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WHO CC UTS Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

WHO CC UTS has been busy with a variety of work over recent months. We held the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) Biennial Meeting in conjunction with the South Pacific Nurses Forum Conference in the Cook Islands in Rarotonga. This was well attended by over 40 delegates from 17 Pacific countries.

In this update we acknowledge Emeritus Professor John Daly RN, PhD, HonD Nursing, FACN, FAAN for his extensive support of the WHO CC. John retired from UTS this year after 10 years as Dean.

As we relinquish our role as Secretariat for the Global Network WHO Collaborating Centres (GNWHOCC), we would like to acknowledge and congratulate John Hopkins University for their appointment as the new Secretariat for GNWHOCC and thank everyone for their support during our four year term as Secretariat.

This update links to relevant publications and documents of the WHOCC, please also visit [our website](#) for current information. You can also reach us at whooc@uts.edu.au. For information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) [click here](#).

World Health Organization Events and News

WHO TASKFORCE ON NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

WHO Chief Nurse Elizabeth Iro presented the Terms of Reference for the WHO Taskforce on Nursing and Midwifery in the context of Universal Health Coverage in April this year. The Taskforce will provide an interdisciplinary platform to strengthen, mainstream and make visible the contributions of WHO nurses and midwives at WHO Headquarters, regional and country offices. The Taskforce will be led and chaired by Elizabeth Iro and supported by a core group who will meet quarterly (*see image*).



WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

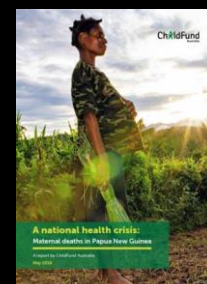
Official Documents:



[A Healthier Humanity](#)



[International Platform on Health Worker Mobility: Evidence, Solutions and Instruments](#)



[A national health crisis: Maternal deaths in Papua New Guinea](#)

Dr Takeshi Kasai (*right*) has been nominated as the next WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific. Health ministers and senior officials from 30 countries voted in October at the 69th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines. For more information [click here](#)



WHO REGIONAL MEETING FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC - VIETNAM 21-22 NOVEMBER

The Third Regional Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres in the Western Pacific was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam on 22-23 November 2018. Ms Michele Rumsey, Director WHO CC UTS attended. This strategic biennial forum brings together WHO Collaborating Centres from the region who are instrumental partners providing strategic support in implementing WHO's mandate and programmes. This is the third forum of its kind following WHO's maximising Collaborating Centre's contributions by ensuring alignment between their work and WHO priorities.

This third regional forum built on the progress made in previous forums and focussed on WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019-2023 (GPW 13) which clearly defines the "triple billion" targets: 1 billion more people with health coverage, 1 billion more people protected from health emergencies and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.



Further discussion was held on how the WHO Collaborating Centres can meet country needs and deliver results at the country level along with future opportunities for collaboration between WHO and the WHO Collaborating Centres.

*Top: Regional WHO CC Nursing and Midwifery Meeting with Dr Margaret Chan, former WHO Director General.
Bottom: Director Health Sector Development WHO – Dr Vivienne Lin; Director WHO CC UTS – Ms Michele Rumsey; WPRO Regional Director Designate – Dr Takeshi Kasai; Director WHO CC AHPRA - Nick Lord.*



For more information [click here](#).

Kiribati Health Workforce Strategic Plan

In collaboration with the Kiribati Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the WHO CC UTS worked to develop the country's health workforce strategic plan and health resource management database.

The work involved collection and review of relevant documentation and data sets including annual bulletins, census, strategic plans, policies, strategies, observations and interviews, with varied stakeholder consultation and involvement.



COP24 Special Report: health and climate change



The State of the World's Nursing Report



WHO Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health



WHO Health Workforce 2030 - HRH Strategy

Right: Michele Rumsey with staff from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services - HR Officer, Director of Clinical Services and Minister for Health.

WHO Collaborating Centres 12th Biennial Conference and Meetings

The 12th Biennial Conference and Meetings of the Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres (GN WHO CC) for Nursing and Midwifery was held in Cairns, Australia 17-19 July 2018. James Cook University hosted the event with the theme of "Universal Health Care: SDGs are Everyone's Business". The bi-yearly General Meeting was also held at this time on the 20th of July and Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres (GN WHO CC) noted the support and continual strengthening of the GN WHO CC partnership with the International Council of Nurses (ICN), the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and John Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) in their structural reinforcement of the GN WHO CC as it strives to provide a voice for nurses and midwives as well as adhering to the Sustainable Development Goals.



The consensus statement developed at the meeting expressed intentions for future commitments as it welcomed its inclusion in the State of the World's Nursing and the State of the World's Midwifery reports. The GN WHO CC continues to improve its research capacity by sharing expertise with both WHO and partner organisations to advocate for the representation of nurses and midwives within global health policy by consultation and recognition of nurses and midwives. The GN WHO CC also continues to work with partner organisations to facilitate cohesion in presenting statements at regional and global events, toward the Florence Nightingale Bicentenary 2020 and to support and work in tandem with the *Global Strategic Directions for Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020*.

WHO CC UTS has enjoyed its time as Secretariat, and now passes the role to the incoming Secretariat - John Hopkins University in the USA. We wish them all the best in their new role.

For more information on the 12th Biennial Meetings [click here](#).

8th High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy

Transforming Primary Health Care through investment, Innovation and Collaboration.

On August 16, Session 4 of the APEC High Level Meeting (HLM) opened with a panel of distinguished health professions including the Director of the WHO CC UTS Ms Michele Rumsey, Dr Bambang Wibowo, Dr Melissa Wither, Mr Andre Musto and Professor Ian Wron



The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim economies with the aim of enhancing economic growth and prosperity and facilitating free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific Region. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Alma-Ata Declaration, a recognition of the inclusion of a variety of health workers such as nurses, midwives, auxiliaries and community health workers to expand primary care services, The APEC High Level Meeting provided a platform to focus on improving Public Health through investment, innovation and collaboration. By highlighting the continual commitment by industry professionals in supporting Universal Health Coverage (UHC), panelists deliberated the potential evolution of Primary Health by these means.

At the forefront of the discussion of Universal Health Coverage is the deficit of health care workers in the APEC region. What is currently an estimated 7.2 million shortage is projected to grow exponentially to a deficit of 12.9 million health care workers by 2035.



In achieving Universal Health Coverage, access to health care must be widely available, health care workers must be well trained, culturally sensitive and competent.

At right: The Health Minister Hon Puka Temu.

Provision of Technical Support to VCNE for the development of Nursing curricula and accreditation

The WHO CC UTS is working with the Vanuatu College of Nursing Education (VCNE) to provide support to develop a Bachelor of Nursing (Conversion) and Bachelor of Nursing curriculum framework, working closely with and supporting colleagues from the VCNE. This work incorporates capacity building activities for VCNE staff and relevant stakeholders on curriculum development and where possible, the provision of assistance to VCNE staff for completion of course accreditation documentation and relevant regulation processes.

This curriculum development and accreditation work will enable current diploma-qualified Vanuatu nurses to gain the Bachelor of Nursing qualification, while recognising their prior learning. The team from UTS will work with the national VCNE educators and other relevant stakeholders to ensure the VCNE will have the plans, capacity and resources in place to deliver the Bachelor of Nursing.

WHO CC UTS would like to thank the UTS Health Team for their work supporting this project. Part of the work in Vanuatu involves assisting with the

design and delivery of the Bachelor of Nursing program to be offered for the first time in Vanuatu in 2019. Key staff in the Faculty of Health have volunteered to be part of the Curriculum Working Group which will jointly, with colleagues from Vanuatu, design and develop draft framework and outline for the new program which will be presented to the Steering Committee in Vanuatu on our next visit. The Working Group has been fortunate to have as a key member Harriet Sam, a senior academic from the Vanuatu College of Nursing Education who is currently studying at UTS. This has ensured the draft framework is being developed taking careful account of the specific healthcare needs of the population of Vanuatu.

Key stakeholders have been consulted and involved with planning and development to date, including personnel from the Vanuatu Ministry of Health (MOH), VCNE, WHO Country Office, Vila Central Hospital, Vanuatu Qualifications Authority, and the Australian government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), with the Vanuatu Principal Nursing Officer (PNO) and Principal Nursing Officer from VCNE leading the project in their country.

10th AAAH Workshop 2018

The 10th AAAH Workshop 2018: Update progress and lessons on implementing the Global Strategy on HRH: Workforce 2030 Hanoi, Vietnam, 21-23 October, 2018. Associate Professor James Buchan participated in the workshop, presenting a keynote and facilitating working groups. The objectives of the workshop were to update progress of global, regional and national movement on the WHO Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel and the WHO Global Strategy on HRH: Workforce 2030, with a focus on sharing lessons on implementing the global HRH strategy, its challenges and solutions to overcome them. Participants included a range of policy makers, planners and researchers from the member countries, and other stakeholders, including WHO, NGOs, and donor agencies.

The Asia Pacific Action Alliance on Human Resources for Health (AAAH) membership has increased to 17 countries; 8 from the South East Asia (SEA) region including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and 9 from the Western Pacific Region (WPR): Cambodia, China, Fiji, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa and Vietnam. AAAH coordinates with partners to strengthen joint effort in advocating on HRH issues, provides technical support and augments country-level HRH development through regional collaboration.



Midwifery Education in Cambodia

Provision of Technical Support to Strengthen the Quality of Midwifery Education in Cambodia - In-country visit by the UTS Team, September 2018.

UNFPA Cambodia and the Cambodian University of Health Sciences and its Technical School of Medical Care (TSMC) are working with a team from UTS Faculty of Health through its WHO Collaborating Centre (WHO CC UTS) and the Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health (CMCFH) to provide technical support to strengthen midwifery education in Cambodia.

One key component of this work is to upgrade the level of qualification for a group of Cambodian midwifery educators and midwives from the Associate Degree in Midwifery (ADM) through the delivery of the Midwifery Bridging Curriculum approved by the Ministry of Health.

Right: Participants, UTS facilitators and UNFPA translator from the Midwifery Bridging Course at TSMC, UHS.



The team of midwifery educators and staff from UTS completed their third and final visit to the UHS TSMC, Phnom Penh over two weeks in September. This visit saw the delivery of a further three subjects from the Midwifery Bridging Program, in addition to the six completed in March and June earlier in the year.

Fifty-two female midwives have attended from urban and rural areas across Cambodia with all completing the subjects and no withdrawals from the program to date. New teaching and learning strategies were employed for the delivery of the subjects including brainstorming and small group discussion, role plays, simulation and case studies.

A Midwifery Curriculum Review Meeting was held on Thursday the 13th of September where the process of review of the Associate Degree Midwifery, findings and recommendation were presented by Rachel Smith and Professor Caroline Homer and discussed with staff from UHS TSMC, rural training centres, WHO and other stakeholder organisations and Dr Sokun Sok from UNFPA.



Dr Sokun Sok (UNFPA), Mr Daniel Alemu (UNFPA), Dr Joanne Gray (UTS), Ms Rizvina de Alwis (UNFPA), Professor Caroline Homer (UTS) and Ms Amanda Neill (WHO CC UTS).

SPCNMOA Biennial Meeting and SPNF Conference

The South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA), together with the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development at the University of Technology (WHO CC UTS) as Secretariat and alongside the South Pacific Nurses Forum (SPNF) met for their Biennial Meeting in the Cook Islands from the 15th to 18th of October 2018.

The meeting brings together Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (CNMOs) and senior leaders in regulation and education from the Pacific to update, discuss and plan effective strategic programs for the region across areas including Regulation, Education, Legislation and Service Delivery.

The SPCNMOA 2018 Biennial Meeting was held at the Enuamanu Hostel in Rarotonga, Cook Islands and was attended by over 40 delegates from 17 Pacific countries and organised by the WHO CC UTS as Secretariat for the SPCNMOA. An Accreditation Workshop was conducted by SPCNMOA and WHO CC UTS in partnership with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) with Clinical Professor Fiona Stoker and Dr Margaret Gatling from ANMAC providing expert input. The workshop was attended by 25 CNOMs or their representatives, regulators and educators from 16 Pacific countries to discuss regional accreditation issues.

The SPCNMOA 2018 Meeting formally commenced on 16th October with the position of Chair of SPCNMOA passed to the Cook Islands Chief Nursing Officer Ms Ngakiri Tea by Solomon Islands



Human Resource Manager Mr George Pego on behalf of Mr Michael Larui, Chief Nursing Officer Solomon Islands. Dr Rasul Baghirov from the WHO Samoa Country Office commenced the meeting sessions with a presentation on WHO healthcare approaches and guest speakers included WHO Chief Nurse Mrs Elizabeth Iro, Professor Jill White and Mr David Stewart from the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Ms Mabel Taoi from the Pacific Community (SPC). SPCNMOA thanked the sponsors - WHO Samoa Country Office, ANMAC and UTS. SPC assisted with CNMO meeting attendance through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australian Clinical Services Funding. *Above: SPCNMOA 2018 Attendees*

Joint Meeting SPCNMOA and SPNF 18th October 2018

At the joint meeting it was agreed that the SPCNMOA and SPNF Secretariats write a joint letter to the newly appointed WHO WPRO Regional Director Dr Takeshi Kasai regarding the reinstatement of a Regional Nurse Adviser once he takes up his position in early 2019. It was also agreed that CNMOs work with their relevant Ministers of Health for creation of the position of Nurse Adviser for the Pacific region.

For more information and a summary of the meeting recommendations [click here](#).

Australian Council for International Development

The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) National Conference focusing on Human Rights in the 21st Century was held at the University of NSW (UNSW) from 30-31 October. Speakers included Ms Amanda Bartley, PwC Director Social Impact; Associate Professor Black; ChildFund Ms Olive Oa; Dr Penny Uther and Ms Michele Rumsey, Director WHO CC UTS.

Ms Amanda Bartley opened discussion around how health practitioners can reach women in rural and remote parts of PNG to provide better health care services in these really remote settings. The focus was on encouraging health seeking behaviours to prevent infant mortality, operationalising the rights-based approach to health care in remote settings and how to prioritise the needs and demand for health when it's hard to get adequate supply.

Associate Professor Black discussed Sexual and Reproductive health and the Sustainable Development goals in relation to the specific challenges to implementation in PNG. Ms Olive Oa discussed the ChildFund findings from their recently released report - [A National Health Crisis: Maternal Deaths in PNG](#). Dr Penny Uther discussed her recent work in PNG on the provision of health directed to women and children and education of frontline healthcare workers. Ms Michele Rumsey discussed her work with the WHO Collaborating Centre and recent paper [The state of midwifery in small island Pacific nations](#).

Ms Klara Henderson chaired the meeting to prompt vigorous discussion and exchange between all speakers and the audience.

Yonsei International Nursing Conference, South Korea

The 2018 Yonsei International Nursing Conference was held on the 30th of November 2018 in South Korea. Hosted by Yonsei University College of Nursing, the conference is designed to assist nursing researchers, students, clinicians and leaders to develop, implement and maintain strategies that will shape the future of nursing. Attendees had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other global leaders in nursing



For more information [click here](#).

Nursing Now

The WHO Collaborating Centre is proud to support the work of the Nursing Now campaign to raise the status and profile of nursing. A three-year global campaign (2018-2020) run in collaboration with the International Council of Nurses and the World Health Organization, Nursing Now seeks to empower nurses to take their place at the heart of tackling 21st Century health challenges. Based on the findings of the [Triple Impact](#) report, the report concluded that as well as improving health globally, empowering nurses would contribute to improved gender equality - as the vast majority of nurses are still women - and build stronger economies. For more information on Nursing Now [click here](#)



Farewell John Daly

Emeritus Professor John Daly RN, PhD, HonDNursing, FACN, FAAN, retired from UTS in July 2018 after 10 years as Dean of the Faculty of Health and Head of the UTS/World Health Organization Collaborating Centre. The Faculty and WHO CC UTS grew enormously over John's time at the helm and we wish John well and continue to celebrate his outstanding achievements. Professor Fiona Brooks has been Acting Dean since July and has continued to support the WHO CC UTS and the international work and collaborations that we are so proud of.



WHO Healthier Humanity Launch

WHO launches first investment case to save up to 30 million lives.

WHO published its first investment case in September 2018, setting out the

transformative impacts on global health and sustainable development that a fully-financed WHO could deliver over the next five years.

The investment case describes how WHO, working together with its Member States and partners, will help to save up to 30 million lives, add up to 100 million years of healthy living to the world's population and add up to 4 per cent of economic growth in low and middle-income countries by 2023. Showing how a stronger, more efficient and results-orientated WHO will serve and guide governments and partners in their efforts to improve the health of their populations, it highlights new mechanisms to measure success, ensuring a strict model of accountability, and sets ambitious targets for savings and efficiencies to achieve the "triple billion" targets of [WHO's General Programme of Work](#).

The document highlights the vital work WHO does in providing up-to-date, evidence-based health guidance to support countries in improving the health of their population. To read the report [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Australasian Aid Conference

18th to 20th February, 2019, Canberra, Australia [Learn more](#)

Creating Healthy Work Environments

Sigma Nursing

22nd to 24th February, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA [Learn more](#)

21st Congress of the Nordic Federation of Midwives and ICM Regional Meeting

2nd to 4th May, 2019, Reykavik, Iceland [Learn more](#)

International Day of the Midwife

May 5 is the internationally recognised day for highlighting the work of midwives [Learn more](#)

WHO World Health Assembly

20th to 28th May 2019, Geneva [Learn more](#)

Women Deliver 2019 Global Conference

3rd to 6th June, 2019, Vancouver, Canada [Learn more](#)

International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress 2019

27th June to 1st July, 2019, Singapore

Beyond Healthcare to Health [Learn more](#)

30th International Nursing Research Congress

Sigma Nursing

25th to 29th July, 2019, Calgary, Alberta, Canada [Learn more](#)

The National Nursing Forum

Australian College of Nurses

21st to 23rd August, 2019, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia [Learn more](#)

ICM Africa Regional Conference

12th to 14th September, 2019, Windhoek, Namibia [Learn more](#)

WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

7th to 11th October, 2019, Manila, Philippines [Learn more](#)

32nd Triennial Congress

21st to 25th June, 2020, Bali, Indonesia

Midwives of the World: delivering the future [Learn more](#)

45th Biennial Convention

Sigma Nursing

16th to 20th November, 2019, Washington, DC, USA [Learn more](#)

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

WHO Bulletin December issue

- Interview: a life working on Ebola
- Europe's hepatitis challenge
- Perinatal mortality classification
- Oral cholera vaccination in hard-to-reach communities
- Improving urban healthcare
- Health impact of working past retirement
- Improving access to antidotes and antivenoms

Counting the costs of a human papillomavirus vaccination project

For a summary [click here](#) or visit <https://www.who.int/bulletin/en/>

Health benefits far outweigh the costs of meeting climate change goals

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/05-12-2018-health-benefits-far-outweigh-the-costs-of-meeting-climate-change-goals>

WHO statement for COP24

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/03-12-2018-who-statement-for-cop24>

The Lancet Global Health

December issue

<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Declaration of Alma-Ata

International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata September 1978

To read the Declaration, please [click here](#)

WHO Integrated People-Centred Health Services (IPCHS)

Reforming Health Service Delivery for UHC

<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/255311/WHO-HIS-SDS-2017.9-eng.pdf;jsessionid=C580F5A57F6FADDE45F49DE1FBAAD131?sequence=1>

Framework on integrated people-centred health services

WHO Secretariat Report

http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA69/A69_39-en.pdf?ua=1

Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health

Action Framework for the Western Pacific Region

http://iris.wpro.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665.1/13371/9789290617563_eng.pdf?ua=1

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