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## **Dr Linda Aiken and Professor Sheila Tlou receive prestigious**

### **Christiane Reimann Prize**



Barcelona, Spain; Geneva, Switzerland, 28 May 2017 – The International Council of Nurses (ICN) presented nursing's most prestigious international recognition - the Christiane Reimann Prize - to Professor Sheila Tlou and Dr Linda Aiken at the opening ceremony of ICN's international Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

Professor Tlou is the UNAIDS Regional Support Team Director for East and Southern Africa, former Minister of Health of Botswana and former head of the Nursing Education Faculty at the University of Botswana. Prof. Tlou's research has focused on the needs to tackle gender inequality in the prevention and treatment of HIV and through her consistent advocacy for the improvement of pre-medical and nursing education in southern Africa, has largely contributed to the strengthening of community-based care as the primary means of fighting the illness.

She is also the founder of the Botswana chapter of the Society of Women and AIDS in Africa which rolls out training for volunteers in home-based care.

A leader in HIV/AIDS response, she continues to develop sustainable frameworks to prevent the spread in more than twenty African countries and is regarded as one of the main agents in the reduction of infections in Botswana and Africa at large.



Dr Linda Aiken is the Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor in Nursing, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (Penn Nursing), USA. Dr Aiken's research on nurse staffing levels and educational levels and their correlation with patients' outcome is regarded as highly influential.

Applied in several healthcare institutions internationally, the findings have had a direct impact on hospitals' management

procedures with tangible results, modifying state-level policy in many cases and prompting mandates in Wales, Ireland, and the state of Queensland, Australia.

Her pioneering research has brought forth a strong case for better skills mix, governmental support of nursing education and lower patients' loads thus increasing positive patient outcome and strengthening healthcare systems through the empowerment of nursing as their driving force for change.

The Christiane Reimann Prize has traditionally been synonymous with outstanding achievement in the profession, bestowed to a nurse whose work is of international relevance. Past recipients of the Prize include:

- Virginia Henderson
- Dame Nita Barrow
- Dame Sheila Quinn
- Dr Mo-Im Kim
- Dr Hildegard Peplau
- Dr Margretta Madden Styles
- Dr Máximo A. González Jurado
- Dr Kirsten Stallknecht

ICN's Congresses are the world's largest international events for nurses. ICN 2017 in Barcelona, Spain explores nurses' leading role in the transformation of care, with a particular focus on universal health coverage, the Sustainable Development Goals and human resources for health. The Congress provides opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialties, cultures and countries. Learn more here: [www.icncongress.com](http://www.icncongress.com)

#### Note for Editors

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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