



**Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery  
Executive Committee Meeting #1  
Minutes: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**ZOOM LINK:** <https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/6415188743>

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**Attendees:**

<b>Executive Committee Members</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Michele Rumsey (WHO CC UTS)	
Richard Ganga-Limando (AFRO)	Matlakala Mokgadi (AFRO)
Adelais Markaki (AMRO)	
Rivka Hazoref (EURO)	
Sirada Kesornsri (SEARO)	
Yajai Sitthimongkol (SEARO)	
Sonoe Mashino (WPRO)	
Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu (WHO HQ)	
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Carey McCarthy (WHO HQ)	
Howard Catton (ICN)	
Roa Altaweli (ICM)	
Pandora Hardtman (Jhpiego)	
Nancy Reynolds (JHSON)	
Jody Lori (Midwifery Network)	Mari Klingberg-Allvin (Midwifery network)
<b>Secretariat</b>	
Linn Hetland (WHO CC UTS)	

**Minutes:**

**1. Welcome**

**1.1 Attendees and apologies**

Secretariat welcomed all meeting attendees. Apologies were noted.

**1.2 Approval of Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

It was noted that John Hopkins School of Nursing WHO CC for Nursing Information, Knowledge and Management Survey will share their final survey report to Global Network centres. No further comments were made on actions and minutes.

**1.3 Welcome comments from Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu, WHO HQ**

Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu expressed her support to the WHO CC Network of Nurses and Midwives to continue to serve the vulnerable populations of the world. Dr Amelia spoke highly of how nurses

and midwives hold the key to unlocking the transformation of the healthcare system towards UHC for all. She emphasised the importance of nurses and midwives to support each other for the benefit of all.

The Secretariat and Global Network members congratulated and welcomed Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu to her new position as Chief Nursing Officer at WHO.

## **2. GNWHOCCNM Secretariat**

### **2.1 LINKS Magazine**

The Secretariat confirmed that the LINKS Magazine was sent to all regions, however, there were reports of some regions not receiving the hard copy of the magazine. The LINKS Magazine will from now on focus on one region per publication. Next publication of the LINKS magazine will focus on the SEARO region. The Secretariat welcomes stories from SEARO as well as stories from all other regions. Next LINKS Magazine is due in September 2023. WHO CC UTS Secretariat will interview each of the SEARO region centres and will send a call-out for this in June - July.

The WHO CC UTS Secretariat will also be interviewing all WHO CC's to learn a bit more about the expertise, Terms of References, and the countries in which the regional centres work. The Secretariat will update this information in our databases.

### **2.2 Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026**

WHO is conducting the official monitoring of progress on the SDNM with Member States. The SDNM progress report will be released in Q4 2023.

Carey McCarthy from WHO HQ said that this data will be important to the next stage of the WHO State of the World Nursing Report.

### **2.3 Annual Survey**

The survey will be administered by the WHO CC UTS Secretariat over the next few months and every WHO CC will be invited to participate by a personal invitation.

### **2.4 In person meeting at ICM, Bali, June 2023?**

Multiple people plan to attend the ICM conference in Bali. Jody Lori from the Midwifery Network volunteered to coordinate a meeting for interested attendees in collaboration with Roa Altaweli from ICM. The Secretariat offered to link Jody Lori with Kathleen Baird to organise a meeting during the conference.

### **2.5 In person meeting at ICN, Montreal, July 2023?**

Howard Catton from ICN confirmed the possibility to book a room for the next Global Network meeting at the ICN conference. This has later been organised and the dates have been circulated to the Global Network members. Some members confirmed their intention to attend the conference.

It was suggested to also have a virtual component to the Global Network meeting at the ICN conference. The Secretariat will consider this and look into possibilities for a hybrid meeting.

### **2.6 WHO COP Webinars**

WHO Community of Practice site for the Global Network will host activities when site is updated.

The Midwifery Network site currently does not have much content. The Midwifery Network are currently looking to expand their member group and in process of forming an executive group within the Midwifery Network with representatives from each region. This will allow the development of content relevant to the regions. Timelines are in place for this and they are hoping to form the advisory body at ICM to get this process moving. Currently, they are working on the technology in order to be inclusive.

There needs to be a link on both sites so they look like they are connected. The Global Network website needs to link back to Community of Practice website. This is currently a work in process.

### **3. Partnerships and Regional Updates**

#### **3.1 Regional Updates**

##### **WPRO**

A forum was scheduled in Cambodia, however, not all countries were able to travel due to COVID-19. The regional office has welcomed a new nursing officer who will be a key person to connect to the WHO CC's in the region.

##### **AMRO**

Webinar was held in January about re-designation guidelines. The meeting was informative and well attended. A recording and slides can be found on their website. Two WHO CC's have been re-designated in the region: Columbia University and the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

A special issue was launched in the Pan American Journal of Public Health about the contributions and impacts of the WHO CC's in the Americas Region. The information entailed in this issue may be interesting and inspiring for other WHO CC's. Special issue of Pan American J. of Public Health available here: <https://www.paho.org/journal/en/special-issues/pahowho-collaborating-centres-celebrating-achievement-our-common-goals>

A commentary on the Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres is available here: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2023.31>

A comment was made for possibility of creating a central place to find information including short biography for all the officers in the Global Network. Question if WHO would like to consider having this information readily available so that the rest of the centers can get to know the other WHO CC's.

##### **EURO**

An in-person meeting was held in February with all WHO CC's in the region. Topics discussed during this meeting included nursing workforce long-term healthcare and mental health in collaboration with a project WHO is leading. They met with the manager of the digital health department of WHO and received information regarding the digital health challenge. They will research this topic further to learn whether nurses are involved with digital health. Also talked about the development of promotional leadership position as some countries do not have a Chief Nurse in their respective Ministries of Health. A meeting was also held with Chief Nurses from the Nordic Countries and discussed the workforce shortage.

##### **AFRO**

Recently published a regional technical report about the nursing and midwifery workforce in the African Region in collaboration with the regional office. The report is about optimising the investment for resilient healthcare systems and is available on the WHO AFRO website. In the recent LINKS Magazine two AFRO WHO CC's published articles which was very encouraging for the region.

ICN ran a workshop on leadership for change and nine African countries attended the workshop in Victoria. The delegates from each country made a presentation and the role of WHO CC's was discussed with the nurse leaders.

THE WHO CC University of Botswana and the WHO CC University of Malawi joined forces to work with CNO's for the development of leadership training of nurses and midwives and will soon move on to the implementation of the training.

WHO CC in South Africa is working with the government to develop a framework for a CPD program for nurses and midwives. The minister of Health appointed a WHO CC member to join the national board of quality assurance. A regional focal person for health resources was appointed last year.

## **SEARO**

The Mahidol University faculty of Nursing have established a NCD collaborating research center with John Hopkins University. They offer webinars / seminars on various topics to undergraduate nurses, faculty members and other healthcare providers. The webinars invite guest speakers on the topics. Invitations were sent for other WHO CC's to join these webinars.

### **3.2 Partner Updates**

## **ICN**

ICN theme for International Nurses Day was "Our nurses our future". An ICN publication has been made available which looks to the future of what needs to be done to support the nursing profession to rebuild health systems. The theme for the congress is "Nurses together: a force for global health". The ICN latest nursing workforce report was released in March and it is called "Recover to rebuild" and is the evidence of the state of the global nursing workforce over the last 12 months. This report includes more than 100 studies and a large range of issues, analysis and recommendations are included.

International migration has been a highlighted topic over the past six months. ICN has been asked to comment on a regular basis for policies and media outlets due to the significant uptake in international migration. An Asian workforce forum meeting were held in Thailand.

ICN is also working on identifying the relations and strategic directions with a more qualitative approach, and collaborating with Carey from WHO HQ on WHO SDNM.

ICN will share a recorded interview with Dr Amelia about her priorities in her new role.

## **ICM**

Opportunity for midwives from global network to meet at the ICM conference in June 14<sup>th</sup> in Bali.

The ICM has launched the IDM tool-kit. The theme for the conference is aimed at supporting the midwifery profession and improving health outcomes for women and family. The theme for this year congress is "Together again: from evidence to reality".

There was an ongoing contest from February to June for midwives to post photographs on Instagram including a description of why that particular midwife deserves a 5-day all expenses paid trip to Bali to attend the congress.

ICM has published a statement on humanitarian crisis and disaster response in Turkey and Syria.

## WHO HQ

Dr Amelia shared information about the launch of an emergency campaign in April. The campaign aims to train nurses and midwives in 25 countries by 2025 (25x25x25). <https://www.who.int/initiatives/emergency-care-saves-lives>

The 76<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly will be held end of May. The global forum of government chief nurses will be held virtually 6-7<sup>th</sup> June and did not align with the World Health Assembly this year. This forum is important so nurse leaders can attend and be represented in the World Health Assembly. Dr Amelia is travelling to several European countries to have a dialogue regarding health in low-middle income countries.

Carey from WHO HQ report the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Forum for human resources for health is to be held end of April. Link was sent to register for the forum. WHO publishing a mid-point monitoring report for global nursing in 2023. The next State of the World's detailed nursing report is scheduled for 2025.

Action No.	Action	Responsible Party	Status
<b>Action 1</b>	Meeting with WHO CC / SURVEY	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Completed / In Progress
<b>Action 2</b>	ICM conference in Bali 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10:00am	ICM	Completed
<b>Action 3</b>	ICN Conference / next Global Network meeting in Montreal 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 10-11:30	ICN / WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Completed
<b>Action 4</b>	Update WHO COP site for the Global Network & for Midwifery	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	In Progress
<b>Action 5</b>	Share recorded interview with Dr Amelia of her periorities in her new role	ICN	Completed