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Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery
Bridging the gaps for health
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 and nursing and midwifery.
GAPFON Core Panel Members
Process

• 2014 - Core panel identified:
  • Three priority global health issues
  • Four professional issues
  • 12 supportive strategies
  • “Global health” and “global nursing” definitions

• 2015-2016 Regional Meetings:
  • Stakeholders selected
  • Seven regional meetings convened

• Evaluation:
  • After each regional meeting
  • Data summarization
Core Panel Consensus

Professional Issues
• Leadership
• Policy (including research)
• Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
• Education/Curriculum

Global Health Issues
• Communicable Disease Outbreaks
• Disaster Preparedness & Response
• Maternal Child Health
Regional Meetings 2015-2016

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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Examples of participants

- World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office Representatives
- Presidents & CEO’s of National Nursing Organizations
- Chief Nursing Officers from Ministries of Health and Health Systems
- School of Nursing Deans and Practice Setting CNOs
- STTI Regional Coordinators
- Other key stakeholders
Regional Meeting Process:

• Pre-Meeting Survey
  • Survey results
• Consensus Building – by “Table” [pre-determined to ensure mix of experts]
  • Discussion, Debate, Reporting
• Consensus Building – Whole Group
  • Discussion, Debate, Consensus
• Priorities: Global and Regional
  • Global and Regional Health Issues
  • Professional Issues
• Strategies for action
Regional Results
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
South East Asia/
Pacific Rim
Professional Issues

1. Policy (including Research)
2. Leadership
3. Education/Curriculum
4. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
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
Caribbean
Professional Issues

1. Leadership
2. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
3. Policy (including Research)
4. Education/Curriculum

- Cultural diversity awareness and its impact on healthcare and health systems was noted as important regarding all professional issues.
Latin/Central America
Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Disaster Preparedness
- Mental Health/Violence/Substance Abuse
- Aging
Latin/Central America
Professional Issues

1. Leadership
1. Policy (tie)
3. Education/Curriculum
4. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice

• Leadership was identified as a predominant theme for all professional issues.

• Stakeholders suggested a model would better reflect the relationships among the professional issues instead of rank ordering.
North America Regional Meetings
Groups 1 and 2

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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
North America
Professional Issues

Group 1

Global Health Leadership

Policy
Leadership
Research
Education/Curriculum
Workforce/Work Environment/Practice

Group 2

Leadership
Policy
Research
Meaningful Inclusion/Diversity
Evidence Based
Practice
Education
Middle East Regional Meeting
Middle East 
Global Health Issues

• Disaster Preparedness and Response
• Non-Communicable Diseases
• Communicable Diseases
• Mental Health
Middle East Professional Issues
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
Africa
Professional Issues

- Leadership
- Policy*
- Education/Curriculum
- Workforce/Practice

Image of Nursing/Professionalism
Capacity Building

*Including regulation/accreditation regarding nursing profession and health systems
Synthesis

• Initial Core Panel recommendations
• Regional meeting data
• Second Core Panel review
• Executive Committee synthesis of data
The Report

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

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Bridging the gaps for health

2014–2017
Synthesis of all data led to the creation of the…

Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery (GAPFON) Model
The GAPFON™ Model
Numerous strategies in each of these areas were suggested to address Global Health Issues and Professional Issues.
Sample strategies for each priority area:
• Cultivate and position leaders at all levels.
• Establish and participate in intersectoral collaboration to strengthen health systems & improve population health outcomes.
• Lead coalitions to address equity and health issues.
• Develop and mentor the next generation of leaders.
• Align a united nursing and midwifery policy voice.
• Create and implement an evidence-based policy and global health agenda.
• Promote election of nurses and midwives in decision-making positions in healthcare organizations and governmental and nongovernmental organizations.
• Ensure regulation of nursing and midwifery licensure.
• Advance a systems approach to Human Resources for Health.
• Strengthen workforce to promote capacity building and quality nursing and midwifery practice.
• Develop retention strategies for nurses and midwives.
• Develop advanced practice roles, including competencies.
• Promote regional cooperation to ensure a collective voice in expanding nursing and midwifery practice.
• Foster collaboration and sharing of opportunities to improve practice.
• Establish global standards for nursing and midwifery practice.
• Promote the family unit and the community as a key part of the health care continuum.
• Ensure accreditation of nursing and midwifery education programs.
• Develop education for interdisciplinary and collaborative work in communities and healthcare settings.
• Advocate for educational programs to be transformative, innovative and current for changing populations and service models.
• Promote postgraduate education for nurses and midwives.
• Mentor next-generation of nurse & midwifery researchers/scientists.
• Utilize evidence to inform health policy in relation to priority health issues.
• Document evidence of the contribution of nursing and midwifery to disease prevention and positive health outcomes regionally and globally.
• Advocate for policies that optimize research and the scope of evidence-based nursing and midwifery practice.
Implementation

• Develop partnerships with organizations to create implementation plans that will include recommendations, actions steps and target outcomes to address the strategies.

• Partners will have an interest in, and mission specific to Leadership, Policy including Regulation, Practice, Workforce, Education, and Research, as they relate to global health and professional issues.
Implementation Plans

Will be available for broad distribution

To be used as appropriate by countries and regions
**Conclusion**

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- Core Panel engagement
- Data from Global Experts
- Evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of data
- GAPFON Report 2014-2017
- Development of the GAPFON Model and Strategies for provide a blueprint for action
- Implementation planning
To access and download a copy of the report:

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