

WHAT IS GAPFON?

GAPFON (Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing & Midwifery) is a core panel of visionary global nurse leaders convened by Sigma to identify global health issues. The purpose of GAPFON is to establish a voice and vision for the future of nursing and midwifery that will advance global health while simultaneously strengthening professional roles.

PROCESS:



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IDENTIFIED

expert stakeholders
from nursing
and midwifery



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ORGANIZED

a core panel of 19
expert stakeholders
across global regions



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CONVENED

seven global meetings with 211 healthcare
leaders representing 62 countries
to identify priority issues and strategies



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ANALYZED

global and regional meeting
data and prioritized within
and across regions



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INCORPORATED

formative and
summative evaluations
as part of the process

19

CORE PANEL
MEMBERS

7

GLOBAL
STRATEGY
MEETINGS

211

GLOBAL
HEALTHCARE
LEADERS

62

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



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DEVELOPED AND GLOBALLY DISSEMINATED THE GAPFON REPORT

(Download the GAPFON report
at gapfon.sigmanursing.org.)



OUTCOME:

The GAPFON report was released in 2017 and synthesized the data gathered on global healthcare challenges and priority professional issues.

THE GAPFON MODEL™

The GAPFON Model provides a framework to support nursing and midwifery's contributions to both global health and professional issues. It also serves as a visual statement regarding professional issues key to advancing nursing and midwifery, which are all anchored by leadership as the most crucial.

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PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

Stakeholders at the regional meetings identified a total of 43 principles and 50 strategies to address both the global health priorities and professional issues—empowering nurses and midwives to advance global health.

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TOP GLOBAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

Data from all regional meetings were analyzed and weighted to identify common themes and determine global health priorities.

- 1 Noncommunicable diseases, including chronic diseases
- 2 Mental health in general, as well as secondary to substance abuse and to violence
- 3 Communicable diseases
- 4 Disaster preparedness and response
- 5 Maternal-child health

The full GAPFON report is available at gapfon.sigmanursing.org.

IMPACT:



GLOBAL STRATEGY SUMMIT

8 nursing organizations from across the globe met to establish a foundation for global collaboration.

FREE ACCESS TO DATA

Healthcare stakeholders can access the data in the GAPFON report to make an impact.

SIGMA CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Recognized chapters for programs related to the GAPFON outcomes.

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