



GAPFON

Global Advisory Panel
on the Future of Nursing

Bridging the gaps for health

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Our Mission

Advancing world health and celebrating
nursing excellence in scholarship,
leadership, and service.

Our Vision

The global organization
of choice for nursing.



Presidential Call to Action, 2013-2015
Serve Locally, Transform Regionally, Lead Globally





Convened by: Sigma Theta Tau International



Purpose: To establish a global voice and vision for the future of nursing that will advance global health



Strategy

*Bring key stakeholders together,
globally and by region,
to plan for the future of global health
and the nursing profession.*





GLOBAL PANEL



- Chair: Dr Martha Hill
- Two year period
- Regional representation
- Key groups



Identified Focus Areas

1. Leadership
2. Policy
3. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
4. Education/Curriculum



Regional Meetings 2015-2016

Purpose

*To identify, prioritize and address key issues,
especially those where nursing can take the lead to
advance global health*



Regional Meetings 2015-2016

- South East Asia/Pacific Rim (15 - 6 June 2015)
- Caribbean (17 - 8 July 2015)
- Latin America (20 - 21 July 2015)
 - North America (2016)
 - Europe (2016)
 - Middle East (2016)
 - Africa (2016)



METHODOLOGY

- Survey
- Focus groups
- Consensus building



GAPFON Anticipated Results

- Based on global data collected:
 - Cohesive, global recommendations
 - Unique regional recommendations
 - Partnerships to identify and undertake strategic actions with measurable outcomes, addressing recommendations



REGIONAL RESULTS: PRIORITY ISSUES AND KEY HEALTH ISSUES



South East Asia/Pacific Rim Participants





4 Priority Issues: South East Asia/Pacific Rim

1. Policy
 2. Leadership
 3. Education/Curriculum
 4. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
- ✓ Importance of nurses and women in elected office



3 Health Priorities: South East Asia/Pacific Rim

1. Non-communicable Diseases
 2. Disaster Preparedness and Response
 3. Communicable Disease Outbreaks
 4. Maternal-Child Health
- ✓ Relationship between disasters and disease outbreaks
 - ✓ Importance of prevention/readiness



Additional Health Priorities: South East Asia/Pacific Rim

1. Chronic diseases
 2. Gerontology/Aging
 3. Mental Health/Suicide
- ✓ Relationship of mental health in all of the above



Caribbean Participants





4 Priority Issues: Caribbean

1. Leadership
 2. Policy
 3. Education/Curriculum
 4. Workforce
- ✓ Need an agenda to address all four interlinked issues.
 - ✓ Overarching: impact of cultural diversity on health care/systems



3 Health Priorities: Caribbean

1. Non-Communicable Diseases
2. Maternal-Child Health
3. Disaster Preparedness and outbreaks of communicable diseases
 - ✓ Prevention and management for all
 - ✓ Incorporating healthy aging overall



Additional Health Priorities: Caribbean

- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- ✓ Removing stigmas to increase utilization of care
- ✓ Return to “family” as a base for socialization, problem-solving, mentors, etc.



Latin America Participants





4 Priority Issues: Latin-Central America

1. TIE: Policy and Leadership
2. Education/Curriculum
3. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
- ✓ Importance of nurses in government/elected office



3 Health Priorities: Latin-Central America

1. Maternal-Child Health
2. Communicable Diseases (e.g., Ebola, tuberculosis)
3. Disaster Preparedness



Additional Health Priorities: Latin-Central America

- Mental Health
- Violence
- Non-communicable Diseases
- Nutrition
- ✓ Impact of aging overall
- ✓ Health systems management overall



Next Steps

- Data analysis from each meeting
- Press releases and regional reports
- Identify alignment across regions
- Summary reports posted to www.gapfon.org
- Observer registrations available for 2016 meetings at www.gapfon.org



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