

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY & HEALTH DEVELOPMENT



**South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance
(SPCNMOA)
Cook Islands 2018 - 43 delegates - 17 countries**

1. REGIONAL MECHANISM FOR ACCREDITATION, CPD AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Following discussion an **SPCNMOA working group** was agreed

- membership to include CNMOs from Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands, PNG, CNO from Tonga and ANMAC. Support from Australia and New Zealand with experts co-opted as necessary
- To undertake further work on this theme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLINICAL SPECIALISTS AND ADVANCE NURSING PRACTICE

SPCNMOA and APNLC are currently members of the **SPC/WHO Director of Clinical Services meeting**. This meeting leads into **Heads of Health Meeting** and recommendations are then presented to Pacific Health Ministers Meeting.

Following discussion, SPCNMOA will **present a paper to SPC** for presentation at Director of Clinical Services Meeting.

3. EMERGING PRIORITIES FOR THE REGION IN LINE WITH UHC, SUCH AS EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, AMR, AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

SPCNMOA identified a number of key issues including:

The need to **strengthen capacity**, competence and resilience of **emergency disaster nurses** including psycho social support in Pacific countries through a regional program.

The need for a **strategic pool of educated Pacific nurses** located within region that are mobile and linked to National Emergency Disaster Response Teams

4. STRENGTHEN MIDWIFERY LEADERSHIP WITHIN PACIFIC

SPCNMOA discussed the need for **continued support for midwifery** and the important role it plays in **child and maternal health**.

SPCNMOA Requests SPNF support:

1. To approach ICN, to hold an ICN Regional Forum for the Pacific.
2. Reinstatement of WHO WPRO Regional Nurse Adviser and
3. Creation of a Nursing Advisor position in the Pacific region.

*‘Unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week, **take my word for it we go backwards**’.*

Florence Nightingale

Meitaki Atupaka