

# 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](http://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](http://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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