



Greeting midwives.

Elgonda Bekker

President, Society of Midwives of South Africa

The team



Vision



SOMSA envisions midwives being sensitive and empowered to deliver effective Midwifery services in SA.

Mission



To influence and engage with Midwifery structures and all relevant stakeholders regarding education, regulation and policies that impact on the Midwifery practice.

Objectives



- Raise the **status**, maintain the integrity, support and promote the interests of the midwife
- **Develop and promote** an adequate, efficient and effective midwifery **service** in South Africa
- Consider every matter in connection with or with reference to midwifery and act as an **advisory body**
- Bring about **liaison and cooperation** with other groups and health care providers associated with midwifery
- Encourage the establishment of **local groups** in order to promote the aims and goals of the Society
- **Promote research** in midwifery
- **Promote liaison** with midwifery groups **internationally**

Theme for 15th Annual Congress of SOMSA

Midwives advocating for quality and respectful care in sexual, reproductive, maternal-child and adolescent health (SRMCAH).



Sub-theme 1

- Providing quality care in midwifery through identity: is a midwife, **a midwife** in South Africa?



Sub-theme 2

- Engaging partners in respectful care in (SRMCAH)



Sub-theme 3

- Stakeholders advocating for improvement in (SRMCAH) care: a statement to be actioned.





Strategic direction 2017-2020

Executive Committee
Society of Midwives of South Africa

Education



- Finalize Direct Entry Proposal and present to SANC
- Develop and Implement a standard curriculum for SA based on Essential Competencies for the Basic Midwife of ICM and aligned to ICM global standards for Education.

Midwifery practice



- Develop a framework for use of ultrasound by midwives
- Provide direction to regulatory authority, based on global standards for regulation of ICM on:
 - Scope of practice of basic, advanced, specialist and advanced specialist midwives
 - Task shifting

Association



- Strengthen and implement Strategic Priorities based on MACAT
- Develop and implement projects for sustainability of SOMSA
- Create opportunities for lobbying, advocacy, social mobilization and marketing of SOMSA and midwifery both internally and externally

Action steps

- Bring actions to formulate a position statement
- Register as member
- Be the change
- Be the legacy
- Be still

