and implement continuing education for nursing personnel
5. Promote and encourage research in the field of nursing

MOTTO

Unity, Knowledge and Service

BGM Theme:

Investing in the Nursing and Midwifery workforce for attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the sub-region

Sub-themes:

1. Nursing and Midwifery education and practice for the attainment of UHC
2. Regulation of Nursing and Midwifery in the Sub region
3. Nursing and Midwifery informatics and ICT education for quality care
4. Nursing and Midwifery leadership and involvement in policy development for the attainment of UHC
5. Nursing and Midwifery staff preparedness for challenging and difficult situation (Climate change, Migration, Pandemic, Political insecurity etc.).
6. Gender equity and diversity in Nursing and Midwifery education and practices
7. Research in Nursing and Midwifery for quality evidence base cares
8. Nurses and Midwives leading in Community Health for attaining UHC

Venue: Paradise Suites Hotel

Programme Highlight

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Academic Procession
3. Plenary Session/Concurrent Scientific Sessions
4. Swearing in of new Fellows
5. Award of Honorary Fellowship
6. Council Meetings
7. Faculty & Board Meetings

Target Participants

All Fellows, Fellowship students, other Nurses and Midwives, student nurses and Midwives, sister colleges and interested members of the public

Participation attracts 3 CEU

Registration Fee:

Fellows and All Nurses and Midwives US \$150
Non-nurses US \$100
Virtual Attendance US \$100
Student Nurses and Midwives US \$50
Conference materials and Banquet inclusive

Bank Account Details

Bank – Standard Chartered Bank
Name – WACN Subvention Account
Number – 0150130951100
Swift Code—SCBLGMM

Early registration is encouraged to facilitate accommodation arrangements

Hotel Accommodation : US\$50 per person

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