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WHO WE ARE

The African Placenta Research Network (APRN) is a collaborative digital platform connecting researchers, clinicians, and healthcare workers across Africa who share a commitment to placental research.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome To Our Third Issue

The impact of nurses on healthcare systems across Africa and globally cannot be overstated. As the backbone, nurses work tirelessly behind the scenes, providing compassionate clinical care while simultaneously advancing foundational research.

Professional maternal and health research is the continuation of nurses in particular in ensuring the delivery of evidence-based care, improving patient outcomes, and shaping policies that support the implementation of studies that seek to understand and address critical of the most pressing challenges facing African maternal and fetal health. Most supporting complex clinical trials and observational studies, nurses are the ones who are actively playing a critical role in driving innovation and improving outcomes for mothers and babies.

In this edition of the African Placenta Research Network Newsletter, we celebrate the remarkable contributions of nurses who are actively shaping the future of maternal and fetal research and clinical care. We are delighted to feature three exceptional midwives whose contributions continue to make a meaningful impact in maternal healthcare. We recognize with pride the dedication, resilience, and leadership that these nurses bring to research, ensuring sustainable, the generation of knowledge that will shape the future of maternal and child health across the continent.

The APRN Newsletter is a vibrant platform and collaboration point for all stakeholders dedicated to advancing placental and maternal health research. Through its, 2026, we invite you, from every corner of the continent, to join us in the journey of building a vibrant, Pan-African community of practice. Our goal is to ensure that the voices of those who are at the forefront of this critical work are heard, their experiences are shared, and their contributions are celebrated. Accelerating research from Sub-Saharan Africa and across Africa.

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This Issue Highlights

- **Important Dates and Upcoming Events**
- **Meeting Dr. Clare Kyrone-Kibila, Democratic Republic of Congo and Togo**
- **Insights from Midwives across the continent**

EVENTS

COMING IN JULY 2026

Webinar Series

Lifetime Sub-Saharan Africa Webinar Featuring Professor Olive Bachera and Sister Aby Diallo(Guest Dr. Tony Odoi & Yendell Lewis)

- **The Role of Nurses and Midwives in Saving Lives—Perspectives from a Down-and-Out Expert and Nurse Leaders**

Further details, including the announcement and registration link, will be released soon via APRN communication platforms.

Stay tuned! Join our sign up to our newsletter to receive communication from our network using the link:

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Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

- **Lagos State Obstetrics and Gynaecology Congress 2026**
  Lagos, Nigeria
  APRN is the Partner Organization
  Website: Coming Soon
- **International Federation of Placental Associations (IFPA 2026) meeting**
  Kyoto, Japan
  Website: https://ifpa2026.com/
- **Global Health Long 17 Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Reproductive Medicine (GHL)**
  December 14 - 15, 2026
  Dubai, UAE
  Website: https://ghlong.com/
- **Virtual Congress on Obstetrics, Maternal Care Health, and Gynaecology**
  Website: Coming Soon
  **Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqqq