

COMMUNIQUE – DUBAI 2018.

THE 12TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSES OF NIGERIA, AT GRAND EXCELSIOR HOTEL, KUWAIT ROAD, AL MANKHOOL, BUR, DUBAI. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
MAY 9 - 11, 2018.

THEME: MAKING THE WORLD BETTER WITH MENTAL HEALTH.

Preamble

The International Association of Psychiatric Nurses of Nigeria (IAPNN) is an international, charitable, non-for-profit organization with members across the world. In attendance of **DUBAI 2018** were 81 delegates across the length and breadth of the countries, UK, USA, Australia, South Africa, Ghana, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates and Nigeria.

Acknowledgement

1. Appreciation goes to the Local organizing committee for their effort, reception and provision of enabling environment for hosting this conference.
2. Profound appreciation to all distinguished presenters for their brilliant, educative, thought provoking and informative lectures.
3. Last but not the least, the delegates are highly appreciated for their attendance and participation.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATIONS

With no doubt, the two-day discussion have brought about awareness on the correlation between the mental health and physical health, the impacts of mental health on the people, family and community, the prevailing devastating situation of the Internally Displaced Persons and the mental health implications, family bond system as a care pathway to improve mental health, the growing incidence of substance abuse globally especially among the youths in Nigeria and last but not the least, the role of IAPNN in the new sustainable development goals.

Observations

Over the period of the conference, the delegates observed:

- ❖ that little attention is been given to mental health care
- ❖ that there is poor accessibility to mental health services
- ❖ that there is under representation of nursing professionals in policy making
- ❖ that there is lack of family involvement in the quality of care.
- ❖ that there is under provision of relevant safety equipment in the health care settings
- ❖ that there is increase in the emergence of internally displayed persons
- ❖ that there is significant challenge to mental health care professionals in the implementation of the sustainable development goals.

Recommendations

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The following resolutions were made.

- ❖ IAPNN to collaborate with National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives and Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria to improve nursing care practice in Nigeria; especially mental health.
- ❖ IAPNN to develop a robust working and professional relationship with head of nursing departments in all mental health institutions including other mental health units in Nigeria.
- ❖ IAPNN to support and contribute towards personal development and empowerment of mental health nurses in Nigeria.
- ❖ IAPNN to ensure public enlightenment and education on mental health issues.

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