GAPFON
Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery
Bridging the gaps for health

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What is the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery?
A core panel of visionary global nurse leaders brought together to:

• Identify global healthcare issues - specifically noting those related to a voice and vision for nursing
• Provide thoughts on the current status of each of these issues
• Help develop corresponding solutions to effectively address these issues
Initial Members

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Ultimate goal:

• Through global engagement GAPFON seeks to participate in and influence:
  • Health policy
  • Nursing & midwifery leadership
  • Nursing & midwifery practice
  • Nursing & midwifery education
  • The global health agenda

• as well as to
  • Provide evidence on the value of nursing & midwifery
Initial actions:

• The core panel recommended expanding GAPFON to include engagement with a network of regional leaders across the world
• Meetings completed in each global region of the world
Strategy

Bring key stakeholders together, globally and by region, to plan for the future of global health, nursing and midwifery.
Regional Meetings in 2015-2016

engaging leaders from all seven STTI Global Regions

Purpose

To identify, prioritize and address key issues, especially those where nursing and midwifery can take the lead to advance global health.
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Regional Meeting Participants

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Caribbean & Latin America

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Process

- Survey
  - 6 questions
  - Survey results
- Consensus Building – by “Table”
  - Discussion, Debate, Reporting
- Consensus Building – Whole Group
  - Discussion, Debate, Consensus
- Priorities: Global and Regional
  - Components
  - Health Issues
- Recommendations for action
Survey

• Q1: Thinking about your region, please rank the issues (Initial Focus Areas) in order of importance (1-4)

• Q2: In addition to the four components in #1, others issues identified that added region specificity

• Q3: Thinking about your region, (1-12), please rank the strategies you feel will best support the components listed in question

• Q4: With regard to the strategies, those not listed that you identified

• Q5: Thinking about your region, and its most pressing public health issues, please rank the following three issues in order of what is most pressing (1-3)

• Q6: Most pressing issue in region

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Initial Focus Areas

1. Leadership
2. Policy (including research)
3. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
4. Education/Curriculum
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Original 12 Strategies

- Build and share evidence of the value of nursing & midwifery: return on investment.
- Establish and participate in intersectoral collaboration to improve outcomes.
- Participate in and influence health policy and the global health agenda.
- Cultivate and position leaders at all levels.
- Create and implement an evidence-based policy agenda.
- Align a united nursing & midwifery policy voice.
- Advance a systems approach to Human Resources for Health.
- Advocate for healthy work environments.
- Promote quality nursing & midwifery practice.
- Maximize scope of nursing & midwifery practice.
- Ensure regulation of licensure and accreditation of nursing & midwifery education programs.
- Advocate for reform of educational programs to ensure innovative, interprofessional, and systems approaches.
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Most Pressing Public Health Issues

• Communicable disease outbreaks (e.g., Ebola, TB, etc.)
• Disaster preparedness and response
• Maternal Child Health
Replies mapped to the United Nations SDG’s: Sustainable Development Goals

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals

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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
Next Steps

- Data analysis from each meeting (Work in progress)
- Identify alignment across regions
- Final report
- Recommendations – regional and global
- Action plan and metrics
- Partnering
Review of the ultimate goal:

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A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward achieving it...
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