GAPFON: An agenda to Collaboration, Connect, Catalyze

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GAPFON Purpose and Strategy

PURPOSE
To establish a global voice and vision for the future of nursing and midwifery that will advance global health while simultaneously strengthening professional roles.

STRATEGY
Bring key stakeholders together, globally and by region, to plan for the future of global health, nursing and midwifery.
Professional Issues
• Leadership
• Policy (including research)
• Workforce/Work
  Environment/Practice
• Education/Curriculum

Global Health Issues
• Communicable Disease Outbreaks
• Disaster Preparedness & Response
• Maternal Child Health

GAPFON Core Panel Members and Consensus

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jordan, South Africa, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States
Regional Meetings 2015-2016

To identify, prioritize and make recommendations regarding key issues, especially those where nursing and midwifery can take the lead to advance global health.

- SE Asia/Pacific Rim/Oceania: 15-16 June 2015
- Latin America: 20-21 July 2015
- North America: 22-23 Feb and 25-26 Feb 2016
- Middle East: 23-24 March 2016
- Europe: 1-2 June 2016
- Africa: 18-19 July 2016
Global Sponsors and Regional Sponsors
Regional Meetings Results and the GAPFON Report

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South East Asia/Pacific Rim

Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Chronic Disease
- Aging/Aged
- Maternal Child Health
- Mental Health/Suicide
- Communicable Diseases
- Disaster Preparedness
Caribbean Regional Meeting
Caribbean Global Health Issues

- Mental Health/Substance abuse
- Non-Communicable Diseases/Chronic Disease
- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Disease
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Healthy Aging
Latin America Regional Meeting
Latin/Central America
Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Disaster Preparedness
- Mental Health/Violence/Substance Abuse
- Aging
Middle East Regional Meeting
Middle East

Global Health Issues

• Disaster Preparedness and Response
• Non-Communicable Diseases
• Communicable Diseases
• Mental Health
Europe Regional Meeting
Europe
Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health
- Aging
- Maternal Child Health
- Migrant/Refugee Health Care Issues
- Communicable Diseases
Africa
Global Health Issues

- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health
North America Regional Meetings
Groups 1 and 2

GAPFON®
North America
Global Health Issues

- Group 1
  - Diseases
  - Mental Health/Violence
  - Poverty/Health Disparities
  - Maternal Child Health

- Group 2
  - Health Equity/Poverty
  - Mental Health
  - Non-Communicable Diseases/Chronic Diseases
  - Disaster Preparedness
Global Summit and Chapter Challenge

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The Report

- Initial Core Panel recommendations
- Regional meeting data
- Second Core Panel review
- Executive Committee synthesis of data
Each of these priority health issues correlates with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals for improving health across all countries.

GLOBAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

Reflecting the cumulative rankings across all regions, the top five global health priorities were:

1. Noncommunicable Diseases, including Chronic Diseases
2. Mental Health in general, as well as secondary to Substance Abuse and to Violence
3. Communicable Diseases
4. Disaster Preparedness and Response
5. Maternal-Child Health
The GAPFON® Model
Global Strategy Summit

Geneva, Switzerland
October 2018

• Collaborations to address common priorities
• Unique programs and initiatives

World Nursing and Midwifery Organizations’ Global Strategy Summit Statement
Mapping document

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GLOBAL STRATEGY SUMMIT

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPFON)

Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery

International Confederation of Midwives

International Council of Nurses

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Nursing Now

World Health Organization
Regional and Local Implementation

• Sigma’s Global Regional Councils
• Chapter Initiatives
GAPFON Challenge for Chapters

Great GAPFON Challenge

What is the Great GAPFON Challenge?

The Great GAPFON Challenge is designed to recognize the creativity and contributions made by chapters that have developed and launched programs, projects, or activities that address the GAPFON strategies. Chapters are invited to submit nominations with the details of their completed program, project, or activity that meet this criterion.

Learn more about the strategies/principles » Submit a nomination »

Submission Criteria

Complete and submit the nomination form by 31 May 2019. The nomination should include the following criteria:

- Statement on program purpose.
- Description of the program or project in 150 words (e.g., chapter offered event, task force developed to address an issue, etc.).
- Identification of which GAPFON strategy/strategies are being addressed.
- Description of the outcome or results in 150 words (e.g., event attendance and/or evaluation results, what the task force accomplished, etc.).

Only completed projects and programs with evaluation data included will be eligible for consideration.
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GAPFON IMPACT

PURPOSE: To establish a global voice and vision for the future of nursing and midwifery that will advance global health while simultaneously strengthening professional roles - ACHIEVED

STRATEGY: Bring key stakeholders together, globally and by region, to plan for the future of global health, nursing and midwifery – ACHIEVED

COLLECTIVE STATEMENT: World Nursing and Midwifery Organizations’ Global Strategy Summit Statement – ACHIEVED

CHAPTER PARTICIPATION - ACHIEVED
WHAT IS GAPFON?

GAPFON (Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery) is a core panel of visionary global nurse leaders convened by Sigma to identify global health issues. The purpose of GAPFON is to establish a voice and vision for the future of nursing and midwifery that will advance global health while simultaneously strengthening professional roles.

PROCESS:

1. IDENTIFIED
   - expert stakeholders from nursing and midwifery

2. ORGANIZED
   - a core panel of 19 expert stakeholders across global regions

3. CONVENED
   - seven global meetings with 211 healthcare leaders representing 62 countries to identify priority issues and strategies

4. ANALYZED
   - global and regional meeting data and prioritized within and across regions

5. INCORPORATED
   - formative and summative evaluations as part of the process

6. DEVELOPED AND GLOBALLY DISSEMINATED
   - THE GAPFON REPORT
   (Download the GAPFON report at gapfon.siganursing.org)

7. GLOBAL STRATEGY MEETINGS
   - 7

8. GLOBAL HEALTHCARE LEADERS
   - 211

9. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
   - 62

10. 19 CORE PANEL MEMBERS

OUTCOME:

The GAPFON report was released in 2017 and synthesized the data gathered on global health care challenges and priority professional issues.

THE GAPFON MODEL

The GAPFON Model provides a framework to support nursing and midwifery’s contributions to both global health and professional issues. It also serves as a visual statement regarding professional issues key to advancing nursing and midwifery, which are all anchored by leadership as the most crucial.

PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

Stakeholders at the regional meetings identified a total of 43 principals and 50 strategies to address both the global health priorities and professional issues—empowering nurses and midwives to advance global health.

TOP GLOBAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

Data from all regional meetings were analyzed and weighted to identify common themes and determine global health priorities.

1. Noncommunicable diseases, including chronic diseases
2. Mental health
3. Communicable diseases
4. Disaster preparedness and response
5. Maternal-child health

IMPACT:

- GLOBAL STRATEGY SUMMIT
  - 8 nursing organizations from across the globe met to establish a foundation for global collaboration.

- FREE ACCESS TO DATA
  - Healthcare stakeholders can access the data in the GAPFON report to make an impact.

- SIGMA CHAPTER CHALLENGE
  - Recognized chapters for programs related to the GAPFON outcomes.

Learn more about GAPFON at gapfon.siganursing.org.
Download the Report and follow developments on:

• [www.gapfon.org](http://www.gapfon.org)

• Twitter: @STTI and @GAPFONvoice