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WHO CC Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

This regional update provides a summary of some of the key events and initiatives that the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development at the University of Technology Sydney has been engaged with this year. It covers the 70th World Health Assembly in Geneva, the Health Ministers Meeting in the Pacific as well as a range of nursing and midwifery related projects. This update also links to relevant publications and documents of the WHO CC. Please visit our website for current information. You can also reach us at whocc@uts.edu.au.

For information on the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery click here. For information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCMNOA) click here.

WHOCC UTS Team look forward to the ongoing process of working with our fellow WHO Collaborating Centres and partners.

Farewell and Thank You to Ms Annette Mwansa Nkowane

A presentation was made to Ms Annette Mwansa Nkowane at the GN WHO CCs side meeting held in Barcelona in May as she has recently left the WHO Nursing and Midwifery Health Workforce Department. She was thanked for her years of passionate advocacy for nursing and midwifery within WHO and the support of the Global Network for WHOCCs. At the meeting she noted the importance of human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level

Official Documents:

Global Strategic directions for strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016 - 2020

Global Strategy on human resources for health: Workforce 2030

Comprehensive nursing infographic

Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth (CHEEG) (WHA70 13.1). Ms Mwansa also noted that WHO has outlined the alignment between the Commission's recommendations and the thematic areas of the Global Strategic Directions for Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery (SDNM) (WHA70 13.1). Information on ICM side meeting will be in next RU.

Nursing Now Campaign

Nursing Now is a campaign in partnership with WHO and International Council of Nurses, and will be launched early 2018.

At the World Health Assembly this year, Lord Crisp presented his work on the 'Triple Impact of the Development of Nursing' outlined by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health Report. The Nursing Now campaign is based on this report which proposes that the development of nursing worldwide will lead to 'improved health, the promotion of gender equality and increased economic growth' on a global scale.

For more information click here.

Pacific Health Ministers' Regional Strategy

WHOCC UTS had the opportunity to present at the Director of Clinical Services Meeting which precedes and influences the Heads of Health meeting held in Fiji in 2017.

The SPC (Pacific Community) facilitates the Heads of Health meeting which brings together Health Ministers from all the Pacific Islands to discuss regional health strategies.One key resolution at the Heads of Health Meeting was that the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) would be represented in all future Director of Clinical Services meetings. This will allow SPCNMOA to represent issues and strategies for for nursing and midwifery. It was also recommended that training providers strengthen the provision of specialised nursing through curriculum reviews and nurse Practitioners across the region; and that countries provide clinical nursing career pathways.

The 12th Pacific Health Ministers Meeting was also held in the Cook Islands 28-30 August click here for more information.

Cardiff University Launches WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery Development

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health Report

Health in 2015: From MDGs to SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals

Tracking Universal Health Coverage

Cardiff University's School of Healthcare Sciences launched the WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery Development on April 3rd 2017. The prestigious event was attended by nearly 100 guests representing UK academia and healthcare practice as well as Collaborating Centre colleagues from Chile, Lithuania and Australia.

70th World Health Assembly, Geneva

In May 2017, member states of the World Health Organization came together for the 70th World Health Assembly (WHA). Member states voted in a new Director General, who took office on the 1st of July 2017. The new Director General is Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, a candidate who stated in his election speech that he would 'commit to having a senior level staffing person representing the nursing community on [his] team at WHO' during his tenure.

During the WHA, the World Health Organization Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development (WHO CC UTS) was represented at side meetings and collaborations by Professor John Daly, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Head of the WHO CC UTS and Ms Michele Rumsey, Director of WHO CC UTS. These were important events, with the purpose of advocating for the nursing and midwifery profession on a global scale.

One important agenda item for the 70th WHA was the approval of WHA Resolution 13.1, an item which was proposed by the International Council of Nurses. The document urged WHO to commit to a Five-Year action plan and to clearly map and articulate the alignment between the recommendations of the United Nations High-level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth and the thematic areas of the Global Strategic Directions for Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020 document.

Australian Chief Nursing & Midwifery Officer Debra Thoms supporting a WHA resolution; WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Elizabeth Iro, Secretary of Health, Cook Islands.

Australasian Aid Conference

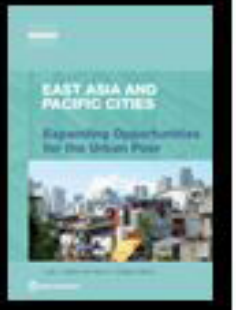
The Australasian Aid Conference was held on **15-16 February 2017** - once again in partnership with The Asia Foundation. As in previous years, the aim of the 2017 Australasian Aid Conference was to bring together researchers from across Australia, the Pacific, Asia and beyond who are working on aid and international development policy to share insights, promote collaboration, and help develop the research community. With 500 people registering in 2017, the AAC has established itself as Australia's premier aid and development conference. The next conference will be in 2018, click here for more information.

Reproductive Health Training Unit Monitoring and Evaluation, PNG

Roles and Responsibilities of Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers

Annual summary of research on child and adolescent health in developing countries - 15th Edition

Second Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific



East Asia and Pacific Cities - Expanding opportunities for the urban poor.

Aimed at increasing the quality and quantity of health workers in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the impact on population health in line with WHO strategic directions, the final report from WHOCC UTS who conducted monitoring and evaluation of the Reproductive Health Training Unit is now available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) page click here.

The Reproductive Health Training Unit (RHTU) in PNG was a Public-Private Partnership between the National Department of Health (NDoH) which endorses continuing professional development and training, the Australian Government as funders and Oil Search Foundation as grant manager and implementing partner. The evaluation found that RHTU was successful in implementing 128 courses, with 1976 health workers attending from all provinces in PNG. The RHTU brand was well recognised across PNG and stakeholders recognised the courses as being endorsed by the NDoH. Communication tools were used effectively, such as a quarterly newsletter, website and detailed reports back to provinces.

The Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) Final Report, PNG

The Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) was a multi-stakeholder initiative, funded by the Australian Government, led by the PNG National Department of Health (NDoH) and supported by WHOCC UTS and the PNG Health and HIV Implementation Services Provider (HHISP).

The MCHI brought together different stakeholders working to build capacity and improve maternal health outcomes in PNG, specifically national midwifery educators, obstetricians, course coordinators, clinicians and clinical midwifery facilitators (CMFs).

Ten CMFs were placed in the five midwifery schools, with one clinical midwifery educator located at Port Moresby General Hospital. These roles were designed to support PNG clinical midwifery educators and clinicians. Two obstetricians were placed in two regional hospitals to provide clinical care and teaching. The final report is now available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) page click here.

Upcoming Events

International Conference on Emergency Nursing
21st to 22nd September 2017, London UK Learn more

International Nursing Research Conference 2017
20th to 22nd October 2017, Bangkok, Thailand Learn more

Fourth Global Forum on Human Resources for Health
Building the health workforce of the future
13th to 17th November 2017, Dublin, Ireland Learn more

6th International Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) 20th to 22nd November 2017, Canberra, Australia Learn more

21st East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS) &
11th INC (International Nursing Conference)
11th to 12th January 2018, Seoul, Korea Learn more

What's possible for Pacific Island countries by the year 2040?

Biennial Conference - Global Network WHO Collaborating Centres
17th to 20th July 2018, Cairns, Australia Learn more

2018 International Nursing Research Congress
19th to 23rd July 2018, Melbourne, Australia Learn more

Media

2nd Raffles Dialogue on Human Well-Being And Security In 2030: The Critical Role Of Innovation - 4-6 September 2017, Singapore
Two Tweets from meeting: "Two proposals on nursing. 1. A new campaign in 2018 called Nursing Now! 2. Tedros will appoint a Chief Nurse at WHO"

WHO SEARO meeting (6-10 Sept, Maldives)
Press release: Health Ministers from WHO South-East Asia meeting next week; climate change, access to medicines high on agenda.
Incoming WHO Director-General Dr Tedros spoke at the Seventieth session of WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia Read his speech here elaborating on how he sees the new vision and priorites of WHO Learn more

UNGA high-level event on world leaders for universal health coverage (18 Sept)
UHC2030– together with the Government of Japan, the World Health Organization, World Bank Group, UNICEF, United Nations Development Programme and The Rockefeller Foundation – will hold a high-level event on universal health coverage (UHC) timed to the United Nations General Assembly. Learn more

Health Security - What we are Watching-Top Global Infectious Disease Threats, 2013-2016: An Update from CDC's Global Disease Detection Operations Centre. Learn more

WHO Global Conference on NCDs: Enhancing policy coherence to prevent and control NCDs (Montevideo, 18-20 October 2017)-provisional agenda Read here Dr Tedros sends a message on youtube regarding the event.

Performance of community health workers: situating their immdiary position within complex adaptive health systems - Maryse Kok et al; Read here

Open call for abstracts
29th International Nursing Research Congress
19-23 July 2018, Melbourne Australia.
For information and to submit an extract click here

BMJ – What would a sustainable health and care system look like? "Making health and care systems fit for the future requires a strategy involving all sectors of society and maximises the contribution the system makes to the economy, writes Lord Crisp." Listen here

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