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COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

Antigua and Barbuda

The 2026 Biennial Meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government has been held in Antigua and Barbuda, an island state in the Caribbean.

The communiqué from the meeting can be downloaded from: https://comsec-web-static.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2026-11/CHOGM-2026-Communique-Nov2026.pdf.

The theme for CHOGM was: *Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth,* with the major focus being on trade, investment, and prosperity.



The CNMF was represented at CHOGM by Yinglen Butt, CNMF Liaison Officer.



Ying met with the Foreign Minister from Seychelles who recalled the support given by the CNMF to Seychelles in rewriting their mental health legislation.



Ying with Razmi Farook the Director General of the Commonwealth Foundation



Ying, who is from Jamaica was pleased to meet the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness

CHPA SIDE EVENT

Commonwealth People's Forum 2026

Prosperity starts here: investing in wellbeing for a prosperous Commonwealth



The CHPA side event, challenged the premise that lasting prosperity depends on trade and investment collaboration across governments, civil society, business and communities. The CHPA argues that while investment often focuses on infrastructure, trade and economic growth, prosperity is ultimately built on people and that investing in wellbeing is a strategic investment that enables individuals and communities to participate, contribute and thrive.

The side event explored how partnerships across Commonwealth Accredited Organisations, governments, local authorities, the private sector, education, sport, social care, faith communities, and health systems can strengthen the foundations of wellbeing.

Rather than examining wellbeing solely through a health lens, the session considered how safe communities, supportive relationships, access to trusted information and services, opportunities for physical activity, freedom of expression, community participation, disability inclusion, and inclusive public policy, collectively create the conditions for prosperity.

At the side event, the CHPA launched a Declaration: *Prosperity starts here,* which argues that the prosperity of the Commonwealth begins with the wellbeing of its people; and that human wellbeing is a pillar of social and economic prosperity, not merely a product of it.
Go to: https://www.chpa.co to download a copy of the declaration.

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NEW PUBLICATION FROM THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING

Royal College of Nursing

From Recruitment to Reality: Exploitation of internationally educated nursing staff in social care

A new report released by the Royal College of Nursing UK should be of interest to all nurses and midwives considering immigration to the UK. The report "examines evidence of exploitative employer practices affecting internationally educated nursing staff in adult social care services across the UK".

The RCN reviewed cases reported to their Member Support Services by members working in adult social care between 2023 and 2025, identifying 1,280 issues across 383 cases. 'Repayment clauses' were the most frequently reported issue used as a means of financial exploitation. Poor workplace practices were the second most frequently reported issue involving severe bullying and harassment, including verbal abuse, intimidation, and discrimination. Issues with contractual obligations came next with contracts often being altered after employment began. The report can be downloaded from: https://www.rcn.org.uk/Professional-Development/publications/rcn-from-recruitment-to-reality-uk-pub-012651

NEW CNMF LOGO

The CNMF is inviting artistic members to submit ideas for a new logo for the CNMF. The current logo of the CNMF incorporates the logo of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the CNMF has been advised that this logo is now subject to copyright and can no longer be used. Ideas are very welcome, and should be sent to cnf@commonwealthnurses.org **NO LATER** than 12 December 2026. The CNMF Board plans to release the new logo by 1 January 2027 – a great way to celebrate the New Year.

GLOBAL HEALTH MEDIA

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Global Health Media have completed and released their Emergency Care series of videos – a total of 78 videos.

The content is based on standards of care from WHO's Basic Emergency Care course and Community First Aid Response course. The films were produced in Tanzania, Nepal, Kenya, and Malawi.

The majority of the videos are for health workers and community first responders, although some are for community members. The videos are available in English, however will also be available in Spanish and French.

Global Health Media have a wide range of videos available, free to download.

- Emergency care (78 videos),
- Family planning (65 videos),
- Diabetes (34 videos),
- Childbirth (47 videos),
- Care of small babies (27 videos),
- Burns care (24 videos),
- Breastfeeding (18 videos),
- Nutrition (17 videos), and
- Newborn care (42 videos).

Exploring the Global Health Media website (https://globalhealthmedia.org/) is a very rewarding activity for any nurse, midwife, health professional, or community health worker. Their videos provide clear, concise, and evidence based visual learning content. Their animations: The story of sugar; The story of cholera; The story of Ebola; and the story of Coronavirus, have won numerous awards.

Take the time to check them out and see how you can use them in your own practice.



