



**NURSES & MIDWIVES FOR
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**GLOBAL VOICES ON
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Planetary Health Webinar Series

SESSION 2 - The Americas: Environmental Justice and Indigenous Knowledge

Date: 28th July

Time: 4:00–5:30 pm BST

Objectives

By the end of this webinar, participants will:

- Understand how human-caused planetary disruptions disproportionately affect communities across the Americas.
- Explore the principles of environmental justice and their relevance to health equity.
- Recognise the value of Indigenous knowledge and leadership in advancing planetary health.
- Identify practical actions that student and early-career nurses and midwives can take to advocate for environmental justice and culturally respectful, sustainable healthcare.

Agenda

Session to be moderated by an early-career nurse/ midwife, member of the Challengers' Committee who is from/ working in the Americas.

- **Welcome and introductions (5 minutes)**
Professor Gemma Stacey, Programme Director, Nursing Now Challenge

- **The catalyst for change (5mins)**
Harriet Nayiga, Founder and Director, MILCOT
- **Keynote: Planetary health and environmental justice in the Americas (15 minutes)**
Dr Teddie Potter, Clinical Professor ad honorem, Inaugural director, Center for Planetary Health and Environmental Justice, School of Nursing University of Minnesota
 - Define Planetary Health and environmental justice
 - The health impacts of human-caused disruptions across North, Central and South America and the Caribbean
 - Why are planetary health and environmental justice nursing and midwife responsibilities?
 - Addressing inequities and the communities most affected

Indigenous knowledge and Planetary Health (15 minutes)

Dr Melissa Vera, Tsm'syen/Yaqui First Nations, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing & Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, Washington State University

- Indigenous perspectives on caring for people and the planet x2 project examples

Panel discussion: Voices from across the Americas (30 minutes)

Moderated by Lucy Brown, Development Director, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

Suggested panelists: Cara Cook, Yvonne Mongare, Katherine Kruger, Sue Anne Bell, Barbara Astle TBC

Discussion topics:

- Lessons from community-led approaches
- Integrating Indigenous knowledge into health education and practice
- Advocacy for environmental justice at local, national and global levels
- Opportunities for collaboration across the region

Q&A (15 minutes)

Moderated by a member of the Challengers' Committee from the Americas Regional Hub

Concluding remarks (5mins)

Professor Gemma Stacey, Programme Director, Nursing Now Challenge

SESSION 1 - Agenda

Launch webinar: 30th June, 4pm - 5pm BST

Africa - Empowering the Nursing & Midwifery Workforce

- **Theme:** Planetary health, climate change, maternal and child health, and strengthening community resilience.
- **Speakers:**
 - **Harriet Nayiga** - Founder & Director of MILCOT, Uganda - Paper bag initiative & Challengers' Committee Climate Action Champions
 - **Obianuju Madike** - Early-career nurse working with climate tech startups in Nigeria.
 - **Ebenezer Akore Yeboah** - Lecturer, Nursing, Climate Change, Sustainability, Healthcare Research
 - **Zipporah Iregi**, Registered Nurse & Challengers' Committee Global Lead
 - **Cara Cook**, Deputy Director, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
 - **Milagros Elia**, Programme Manager, Climate and Clean Energy Advocacy, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
 - **Lucy Brown**, Development Director, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

Welcome & introductions (5mins)- Video recording

Professor Gemma Stacey, Programme Director, Nursing Now Challenge

The inspiration for this webinar series (5mins)

Harriet Nayiga, Founder & Director, MILCOT, Uganda

Reflections: Empowering nurses and midwives as leaders in planetary health

- **Obianuju Madike** - Early-career nurse with experience working as managing director for climate tech startups in Nigeria (10mins)
- **Ebenezer Yeboah** - Lecturer, Nursing, Climate Change, Sustainability, Healthcare Research, Ghana (10mins)

From Reflection to action: Strengthening nursing leadership for sustainable health systems (15mins)

Panel discussion moderated by Harriet Nayiga, Founder & Director, MILCOT, Uganda

All speakers & series partners - Representatives from CSH & ANHE

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Q&A moderated by Zipporah Iregi, Registered Nurse and Challengers' Committee Global Lead (10mins)

Concluding remarks (5mins)

Harriet Nayiga - Founder & Director of MILCOT, Uganda