



United Nations Activity Report

The high-level segment of the [High-Level Political Forum](#) (HLPF) was held on 19 July. The forum was convened under the auspices of the [Economic and Social Council](#) (ECOSOC) and included a three-day ministerial meeting. The focus of this event was opportunities for governments, United Nations agencies, and [non-governmental organizations](#) to deliver a statement to the ECOSOC during the high-level segment of the HLPF.

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This was an amazing opportunity to showcase Sigma nursing and demonstrates the organization's higher levels of engagement at the United Nations by being given the chance to speak to the ECOSOC at the HLPF, a first for Sigma,

Sigma's statement:

2019 Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment

Statement of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma), in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

High-Level Political Forum: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, known as Sigma, represents more than 135,000 nursing leaders in 92 countries around the world. Our mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in leadership, scholarship and service.

Nurses can be found in high ranking political offices, and on corporate, for-profit, not-for-profit and advisory governing boards, providing care in our communities to our most needy populations, in our schools and with our families, ensuring environments that provide for the good health and well-being of all.

The SDGs reflect and connect the social and environmental determinants of health...the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies and political systems. Nurses work with populations, communities and individuals to improve these determinants of health.

Nurses use their knowledge and expertise to empower others to advocate for health, and ensure

inclusiveness and equality. When nurses are empowered to act in all settings to the full extent of their abilities in leadership, health promotion and disease prevention, as well as treatment of illness and disease, we contribute a pathway to achieving the SDGs with no one left behind.

Sigma seeks to help achieve the SDGs through the involvement of our members, and the global interlinkages that we have established. We speak today specifically to note that achieving the SDGs is a call for all to respond. Sigma, as the collective voice for nurse leaders across the globe, is engaged in educating our members about the importance of this work.

We welcome opportunities for engagement with the HLPF to help achieve these goals. We thank you for the opportunity to speak today.