




July 2016

WHO CC Regional Update

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Dear Colleagues,

This regional update provides a summary of the 69th World Health Assembly held in Geneva in May and other meetings with health leaders, latest news and updates. This regional update also links to all publications and documents. WHO CC UTS Team look forward to our first Global Network event outlined below and working with you all for the rest of the year on new collaborations and meetings.

11th Biennial Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery, Glasgow

The 11th Biennial Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, under the theme of 'Strategic Conversations: The Nursing and Midwifery Contribution towards Global Health 2030 from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th July 2016.

Registrations are open! [Click here to register.](#)

This high level strategic conference will bring together global healthcare leaders and practitioners to debate future directions and challenges for Nursing & Midwifery as we move forward towards 2030. Concurrent Session presentations will give delegates an opportunity to share work related to the themes of: Innovation in Nursing & Midwifery Practice towards Health for All; Contribution of Research & Evidence Based Practice to Healthcare; International Approaches to Transforming Nursing & Midwifery Education.

Documents



[Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020](#)



[Global Strategy on Human Resources](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Glasgow in 2016!

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STTI Event, Sydney

Join 200 of your peers in nursing and midwifery leadership 16-17 August 2016 at University of Technology Sydney, Australia. Leading experts on translational science and nursing and midwifery leadership will address the participants. The primary conference objectives include:

- 1) Learning how to cultivate and position nurse leaders at all levels to elevate education, practice, and research.
- 2) Analysing new approaches to enhance clinical and educational outcomes through translational science.
- 3) Promoting the translation of evidence towards achieving health outcomes in nursing care.

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Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

69th World Health Assembly, Geneva

The 69th World Health Assembly took place in Geneva, from 23rd to 28th May 2016. WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan opened with words of celebration, warning, and hope. The Health Assembly elected Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed al-Saidi, Minister of Health of Oman as its new President. Five vice-presidents were also appointed from Armenia, Chad, Malaysia, Panama and Timor-Leste.



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Workforce 2030](#)



[Health in 2015 -
from MDGs to
SDGs](#)



[Open Working
Group Proposal for
Sustainable
Development Goals](#)

WHO Member States agreed to one of the most profound transformations in the Organization's history, as they established a new Health Emergencies Programme. The new programme is designed to deliver rapid, predictable, and comprehensive support to countries and communities as they prepare for, face or recover from emergencies caused by any type of hazard to human health, whether disease outbreaks, natural or man-made disasters or conflicts.

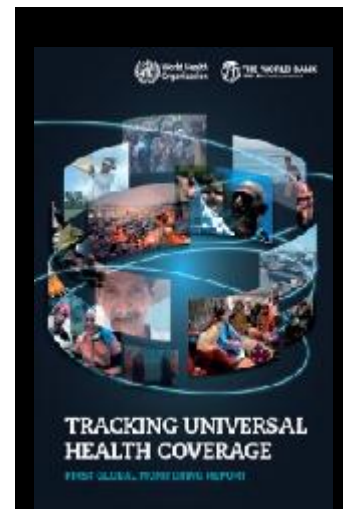


Dr. Jane O'Malley, Chief Nurse, New Zealand gives country report to the WHA.

Delegates at the Assembly agreed to implement two new health strategies that are closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One relates to women's, children's and adolescents' health; the other to healthy ageing. Delegates also agreed to make resolutions and take decisions on air pollution, chemicals, the health workforce, childhood obesity, violence, non-communicable diseases.

The 7th Biennial Global Forum for Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers, Geneva

This meeting was held in Geneva, 18 and 19 May 2016, under the theme of 'The Future of Nursing and Midwifery'. Participants at the meeting discussed gaps and needs for enhancing nursing and midwifery leadership in the context of Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs), Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 and the Strategic Directions on Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016–2020 for the appropriate management of the nursing and midwifery workforces.



Tracking Universal Health Coverage



Roles and Responsibilities of Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers: A Capacity Building Manual



The new Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020 was launched at Global Forum Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers (GCNMOs).

The new Global Strategic Directions for Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020 and the Roles and Responsibilities of Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers were launched at the event.

Triad Communique 2016, Geneva



Pacific members at the 6th Triad Communique in Geneva.

Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery officers, leaders of national nursing and midwifery associations and regulatory bodies from 95 countries, together with the International Confederation of Midwives, the International Council of Nurses and the World Health Organization, met in Geneva on 20-21 May 2016 for the 6th Triad meeting. The Triad focussed on the future of the nursing and midwifery workforces and addressed issues critical to

Resources

On world TB day, WHO calls on countries and partners to "Unite to End Tuberculosis"

Burkina Faso government introduces free maternal and child healthcare.

WHO is releasing a world malaria day report to show that the goal to eliminate malaria, although ambitious, is achievable.

World water development report 2016

the provision of safe, quality nursing and midwifery care and effective regulation of the professions. This year, the Triad commits to enhancing the effectiveness of the nursing and midwifery workforces in relation to all areas of nursing and midwifery development through the following mechanisms:

- 1) Advocacy for strong investments in nursing and midwifery
- 2) Management of the nursing and midwifery workforces
- 3) Governance and accountability

Nursing and Community Health Worker Curricula, PNG

Members of the WHO CC UTS team travelled to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) in April 2016 for a series of meetings. The team including Ms Michele Rumsey, Ms Jodi Thiessen, Professor Lin Lock and Professor Di Brown, who met with representatives from Department for Foreign Affairs Australia preliminary talks on future reviews of both nursing and community health worker curricula.

Other synergistic work in PNG continues with Michele Rumsey working closely with the PNG Nursing Council and National Department of Health to streamline nursing and midwifery registration processes. Also, monitoring and evaluation continues with the Reproductive Health Training Unit team who conduct in service training throughout PNG on Essential Obstetric Care and Emergency Obstetric Care. A highly successful project that has seen more than 1,500 health workers trained. This is a Public Private Partnership with National Department of Health, PNG, Oil Search Foundation and Department of Foreign Affairs Australia.



End of Ebola transmission in Guinea

The effect of demand and supply side health financing on infant, Child, and maternal mortality in low and middle income countries

General assembly proclaims the decade of action on nutrition

2 April - World Autism Awareness Day –2016 Theme: "Autism and the 2030 agenda: inclusion and neurodiversity"

SDGs in the Asia Pacific: A Shared Agenda for Action

It's been nine months since the United Nations adopted a new global agenda for development – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the final details are being refined in an ongoing United Nations process, spaces for action, discussion and collaboration around the new framework are emerging across the globe. The University of Technology Sydney, University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney worked with the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Network and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Australia/Pacific to host an interactive forum at UNSW on June 2nd, addressing the topic of SDGs in the Asia Pacific: a shared agenda for action. Close to 70 academics, practitioners and policy-makers came together to discuss how the Sydney development community could progress the SDG agenda in our region.



Dr. Yanuar Nugroho(Executive Office of the President of Indonesia) gives keynote address

ISF's Juliet Willetts, Co-Chair of the RDI Network and Chair of the organising committee for the forum, opened the day with a call to participants to think about how the SDGs can help us address structural issues that leave people behind. Two keynote speakers, Patricia Sachs Cornish (Pacific Community) and Dr Yanuar Nugroho (Executive Office of the President of Indonesia) shared their experiences of being integrally involved in championing the uptake of the SDG framework in the Pacific and Indonesia respectively.

Health workforce investments have been cut in some countries despite evidence that health workers contribute to economic growth

A new and hard-hitting report related to 'Save the Children's' new global campaign - Every Last Child

Global AIDS update

Achieving the SDGs: What Gets Measured, Gets Done

Zika virus and complications : Questions and

Group discussions provided a chance for a broad cross-section of the Sydney development community to reflect on and discuss their own roles in making the goals known, accessible, relevant and effective through collaboration and strong partnerships.

Optimizing Healthcare Quality: Teamwork in Education, Research and Practice Conference, Chiang Mai

The conference Optimizing healthcare quality: Teamwork in education, research and practice took place at Chiang Mai, Thailand from 22nd June to 24th June 2016. The Faculty of Health at the University of Technology Sydney was delighted to serve as a co-sponsor for this very important conference. UTS also sponsored seven undergraduate students from UTS to attend the conference as a part of the UTS delegation.



John Daly, Dean, University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Health, was one of the key speakers for the symposium on "Breakthrough to Excellence: Optimizing Patient Outcomes through Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration"

Michele Rumsey and Jodi Thiessen, WHO CC UTS conducted a workshop on "Leadership: Based on Building Relationships and Capacity". Jodi Thiessen also presented research "The Consequences of English Language Testing for International Health Professionals and Students: An Australian Case Study"

answers

Millions saved: Time for optimism, but not complacency in global health

World health statistics 2016: Monitoring health for the SDGs

Australian College of Midwives organised a special event- Walk with Midwives

Pacific countries still struggling to provide access to safe water

Fight antimicrobial



Prof. Wipada Kunaviktikul, Chang Mai University and Prof. John Daly, Faculty Health UTS with students and WHO CC staff.

The objective of this international conference was to discuss quality of healthcare and interdisciplinary teamwork on a world level, as well as providing an opportunity for exchanging information and experiences and to promote collaboration with various institutes in the fields of education, research and practice. It included lectures and discussions on:

- 1) Teamwork for Sustainable Development
- 2) Health Care Quality for All
- 3) Global Health Nursing and Interdisciplinary Teamwork
- 4) Putting Teamwork into Practice: Meeting the Challenge
- 5) Healthcare Quality: Making it Happen.

resistance(AMR):
Protect mothers and
newborns

International day for
the elimination of
sexual violence in
conflict

The right to health
for everyone, no
matter where people
live or travel!

A landscape
analysis of universal
health coverage for
mothers and
children in South
Asia

Is Gavi doing
enough to support
national health



L-R Professor Caroline Homer, Dr Christine Catling, Professor Saraswathi Vedam (Visiting Professor at UTS) and Sabera Turkmani at the Women Deliver Conference

Professor Caroline Homer, Dr Christine Catling and Sabera Turkmani attended the 3rd Women Deliver Conference held in Copenhagen in May 2016. With over 5500 delegates, this conference is the leading global advocate for girls' and women's health, right, and well-being. It catalyses action by bringing together diverse voices and interests to drive progress, with a particular focus on maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights. Keynotes included Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Denmark, Annie Lennox, Julia Gillard, Helen Clark and many other global leaders. Sabera presented in a concurrent session on women's participation in economic development. She spoke about 'health systems as employers' and put forward bold solutions that maximize socio-economic gains for women in developing context. She also shared a powerful story from her experience working with women in Afghanistan with focus on the struggle to build the capacity of midwives to deliver respectful, gender-sensitive care to promote safe motherhood in a conservative political and social environment, as well as to establish midwifery as a platform for empowering women. Caroline was involved in presentation about the State of the World's Midwifery work and about ways to achieve quality of care for women and their newborns. There were also a number of

UTS students and Alumni present including Michaela Michel-Schuldt (PhD student) and Lizzie Nicholl (UTS Alumni – BMid graduate). Caroline also attended a reception hosted by the Australian Ambassador to Denmark and attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Denmark and Julia Gillard, former Australian Prime Minister and Natasha Stott Despoja AM as Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls.

Publications

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Upcoming Events

CONFERENCE	LOCATION
<u>Pacific Update</u> 18 - 19 July 2016	Suva, Fiji
<u>International Nursing Research Congress</u> 21- 25 July 2016	Cape Town, South Africa
<u>Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery</u> 27 - 29 July 2016	Glasgow, Switzerland
<u>Nursing and Midwifery: Transforming Leadership, Education, Practice, and Research Conference</u> 16 - 17 August 2016	Sydney, Australia
<u>Latin American Forum of Scientific Editing in Nursing</u> 12 - 13 September 2016	Brazil
<u>17th Nursing Ethics Conference and 2nd International Ethics in Care Conference</u> 14 - 15 September 2016	Brazil
<u>Diasporas in Action: Working together for peace, development and humanitarian response</u> 26 to 27 September 2016	Victoria, Australia

<u>South Pacific Nurses Forum</u> 31 October - 4 November 2016	Honiara, Solomon Islands
<u>International Council of Nurses Congress</u> 27 May - 1 June 2017	Barcelona, Spain
<u>International Confederation of Midwives</u> 18 - 22 June 2017	Toronto, Canada

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