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DENOSA celebrates International Nurses Day

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) in 1974 proclaimed 12 May International Nurses Day (IND). Since then nurses across the globe gather on 12 May to celebrate IND in commemoration of Florence Nightingale's birth who is known to be the creator of contemporary nursing. Nurses converge every year on 12 May to reflect on the valuable contributions that they have made to society. IND also seeks to honour the dedication and tireless efforts that nurses bring to the health care community.

Today, May 12, 2011 the Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (DENOSA) joins the world in celebrating International Nurses Day.

As DENOSA we advocate for patients, it is largely for this reason that we are excited by this year's IND theme "Closing the Gap: Increasing Access and Equity". This talks directly to our viewpoint that none of our people should be deprived of their right to access healthcare for any reason.

We have been encouraged by recent events that have taken place where nurses have been brought together to discuss strategies on how to improve the quality of care given to people. These include the South African Nurses Conference organized by DENOSA and the National Nursing Summit organized by the Department of Health. Both these events have agreed that in line with addressing the conditions of service for nurses, there is a strong need to improve the quality of care and its accessibility.

We are wary of the persisting challenges that include gross-staff shortages, increasing workload and lack of resources which are making it difficult for nurses to execute their duties.

As we celebrate this day we must note and learn from the tireless efforts of Professor Philda Nzimande, Albertina Sisulu, Nonceba Lubanga and many others who have gained global recognition in unifying, transforming and taking the nursing profession to a higher level.

DENOSA continues and will continue to pursue one of its founding principles- that of unifying nurses and ensuring that their voice is heard!

DENOSA acknowledges the increased burden of chronic diseases such as diabetes, TB, cancer and HIV and AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. We recognize the need to then equip and empower our nurses with relevant information and skills. We achieve this through the TB and HIV/AIDS training programmes and the DENOSA Professional Institute (DPI) that provides education, training and professional development to nurses. DPI mainly focuses towards transforming nursing education, leadership development and research productivity amongst nurses in South Africa. DPI also aims to maintain ethical and professional conduct in nursing and provide quality care to society, through its courses and programs

DENOSA supports all celebrations in various hospitals and clinics. If you want to join in the celebrations,

Please join us at the following provincial celebrations to be held at the listed venues. For more information kindly contact our provincial secretaries whose details appear below:

Province	Venue	Contact Details
Western Cape	Brandvlei Prison, former 09:00 – 16:00 President Mandela was released from this prison.	Bongani Lose (021) 949 1180 or 082 775 7739
Eastern Cape	Frere Hospital Hall in East London. 10:00 - 15:00	Kholiswa Tota (041) 484 7323/4 or 082 776 0936
Northern Cape	JTG: Tswaragano Hospital, Siyanda: Gordonia Hospital, Frances Baard: Pampierstad, Pixley ka Seme: Colesberg Hospital Namaqualand: Springbok Hospital, KHC: Kim- berley Hospital; Kimberley St. Cyprians Cathedral	Riaan Strydom (053) 831 6372 or 082 450 9132
Free State	Bloemfontein. 10:00 - 14:00	Veronica Fransman (051) 430 4142/1274 or 082 854 3664
KwaZulu Natal	Edendale Hospital, Pietermaritzburg. 09:00 – 14:00	Cassin Lekhoathi (031) 305 1417/8 or 082 821 1465
North West	Dr Kenneth Kaunda Region- 10:00	Oscar Phaka (018) 392 1303 or 082 411 3545
Gauteng	West Rand; Sedibeng; Central Wits; Tshwane - Jubilee Hospital and Ekurhuleni	Thomas Chauke (Organiser) (012) 343 2315 or 082 775 7733
Mpumalanga	Mammethla Hospital	Silence Matsane (013) 752 4943 or 082 776 0979
Limpopo	Nirvana Hall, Westenburg, Polokwane 10:00	Kwena Manamela (015) 297 5033 or 082 776 0971

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