Register now for the 18th South Pacific Nurses Forum
“Towards Nursing Excellence for Universal (Pacific) Health”

29 February 2016 - Registration opens today for the 18th South Pacific Nurses Forum (SPNF) “Towards Nursing Excellence for Universal (Pacific) Health” to be held 31 October – 4 November 2016 at the Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel, Alvaro Conference Room in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Members of nursing and midwifery associations, and training institutions, other health professionals, and members of the public may register.

Solomon Islands Nurses Association (SINA), the 2016 host is delighted to announce international speakers including:

- Dr. Judith Shamian, President, International Council of Nurses, Geneva
- Professor Pelenatete Stowers, Former Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Nursing and Midwifery, Samoa
- Ms Annette Mwansa Nkowane, Health Workforce Department, Nursing and Midwifery, World Health Organization, Geneva
- Professor Jill White, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sydney, Australia
- Mr. George Pego, National Deputy Head of Nursing (Development), and Human Resource Manager Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Solomon Islands
- Dr. Amelia Afuha’amango Tuipulotu, Chief Nursing Officer, Tonga
- Ms Carolyn Reed, Chief Executive Officer/ Registrar, New Zealand Nursing Council
- Adjunct Professor Debra Thoms, Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Australia
- Dr Karen Yates, Deputy Head of Discipline, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director WHO Collaborating Centre, James Cook University

Participants can also register for the welcome dinner and daily attendance. Registration closes on 05 September 2016.

This regional gathering of hundreds of nurses will bring together evidence, experience and innovations highlighting nursing contribution to Universal Health Coverage and demonstrating how nurses are important to ensuring access and quality of health care for all.

The South Pacific Nurses Forum will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge across specialties, cultures and countries.
Based around the Conference theme, “Towards Nursing Excellence for Universal (Pacific) Health”, the inspiring plenary sessions will offer the most recent expertise on nursing leadership, strategic management of the nursing human resource for health, innovative nursing education and development, and nursing regulation and practice. Poster presentations will also be part of the program.

The 7th South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) meeting will run concurrently with the Conference. SPCNMOA is an alliance that is engaged in various ongoing activities that strengthen nursing and midwifery provision as well as partnerships throughout the South Pacific Region.

A commercial and professional exhibition is planned to run concurrently with the Conference to give institutions, organisations, publishers and local artisans the opportunity to showcase their products and services.

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