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GAPFON: An agenda to Collaboration, Connect, Catalyze

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Genesis of GAPFON, Purpose and Strategy

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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.





2013-2015

Professional Issues

- Leadership
- Policy (including research)
- Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
- Education/Curriculum



2015-2017

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
- ✓ Caribbean 17-18 July 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

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Regional Meetings Results and the GAPFON Report

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South East Asia/Pacific Rim Regional Meeting





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 |

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Latin/Central America

Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Disaster Preparedness
- Mental Health/Violence/Substance Abuse
- Aging



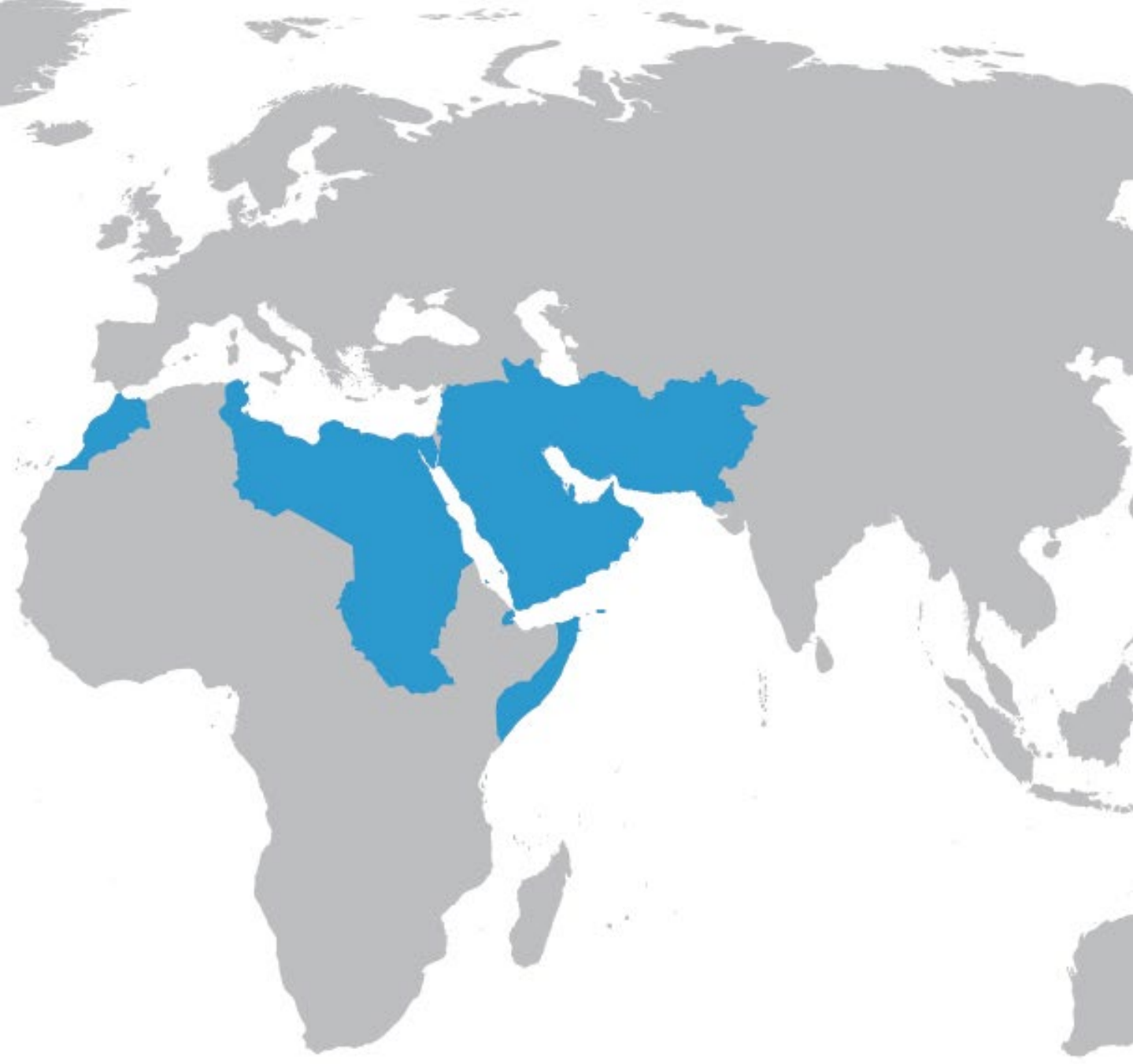


Middle East Regional Meeting

Middle East

Global Health Issues

- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health





Europe Regional Meeting

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Europe

Global Health Issues

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



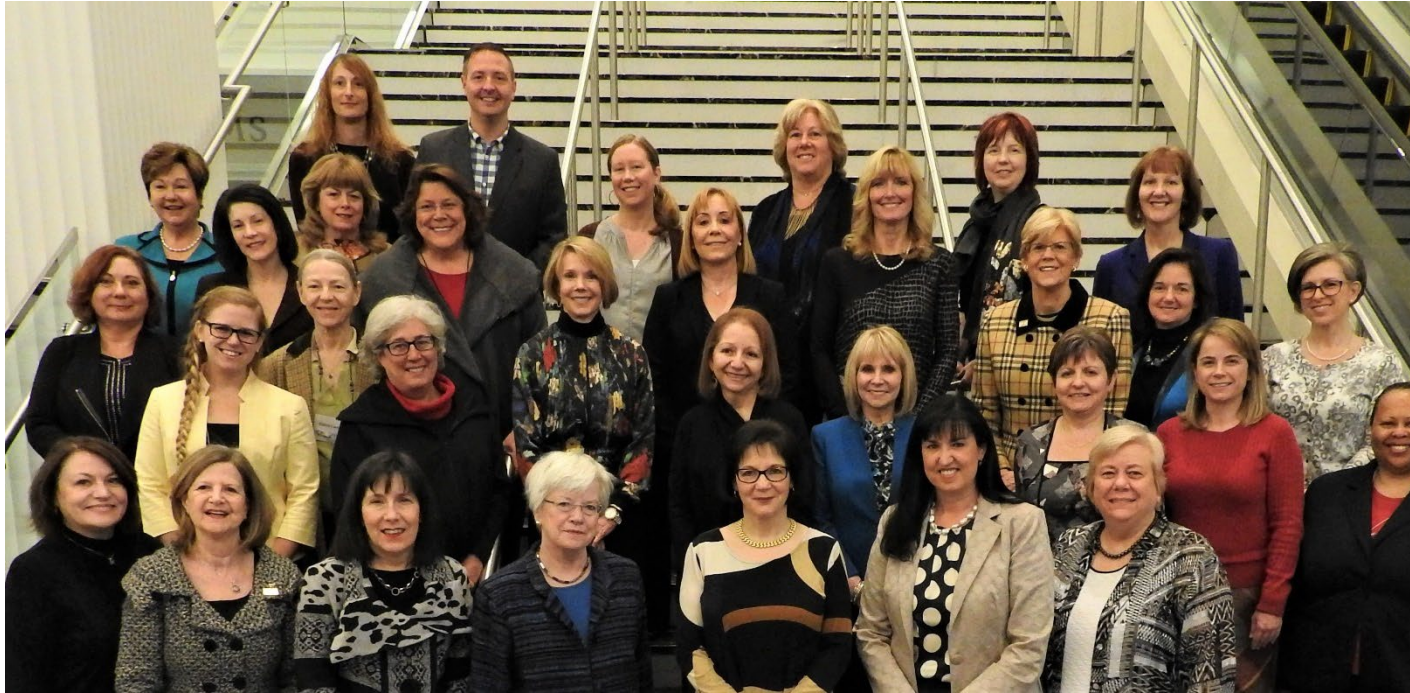
Africa Regional Meeting |

A world map with a light gray background. The continent of Africa is highlighted in a vibrant orange color. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the map, containing the text.

Africa

Global Health Issues

- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health



North America Regional Meetings Groups 1 and 2

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





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Global Summit and Chapter Challenge

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The Report

Synthesis

- Initial Core Panel recommendations
- Regional meeting data
- Second Core Panel review
- Executive Committee synthesis of data



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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

Each of these priority health issues correlates with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals for improving health across all countries.

The GAPFON® Model



GAPFON Implementation

Strategy Summit - Global
Nursing & Midwifery
Organizations

Regional/Local
Implementation - Sigma
Chapters and Members

- World Nursing and Midwifery Organizations' Global Strategy Summit Statement
- Mapping document

Global Strategy Summit

**Geneva, Switzerland
October 2018**

- Collaborations to address common priorities
- Unique programs and initiatives

GAPFON EXECUTIVE

- Hester Klopper, Chair
- Martha Hill, Chair Emeritus
- Beth Tigges, Sigma President
- Liz Madigan, Sigma CEO
- Cathy Catrambone, Past-Pres
- Ric Ricciardi, President-Elect
- Cynthia Vlasich, Director, Global Initiatives



GLOBAL STRATEGY SUMMIT

Consortium of Universities
for Global Health

World Health Organization

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

Sigma

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

Nursing Now

International
Confederation
of Midwives

Jhpiego

International Council
of Nurses



- Sigma's Global Regional Councils
- Chapter Initiatives



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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.

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THE GAPFON MODEL™



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

19

CORE PANEL MEMBERS

7 211

GLOBAL STRATEGY MEETINGS

GLOBAL HEALTHCARE LEADERS

62

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



6

DEVELOPED AND GLOBALLY DISSEMINATED THE GAPFON REPORT

(Download the GAPFON report at gapfon.sigmanursing.org.)

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



OUTCOME:

The GAPFON report was released in 2017 and synthesized the data gathered on global healthcare 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.

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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.

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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 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 full GAPFON report is available at gapfon.sigmanursing.org.

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.



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