



Malawian UK Nurses Association

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND BOOK LAUNCH 2026



Friday 6 November 2026



Best Western Reading Calcot Hotel,
Reading



THEME: *Our Voice, Our Value, Our Future:*
Leading Together for Local and Global Health Impact

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Time	Session	Presenter / Lead
08:00 – 09:00	REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING Poster viewing and exhibition opens:	Hosted by MUNA
09:00 – 09:10	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Opening prayer as per Malawian tradition National anthems of Malawi and the United Kingdom	Sala Khulumula Ruth Nanthambwe
09:10 – 09:20	OPENING REMARKS AND OVERVIEW OF MUNA	Charity Gladstone MBE - <i>President, MUNA</i>
09:20 – 09:35	OPENING ADDRESS The Power of Global Partnership in Health	His Excellency, Malawi High Commissioner to the United Kingdom
09:40 – 10:05	ADVANCING EQUITY THROUGH CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP	Dr Alice Mpofu-Coles - <i>Councillor and Former Mayor of Reading</i>
10:05 – 10:25	BELONGING AS A FOUNDATION FOR THRIVING Advancing Equity, Workforce Wellbeing and Patient Outcomes	Wellington Makala <i>Chief Nursing Officer, North East London NHS Foundation Trust</i>
10:25 – 10:45	EXPLORING HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN THE PRIMARY CARE IN THE CONTEXT OF SHIFTING CARE CLOSER TO HOME - Reducing Barriers for Global Majority and Marginalised Communities	Professor Habib Naqvi <i>NHS Race and Health Observatory</i>

10:45 – 11:10	REFRESHMENT BREAK, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITIONS	
11:10 – 11:40	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Our Voice, Our Value, Our Future	Dame Sue Tranka DBE <i>Chief Nursing Officer for Wales</i>
11:40 – 12:30	SENIOR LEADERSHIP PANEL with Q&A Leading with Purpose: Influence, Trust, Equity and Belonging	Moderator: Chris Khuoge Panellists: Lorraine Sunduza, OBE - <i>East London NHS Trust</i> Paul Rees MBE – <i>NMC</i> Louie Horne – <i>UNISON</i> Duncan Burton - <i>NHS England (TBC)</i>
12:30 – 13:20	LUNCH, NETWORKING, EXHIBITIONS AND ABSTRACT POSTERS	
13:20 – 13:40	MALAWI CNO & MINISTERIAL ADDRESS Shaping the Future of Health and Care: From National Priorities to Global Partnership	Hon. Madalitso Baloyi, MP <i>Minister of Health and Sanitation, Malawi (TBC)</i> Lucy Nkutumula <i>Chief Nursing Office of Malawi (TBC)</i>
13:30– 14:00	MAKING THE LEFT SHIFT WORK Health Systems Strengthening, Workforce and Community-Based Care	Dr Chireka - <i>DOCBEECEE</i>
14:00 – 14:20	MIDWIFERY STRATEGY ADDRESS The Future Direction of Midwifery: Strategy, Workforce and Professional Voice	Kate Brintworth <i>Chief Midwifery Officer for England</i>
14:20 – 14:35	MATERNAL AND WOMEN'S HEALTH From Evidence to Action: Delivering Safer, More Equitable and Compassionate Care	Dr Chimwemwe Kalumbi-Mkambula <i>Consultant Gynaecologist & Obstetrician</i>
14:35 – 15:15	INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS / BREAKOUT ROOMS From Discussion to Action Workshop 1: NCDs and Diabetes – Strengthening Prevention, Education and Long-Term Condition Care Workshop 2: Maternal and Women's Health – Listening, Equity and Safer Care Workshop 3: Global Health Partnerships: Shared Learning, Mutual Benefit and Sustainable Impact Workshop 4: Digital Health and AI – Research Innovation, Equity and Safe Adoption Workshop 5: Workforce wellbeing	Workshop 1: Professor Mlawa / Dr Chipwete (TBC)/ Kevamae Sobers (TBC) /Sala Workshop 2: Dr Chimwemwe Kalumbi-MKambula / Ruth Workshop 3: Dr Mackenzie / Elsa Afonso / Gifty Markay Workshop 4: Sarah Amani/ Richard Dunne / Marcus Wootton Workshop 5: Dr Astria Archer/ Catherine Michogwe

15:15 – 15:25	WORKSHOP FEEDBACK What Will We Take Forward?	Workshop Leads
15:25 – 15:50	NEXT GENERATION NURSING VOICES UK/Portugal-Malawi student virtual dialogue	KUHES (Belinda), BCU (Chris & Joy) Plymouth University (Danelle), UoDerby (Sala), Portugal (Elsa)
15:50 – 16:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITIONS	
16:00 – 16:35	DIASPORA ASSOCIATION LEADERS INTERACTIVE FORUM From Community Networks to Strategic Influence - An interactive discussion on diaspora leadership, global majority workforce experience, professional belonging, wellbeing, policy influence and partnership.	Moderator: Deepa Korea <i>RCN Foundation</i> Panel: Rose Hombo - <i>CNMA</i> Coumar - <i>BINA</i> Bernice Moore - <i>Kenya</i> Paulette - <i>CNAUK</i> Ariel - <i>FNUK/Alliance</i> Gifty Markey - <i>G-DNA</i>
16:35 – 16:50	POSTER AND INNOVATION HIGHLIGHTS Research to Adoption – Translating Evidence into Practice Five short presentations showcasing Malawi, UK and diaspora-led work.	Prof Joy Notter and Chris Carter - <i>BCU</i> Selected Abstract Presenters
16:50 – 17:10	OFFICIAL MUNA BOOK LAUNCH Celebrating Our Stories, Contribution and Legacy	Professor Gretta Westwood <i>FNF</i> Book Authors
17:10 – 17:20	CLOSING REMARKS AND CONFERENCE COMMITMENTS	Charity Gladstone MBE <i>President, MUNA</i>
17:20	CLOSE OF MUNA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026	

Please note

The programme is subject to change and we will endeavour to inform delegates of any significant updates.