

Welcome midwives.

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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.



"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."

- Nelson Mandela





