



**Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery
Executive Committee Meeting #2
Minutes: 27th July 2023**

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Attendees:

Executive Committee Members	Apologies
Michele Rumsey – WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Leena Khonji (EMRO)
Matlakala Mokgadi (AFRO)	Sonoe Mashino (WPRO)
Richard Ganga-Limando (AFRO)	
Adelais Markaki (AMRO)	
Rivka Hazoref (EURO)	
Sirada Kesornsri (SEARO)	
Yajai Sitthimongkol (SEARO)	
Ameporn Ratinthoom (SEARO)	
Ex-Officio	Apologies
Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu	Howard Catton (ICN)
Carey McCarthy	Roa Altaweli (ICM)
Elizabeth Madigan (STTI)	Pandora Hardtman (Jhpiego)
Abigail Kazembe (AFREhealth)	Jody Lori (Midwifery Network)
Nancy Reynolds (JHSON)	
Maria Docal (JHSON)	
Oscar Ocho (PANMCC)	
Marie Klingberg-Allvin (Midwifery Network)	

Minutes:

1. Welcome

1.1 Attendees and apologies

As Co-Chair, Dean of Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University, Professor Yajai Sitthimongkol welcomed all meeting attendees and introduced the new Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ameporn Ratinthoom. Apologies were noted.

1.2 Approval of Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting 15 March 2023

Actions and minutes were approved.

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

Dr. Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu emphasised the need to support nurses in senior health positions, noting it is part of her role to increase engagement in senior health positions. She highlighted the need to strengthen engagement of nurses and midwives within the 3 levels of WHO; HQ, Regional Offices, and Country Offices, to increase impact between member states. Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu also noted the need for a strategic communications strategy to develop



global communication and ensure that nurses and midwives are valued, respected, have fair working conditions, and have more engagement in global health, in WHO, and within member states to ensure a larger impact on the ground to work towards UHC for all.

Key updates:

- **The Alliance to Improve Midwifery Education (AIME):** a global alliance to strengthen global curricula to ensure they align with required competencies and encompass the latest scientific evidence and WHO recommendations.
- **WHO Strategic Technical Advisory Group for Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent health and nutrition (STAGE):** to provide strategic and technical advice to WHO and will advise WHO on global priorities and emerging issues.
- **25x25x25 Campaign:** aims to close the training gap among nurses and midwives, with the objective of training 25% of nurses and midwives from 25 partner countries in basic emergency care by the end of 2025.

2. GNWHOCCNM Secretariat

2.1 LINKS Magazine

LINKS Magazine is due to be released in September as Volume 16, it aims to highlight WHO CC's in SEARO Region.

2.2 WHOCC Interviews

Prof. Michele Rumsey highlighted how successful the interviews have been, meeting with 39 out of 44 CC's. From these interviews, the Secretariat developed 8 recommendations for discussion;

1) Build network for collaboration on research and projects in similar fields

- Adalais Markaki (AMRO) is similarly collectively analysing the TOR's from AMRO and aligning them with the SDNM.

Action 1: Secretariat aims to link all CC's working within the same SDNM, against their ToR's, to promote engagement and collaboration within the network.

2) Funding webinar – funding projects of Collaborative Centers

- Members emphasised that funding opportunities needs to be priority for nurses and midwives. It was suggested we look at WHO CC's outside of nursing and midwifery to see how they are receiving funding whilst still providing support to WHO. It was highlighted that the lack of funding leads to a lack of human resources.

Action 2: Secretariat to organise Funding Webinar to support CC's.

3) Building research, evidence and policy together

- Members agree on the need for more research on nurse migration to support future interventions.
- Members discussed strengthening our partnerships, some CC's have expressed wanting to engage with midwifery networks.

Action 3: Secretariats will connect the Midwifery Network with those CC'S.

4) Collation of resources, guidelines, policies, toolkits etc. against SDNM

- Member discussions on the need to increase resources and tools for working in low-resource settings.



Action 4: Secretariat will continue to promote the sharing of tools and resources in CoP, possibility to include a section for low-resource settings

- 5) Support WHO HQ CNO initiatives and work
- 6) What is a WHO CC – translation of evidence to practice and impact.

Action 5: Possibility to draft a piece of work and that defines a CC and is aligned with the Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu's communication strategy.

- 7) LINKS Magazine to be used as a tool to highlight WHOCCNM case studies for funding applications
- 8) Regional Nurse Advisor information to be added to website

2.3 ICN, Montreal, July 2023

Photos and comments were shared from the meeting. It was agreed that having GNWHOCCNM meetings along with larger regional meetings/conferences was successful and promoted communication and collaboration among CC's.

2.4 ICM, Bali, June 2023

Brief overview of ICM was provided along with photos.

2.5 WHO COP Webinars

Opportunities for funding webinars was discussed earlier.

3. Partnership and Regional Updates

3.1 Regional Updates

3.2 Partner Updates

It was discussed whether region updates and partner updates should occur in alternate meetings to ensure they are not missed.

Action 6: It was requested that if anyone wished to share updates, they would advise the Secretariat prior to the meeting, to reserve a time to give their updates

4. Other Business

No further discussions we had.

5. Upcoming meetings

Discussions on future meetings occurred, members were reminded to send the Secretariat information on upcoming events and meetings for dissemination.

Action 7: Secretariat will send out Exec Meeting schedule for 2024.

Action No.	Action	Responsible Party	Status
Action 1	Secretariat aims to link all CC's working within the same SDNM, against their ToR's, to promote engagement and collaboration within the network.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Ongoing
Action 2	Secretariat to organise Funding Webinar to support CC's.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	12 th December 2023 – 2 sessions
Action 3	Secretariats will connect the Midwifery Network with those CC'S.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat / Midwifery Network	Ongoing
Action 4	Secretariat will continue to promote the sharing of tools and resources in CoP, possibility to include a section for low-resource settings.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Completed / Ongoing
Action 5	Possibility to draft a piece of work and that defines a CC and is aligned with the Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu' s communication strategy.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Ongoing
Action 6	It was requested that if anyone wished to share updates, they would advise the Secretariat prior to the meeting, to reserve a time to give their updates.	All	Completed / Ongoing
Action 7	Secretariat will send out Exec Meeting schedule for 2024.	WHO CC UTS Secretariat	Ongoing