A Place at the Table
Voices of Nursing at the UN
Bringing the Voice of the UN to Nurses

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Objectives

- Identify opportunities for STTI members to participate in the development of the Post 2015 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals
- Describe STTI and NIGH representative activities within the UN System
- Explore how nursing’s voices world wide can contribute to the emerging UN discussions for the Post 2015 Agenda
United Nations Headquarters, NY
...what next?
As the UN moves beyond MDGs, there is unprecedented opportunity for NGOs to engage in shaping the post 2015 Development Agenda.
Nurses can contribute much insight & wisdom to all of these...
UN DAY-May 26, 2009
Child Soldiers Lecture Attendees
ADVOCACY FOR GLOBAL COLLABORATION IN NURSING: UN NURSING WORLDWIDE ACHIEVING MDGs

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THE HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL

Vision: To create a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world's people.

Sigma Theta Tau International

Nightingale Initiative for Global Health

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ADELPHI UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING & THE UN: Educating nursing students to be global citizens, advocates and activists

UN Days: Two hundred students, faculty and nurses from 20 colleges and universities have participated in Specialized Tours, Exhibits and Focused Briefings to better understand the purposes and agenda of the UN System and to identify means by which professional nursing communities and Schools of Nursing can contribute to the System and achieve MDGs.

UN NGO Briefings & Committees: AU SON faculty and students attend weekly Briefings and participate in NGO Committees: NGO Committee on UNICEF, NGO Committee on Mental Health, NGO Committee on UNICEF Working Group on Violence against Children; Alliance for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Make a Call-Make a Visit-Make a Difference Project: Students and faculty visited more than 30 UN Missions to discuss health as a universal global priority and the vital role that nurses and health care workers have in accomplishing the MDGs. Nurses and midwives are responsible for 80% of the world's health care delivery.


Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Honor Society of Nursing, provides leadership in research to enhance the health of the world's people.

Global Connect: In its continuing mission to improve nursing care worldwide, the Honor Society continues to establish alliances with international health care organizations, support global nursing initiatives, collaborate and connect with nurses and members.

UN Task Force: Developing strategies by which members can become informed and contribute to the UN System worldwide.

The MCH Leadership Academy: Develops the leadership skills of maternal-child health nurses and nurse midwives in positions of influence in a variety of health care settings.

The Geriatric Nursing Leadership Academy: Develops the leadership skills of geriatric nurses in positions of influence in a variety of health care settings, preparing them to lead teams to improve the quality of health care for older adults & families.

International Year of the Nurse: actively involves the world's nurses - estimated to be more than 15 million - in a celebration of commitment to bring health to their communities, locally and worldwide.

PILGRIM-AFRICA

Pilgrim-Africa: Almost 43% of deaths in children under 5 in Uganda are attributable to malaria

PILGRIM & MDGS: Public Health-Move on Malaria: effectively reduced malaria burden and working to achieve permanent eradication; Education for refugees & former child soldiers: Beacon of Hope Secondary School & Teso University: Nursing and health professions Aid & Relief: food relief, Vitamin A, De-worming, Medical Supplies and Pastoral Training; Sustainable Agriculture: Farming & conservation

NIGHTINGALE INITIATIVE for GLOBAL HEALTH

The Nightingale Declaration for Our Healthy World: www.NIGHCommunities.org

2010 International Year of the Nurse-Collaborative, global initiative honoring nurses’ voices, values and wisdom as catalysts for a healthy world.

“Health is not only to be well, but to use well every power we have.” Florence Nightingale, 1893

At the UN: AU SON graduate and undergraduate students and Samar M. Al-Zibdeh, Third Secretary, Jordan

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Post 2015 Agenda

- Creating new opportunities for global, people centered partnerships establishing greater synergies between health and other civil society sectors

- Transprofessional, transnational
The World Nurses Want

- Expanding role of youth participation in the UN System
- Enhancing capacity of global nurse citizens to contribute to post 2015 discussions
- Contributing to Sustainable Global Nursing Workforce
The World Nurses Want: A Global Briefing Connecting Nurses with The UN’s Post-2015 Agenda

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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations System is a complex organization — developed in 1945 — to facilitate global peace and harmony.

UN Headquarters are located in Geneva, Vienna and New York.

Each has a robust community of representatives contributing to United Nations endeavors and activities and carrying out UN initiatives throughout the world.

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Crafted in 1945 — the opening words of the United Nations Charter declared the importance and centrality of involving civil society* in global problem-solving and decision-making.

*Civil society refers to individual citizens and groups of citizens not affiliated with governments.

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Based on this UN Charter — new discussions are now taking place — and input invited from people around the world — regarding the future of human sustainable development.
At the UN Headquarters in New York, discussions are focused on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) — a set of eight Goals to improve human welfare by 2015 — as determined by UN General Assembly’s Millennium Declaration and ratified in the year 2000.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2013. Author: Cancilleria Equador. Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 Generic license.
As this 15-year window of the MDGs draws to a close, attention is now directed towards a Post-2015 Agenda for a Sustainable Future —

Photo: Introductory remarks of H.E. Ambassador Abdul Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations at the 2008 UN half-day seminar re-examining the inter-linkages between migration and the achievement of the MDGs. From www.UNITAR.org. Used with required attribution.
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— and the determination of a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — that will be determined by the UN General Assembly — based on input from civil society individuals and groups.

Thus, the UN is conducting a worldwide Campaign focused on all the peoples of the world to identify the priorities and targets for this next phase — inviting global civil society to bring input about this Post-2015 Agenda — focusing on sustainable development.
The purpose of this Briefing is to introduce nurses across the world to effectively participate in this United Nations’ Campaign, called *The World We Want 2015.*
This Briefing provides information and resources to help promote effective participation in this Campaign.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this Global Briefing, the participant will be able to:

• Describe the UN’s *The World We Want* Post-2015 Agenda.

• Discuss key issues related to the deliberations regarding the Sustainable Development Goals.

• Identify strategies for global-citizen nurses to participate in discussions regarding this Post 2015 Agenda.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2012. Delegate taking notes at the Global Civil Society Forum, organized by UNCTAD (UN Conference on Trade & Development) in partnership with the host civil society organization in Doha, Qatar, the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), and with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS). Author: UNCTAD. Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 Generic license.
At this time, the UN and global civil society are deliberating the Post-2015 Agenda on sustainable development…

Graphic: From the European Commission’s website — www.eudevdays.eu. Used with required attribution.
The World We Want 2015 is a related online platform created by the UN and civil society to amplify people's voices in the process of building a global agenda for sustainable development.

Global citizens are encouraged to participate in online discussions, surveys and thematic consultations.
The World We Want 2015 elicits civil society’s identification of key priorities to create a better world through the following initiatives:

The **MY World Survey** — where individuals from every region rank their priorities online.

The **World We Want 2015 Campaign** — features discussions about a variety of topics and thematic consultations related to sustainable development.

Graphic: From the UN’s blog site — www.myworld2015.org. Used with required attribution.
Thus this UN Campaign is enlisting the support and participation of citizens worldwide.

Nurses can contribute to this Campaign — and by their participation — make their voices heard as the world’s largest group of health professionals.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons, 2010. Row of flags in front of the UN General Assembly building, Manhattan, New York. Author: Yerpo. Used with Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.
The World Nurses Want is a global platform for nurses — patterned from the UN’s *The World We Want* — to amplify nurses’ voices toward building a worldwide agenda for sustainable development — creating a unique opportunity for nurses to contribute their voices to these deliberations.

This Briefing will enhance nurses’ participation in the MY World Survey and offers assistance for the continued conversation in the UN’s *The World We Want 2015.*
Nursing has a rich history of providing care that includes social advocacy and activism, policy development and civic engagement.

Florence Nightingale established the legacy of nurses as global-citizens and regularly participated in the ‘global civil society’ of her time.
Her networking and collaborations raised public awareness and increased concern and advocacy regarding health issues.

Photo: “Image provided courtesy of the Clendening History of Medicine Library, Kansas University Medical Center.” One of 14,000 Nightingale letters in collections around the world.
These accomplishments reflect her commitment to mobilize nurses as citizens of global civil society.

Photo: Perry Pictures, 1860, in the public domain.
We are Nightingale’s legacy.

We too can demonstrate global-citizen nursing and participate in global civil society.

Photo: AYNLA (The Alliance of Young Nurse Leaders & Advocates) Members in support of a Reproductive Health Bill that recently passed in the Philippine Senate. AYNLA is an international network, Philippine-based, non-profit nursing organization that is youth-led & youth-directed working on Universal Health Care & protecting nurses’ welfare. AYNLA International envisions itself as the forefront international professional organization for young leaders in nursing and healthcare advocating the achievement of the UN MDGs through holistic nursing leadership & advance practice, health advocacy, youth empowerment and nation-building. Used with attribution to http://www.aynla.org.
Nursing at the United Nations

Within the UN System, nurses worldwide contribute to programs, initiatives and services, in agencies including at WHO, UNICEF & UNFPA.

Photo: Two nursing leaders at the World Health Organization (WHO) from the left: Mwansa Nkowane, RN, RM, BSc, MA, Technical Officer for the Health Workforce Department at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland; and Prakin Suchayaxa, PhD, RN, Regional Nursing Advisor for the WHO SEARO (Southeast Asia) Office in New Delhi, India. From WHO archives. Used with required attribution.
Nursing at the United Nations

Professional Nursing Associations designate representatives to participate in the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) and the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

- International Council of Nurses (ICN)
- Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)
- Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH)

Photo: STTI past President (2009-2011) Dr. Karen Morin posing in front of a poster of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at UN Headquarters in New York. Dr. Morin was instrumental in achieving UN DPI & UN ECOSOC Status for STTI. Photo from Dr. Holly Shaw’s archives. Used with permission.
In 2008, the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH) began hosting meetings at and near the UN Headquarters in New York and Geneva — to bring the voices of nurses to this global platform.

Photo: NIGH Co-Founders at the UN in New York City — from left: Deva-Marie Beck, PhD, RN; Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN; Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Wayne Kines. From NIGH’s archives.
Nightingale Declaration for a Healthy World

"We, the nurses and concerned citizens of the global community, hereby dedicate ourselves to the accomplishment of a healthy world by the year 2020.

We declare our willingness to unite in a program of action, sharing information and solutions to resolve problems and improve conditions — locally, nationally and globally — in order to achieve health for all humanity.

We further resolve to adopt personal practices and to implement public policies in our communities and nations, making this goal for the year 2020 achievable and inevitable, beginning today in our own lives, in the life of our nations and in the world at large."

Posted online in 2007, this Declaration serves as the foundation for all the global communication projects of the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH). It has been signed by more than 21,000 people in 110 countries.
In 2009 and 2010, the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH) launched a campaign to inform Members of the UN General Assembly (GA) of the importance of nursing worldwide and to increase awareness regarding related global health issues.

NIGH’s initial agenda has focused on:

• the imperative of global health
• the empowerment of nurses as advocates
• the vital importance of nurses in achieving improved global health outcomes
• the celebration of the 2010 International Year of the Nurse to honor the Florence Nightingale Centennial.

Photo: Nursing students from the State University of New York (SUNY) bring feedback during NIGH’s workshop Global Health, Nurses and The United Nations convened in New York City in April, 2014. Photographer: Raissa Lynn Sanchez, from NIGH’s archives.
Nurses Have a Crucial Role:

Leaders in civil society, nurses impact the determinants of health behaviors and outcomes including:

- Health promotion
- Reducing disease burdens
- Lowering risk factors
- Developing a sustainable health and nursing workforce.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2005. Registered Nurse Katarina Maglic from the non-governmental organization "Project HOPE" conducts integrated Biomedical Information Communication Center (BICC) line training with several Indonesian nurses and shipboard staff. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer’s Mate 2nd Class Jeffery Russell, released to public domain.
Introduction to the Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. A global partnership for development

UN MDG Logos created by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) for public use to promote these Goals.
In 2000, after a series of complex deliberations regarding the worldwide needs of humanity, the UN General Assembly crafted the Millennium Declaration. Through this Declaration, world leaders forged a commitment to the establish the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Photo: The UN General Assembly’s Millennium Summit that ratified the UN Millennium Declaration in the year 2000. From the International Union of Economist in General Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC. Used with full attribution.
1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
   Target: Halve the proportion of people who suffer from hunger and whose income is < $1.00/day

2. Achieve universal primary education
   Target: ensure that children everywhere …will complete full course of primary schooling

3. Gender equality/empowerment of women
   Target: eliminate gender disparity in all levels of education

4. Reduce child mortality
   Target: reduce < 5 year mortality rate by 2/3
5. **Improve maternal health**  
Target: reduce maternal mortality ratio by \(\frac{3}{4}\); achieve universal access to reproduction

6. **Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**  
Target: Halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS; Universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all who need it; Halt and begin to reverse incidence of malaria and other major diseases

7. **Ensure environmental sustainability**  
Target: integrate principles of sustainable development to reverse loss of environmental resources

8. **Develop global partnerships**
Since the development of the MDGs, nurses have been involved in facilitating and engaging in related initiatives that promote world health and wellbeing.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2005, an Indonesian woman comforts her daughter as Registered Nurse Renee Cloutier, of the non-governmental organization "Project Hope", disconnects an IV from her arm aboard the Military Sealift Command (MSC) hospital ship USNS Mercy. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer’s Mate 3rd Class Rebecca J. Moat, released to public domain.
Despite the considerable success associated with the MDG’s — progress must still be made in order to promote optimal development and well-being among all the peoples of the world.

Photo: A Global Health Service Partnership [GHSP] Nurse works to transform nursing education one class at a time by teaching skills to and instilling a pride for nursing with her nursing students in northern Tanzania. GHSP is a collaboration of the US Peace Corps, the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and the non-profit Seed Global Health. This innovative public-private partnership is a joint effort to place qualified nurses, physicians, and other health professionals as adjunct faculty in medical or nursing schools across the world. © 2013 Global Health Service Partnership. Courtesy of Photoshare ID # 15609-1.
One in eight people in the world today remain chronically undernourished.

Deficits in full and productive employment/decent work for all, particularly women & young.

Over 60 % of workers still live on less than $4 a day in the developing world.

The number of people uprooted by conflict or persecution is at its highest level in 18 years.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2014. Girl in Burkina Faso. Author: Steve Evans from ‘Citizen of the World.’ Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic license.
123 million youth (aged 15 to 24) lack basic reading and writing skills.

61% of these are young women.

If current trends continue, the world will not meet the goal of universal primary education by 2015.

Photo: Wikimedia Commons. 2007. Young woman from Tajikistan. Author: Steve Evans from ‘Citizen of the World.’ Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic license.
In 2011, 6.9 million children under age five died — mostly from preventable diseases.

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100 million children under age five are undernourished and underweight.

One in four children show signs of stunted growth.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, 1/9 children die before age five — more than 16 times higher than the average.

Photo: A young boy cares for his youngest sibling while waiting to be seen at a free medical clinic in the town of Sariaya, Quezon, Philippines. The family came early that morning for free medicines and clothes sent by concerned Philippine people now living in America. More than 5,000 people were seen and cared for in a span of five days by a group of doctors, nurses, and other lay volunteers. While the care they received may only be palliative in nature, the more important accomplishment of the mission was the dignity and hope given to those in need who felt that people still cared for and remembered them. © 2006 Rudy Mamaril. Courtesy of Photoshare # 2006-514.
Only 47% of pregnant women in developing countries receive care.

'MDGmomentum' Infographic from the United Nations Information Centre in Canberra, Australia, Used with attribution.
In 2011, only 53 per cent of deliveries in rural areas attended by skilled health personnel, versus 84 per cent of them in urban areas.

Only half of pregnant women in developing regions receive the recommended minimum of four antenatal care visits.

Adolescent pregnancies — risky for mother and child — remain at very high levels.
2.5 billion lack improved sanitation facilities.

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One billion people continue to practice open defecation — a major health and environmental hazard.

Natural resources are diminished with less forests, species and fish stocks.

Environmental sustainability is under severe threat demanding a new level of global cooperation.

Photo: A grandmother and her grandchildren plant a tree in a drought-stricken rural area of West Bengal, India. © 2009 Kingshuk Chakravarty. Courtesy of Photoshare # 8909-5. Photographer’s Note: The weather of West Bengal has already gone through a rapid climate-change. Now summer lasts much longer and monsoon comes late. So naturally during summer drought scenarios are very common in the villages of West Bengal. I have tried to capture a story where a grandmother and her grandchildren were busy in planting a tree in one of such drought-affected villages. I think planting trees is one means by which we can avoid such a disastrous situation.
The UN is now collaborating with governments, civil society and other partners — building on the momentum generated by the MDGs — to craft an ambitious, yet realistic, Post-2015 development agenda — to create a stable foundation for future development action.
As 2015 approaches, discussions are underway to develop the UN’s Post-2015 Agenda.

In September 2014, the United Nations General Assembly will affirm an Action Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Graphic: From the cover of the UN Report “A Renewed Global Partnership for Development” from UNESCO. Used with required attribution.
This will be based on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon’s High Level Panel and input/consultations from global civil society.

In order to ascertain the views of civil society, the UN’s *The World We Want 2015* Campaign has been launched — inviting global citizens to participate in the survey — *MY World* — and discussions/consultations online and in person — *The World We Want 2015*.

Photo: From www.endpoverty2105.org. Used with required attribution.
In order to develop the most comprehensive, inclusive approach — this Campaign encourages individuals in all parts of the world to identify key priorities to be considered for the Post-2015 Agenda.

Currently, there have been nearly one million responses.
As the UN Charter has stipulated:

The voice of civil society must be included in deliberations and decision making.

We invite you to contribute your nursing voice to these discussions and to completing the surveys.
These surveys aim to develop an unprecedented view of the values, concerns and priorities of nurses — regarding the UN’s Post-2015 Agenda.

Photo: A Ugandan child with a nurse, from Dr. Holly Shaw’s archives. Used with permission.
As well — in the interest of eliciting the specific concerns of nurses worldwide, a collaborative effort — among Nursing Representatives at the UN Headquarters in New York City — led to the development of an additional nurses’ survey, *The World Nurses Want.*

Photo: Four United Nations DPI NGO Representative Nurses attending the CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the UN) Conference at UN Headquarters in New York City. From left: Gloria Chan, BScN, AA, RN-BC, CCRN-CSC, NIGH UN DPI NGO Representative and Senior Staff Nurse, Cardiothoracic ICU, Maimonides Medical Center, in Brooklyn; Raissa Lynn G. Sanchez, BScN, RN, UN DPI NGO ‘Youth Representative’ for Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) and Staff Nurse, Emergency Department St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center’s Level II Trauma Center in Paterson, New Jersey, Timothy F. Shi; BSN, RN, UN DPI NGO Youth Representative for Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), Staff Nurse, Leukemia & Lymphoma Unit Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City; and David (DJ) Schnabel, Jr., BScN, RN, NIGH’s UN iDPI NGO ‘Youth Representative’ and Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey. Photo from Dr. Holly Shaw’s archives. Used with permission.
Many collaborations are occurring among nurses worldwide, exploring how practices, priorities and policies affect global health issues…

Photo: Collaboration between nurses from Israel and Palestine. From Holly Shaw’s archives. Used with permission.
...at conferences, workshops, staff meeting discussions, newsletters, community forums and professional association program meetings.

Photo: Cambodian nursing leaders at their Poster featured at the International Nursing Conference on Management of Chronic Conditions. Photo from Holly Shaw’s archives. Used with permission.

Photo: From left: Gloria Chan, BScN, AA, RN-BC, CCRN-CSC, UN DPI NGO Representative for NIGH; Connie Sobon-Sensor, PhD (C), MSN, BSN, Workshop Co-Host, STTI Region 14 ‘Global Initiatives Committee;’ Timothy F. Shi; BSN, RN, UN DPI NGO Youth Representative for Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI); Holly Shaw, PhD, RN, Member, UN NGP DPI Executive Committee & NIGH’s lead UN NGO DPI Representative; David (DJ) Schnabel, Jr., BScN, RN, UN DPI NGO ‘Youth Representative’ for NIGH; and Raissa Lynn G. Sanchez, BScN, RN, UN DPI NGO ‘Youth Representative’ for Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Photo from NIGH’s archives.
With this information, we encourage you to participate in your own professional community and to add your voice to our global initiative.

Now that you have reviewed the UN MDG’s and the need for new sustainable goals, from a nursing perspective — what additional information would you like to see included in the Post-2015 Agenda?

It’s your turn to contribute to the Post-2015 discussion.

Parts 2-4 of the Briefing will facilitate your participation in a number of Global Initiatives projects. These will include:
- The UN’s My World 2015 survey
- The World Nurses Want Thematic Deliberations
- The World Nurses Want Survey

"Health is not only to be well but to use well every power we have."

Florence Nightingale

“One’s Mind...

...Once stretched by a new idea, never again retains its original dimension.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes
Our future is in their hands!
