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Purpose

To establish a global voice and vision for the future of nursing and midwifery that will advance global health while simultaneously strengthening professional roles.

Strategy

*Bring key stakeholders together,
globally and by region,
to plan for the future
of global health and
nursing and
midwifery.*

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GAPFON Core Panel Members

Process

- 2014 - Core panel identified:
  - Three priority global health issues
  - Four professional issues
  - 12 supportive strategies
  - "Global health" and "global nursing" definitions
- 2015-2016 Regional Meetings:
  - Stakeholders selected
  - Seven regional meetings convened
- Evaluation:
  - After each regional meeting
  - Data summarization

Core Panel Consensus

Professional Issues

- Leadership
- Policy (including research)
- Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
- Education/Curriculum

Global Health Issues

- Communicable Disease Outbreaks
- Disaster Preparedness & Response
- Maternal Child Health

Regional Meetings 2015-2016

To identify, prioritize and address key issues, especially those where nursing and midwifery can take the lead to advance global health.

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Examples of participants

World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office Representatives	Presidents & CEO's of National Nursing Organizations	Chief Nursing Officers from Ministries of Health and Health Systems
School of Nursing Deans and Practice Setting CNOs	STTI Regional Coordinators	Other key stakeholders

Regional Meeting Process:

- Pre-Meeting Survey
  - Survey results
- Consensus Building – by "Table" [pre-determined to ensure mix of experts]
  - Discussion, Debate, Reporting
- Consensus Building – Whole Group
  - Discussion, Debate, Consensus
- Priorities: Global and Regional
  - Global and Regional Health Issues
  - Professional Issues
- Strategies for action

Regional Results

South East Asia/Pacific Rim | Regional Meeting |

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South East Asia/Pacific Rim
Global Health Issues

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- Non-Communicable Diseases

- Chronic Disease

- Aging/Aged

- Maternal Child Health

- Mental Health/Suicide

- Communicable Diseases

- Disaster Preparedness

South East Asia/ Pacific Rim
Professional Issues

1. Policy (including Research)
2. Leadership
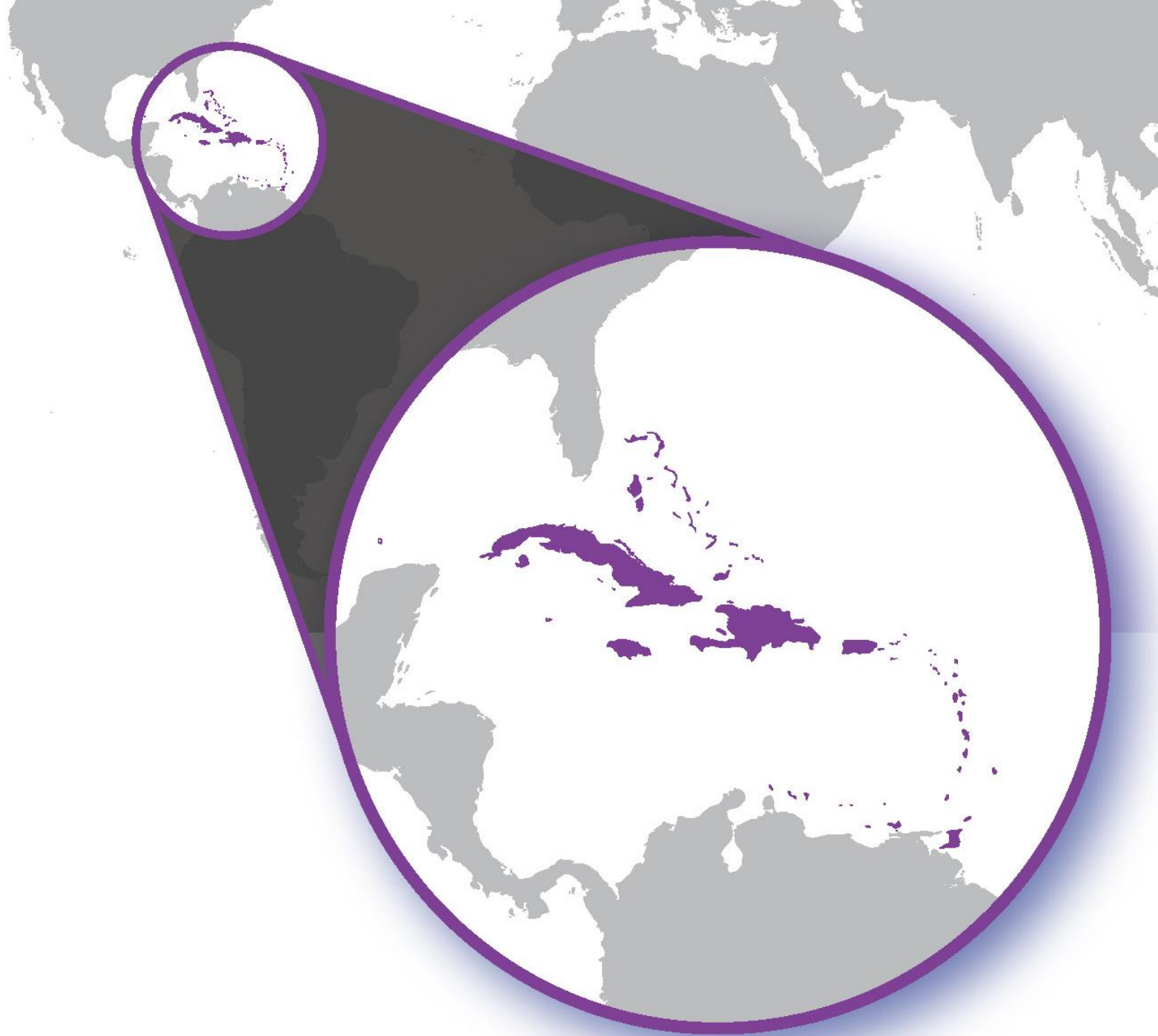3. Education/Curriculum
4. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice

Caribbean Regional Meeting

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Caribbean
Global Health Issues

- Mental Health/Substance abuse

- Non-Communicable Diseases/Chronic Disease

- Maternal Child Health

- Communicable Disease

- Disaster Preparedness and Response

- Healthy Aging

Caribbean Professional Issues

1. Leadership
2. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice
3. Policy (including Research)
4. Education/Curriculum

- Cultural diversity awareness and its impact on healthcare and health systems was noted as important regarding all professional issues.

Latin/Central America Regional Meeting

Latin/Central America
Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases

- Maternal Child Health

- Communicable Diseases

- Disaster Preparedness

- Mental Health/Violence/Substance Abuse

- Aging

Latin/Central America
Professional Issues

1. Leadership
1. Policy (tie)
3. Education/Curriculum
4. Workforce/Work Environment/Practice

- Leadership was identified as a predominant theme for all professional issues.

- Stakeholders suggested a model would better reflect the relationships among the professional issues instead of rank ordering.

North America Regional Meetings
Groups 1 and 2

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North America
Global Health Issues

Group 1

- Diseases
- Mental Health/Violence
- Poverty/Health Disparities
- Maternal Child Health

Group 2

- Health Equity/Poverty
- Mental Health
- Non-Communicable Diseases/Chronic Diseases
- Disaster Preparedness

North America
Professional Issues

Group 1

Group 2

Middle East Regional Meeting

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Middle East
Global Health Issues

- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health

Middle East Professional Issues

Europe Regional Meeting

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Europe
Global Health Issues

- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health
- Aging
- Maternal Child Health
- Migrant/Refugee Health Care Issues
- Communicable Diseases

Europe
Professional
Issues

Africa Regional Meeting

Africa
Global Health Issues
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- Maternal Child Health
- Communicable Diseases
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Mental Health

Africa
Professional Issues

Leadership

Policy*

Education/Curriculum

Workforce/Practice

Image of Nursing/Professionalism

Capacity Building
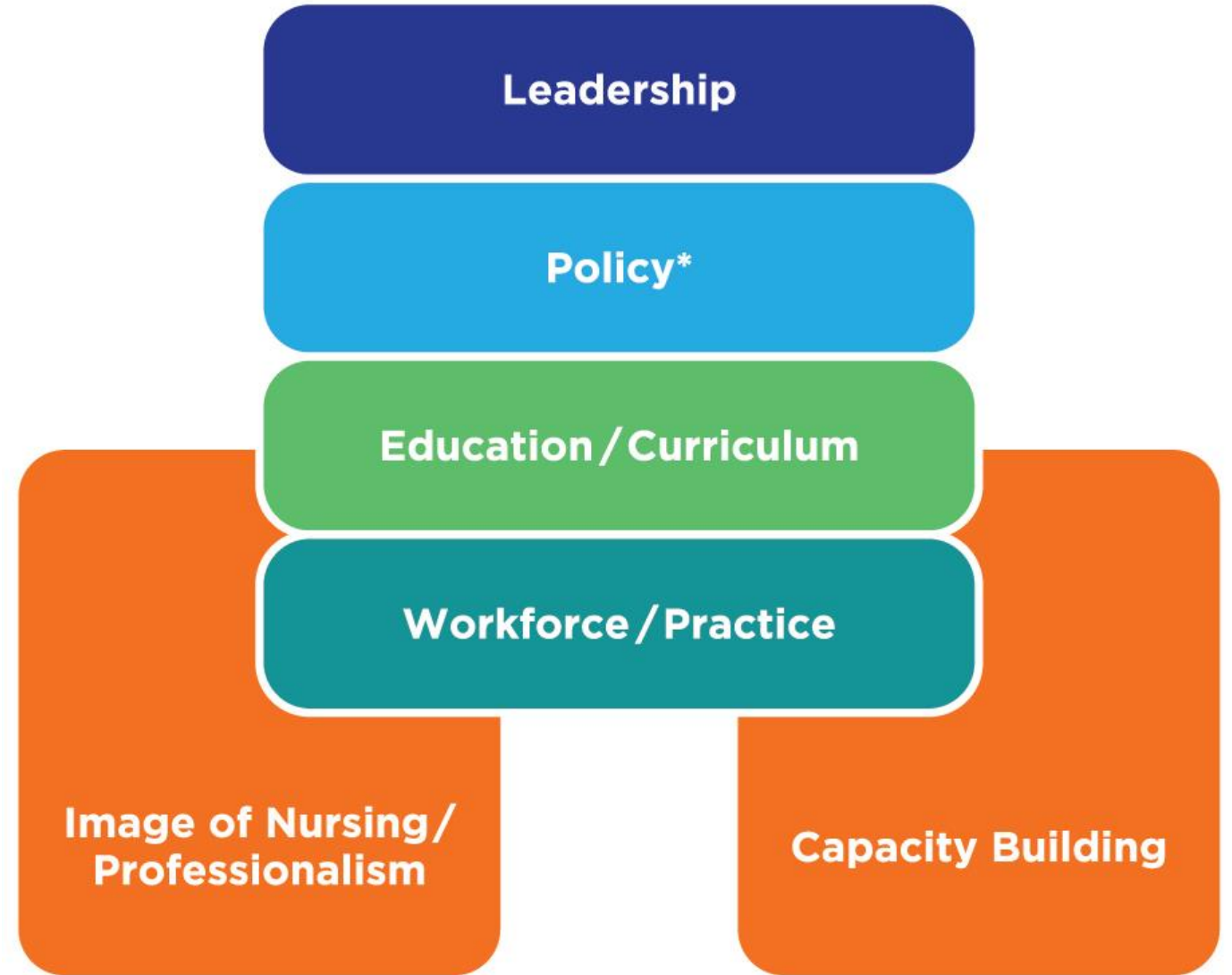
*Including regulation/accreditation regarding nursing profession and health systems

Synthesis

- Initial Core Panel recommendations
- Regional meeting data
- Second Core Panel review
- Executive Committee synthesis of data

The Report

The Global Advisory Panel
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2014–2017

The GAPFON™ Model

Nursing and Midwifery

Global Health Stakeholders

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Numerous strategies in each of these areas were suggested to address Global Health Issues and Professional Issues

Policy/Regulation

Research

Leadership

Workforce

Education

Practice

Nursing and Midwifery

Sample strategies for each priority area:

Leadership

- Cultivate and position leaders at all levels.

- Establish and participate in intersectoral collaboration to strengthen health systems & improve population health outcomes.

- Lead coalitions to address equity and health issues.

- Develop and mentor the next generation of leaders.

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- **Align a united nursing and midwifery policy voice.**

- **Create and implement an evidence-based policy and global health agenda.**

- **Promote election of nurses and midwives in decision-making positions in healthcare organizations and governmental and nongovernmental organizations.**

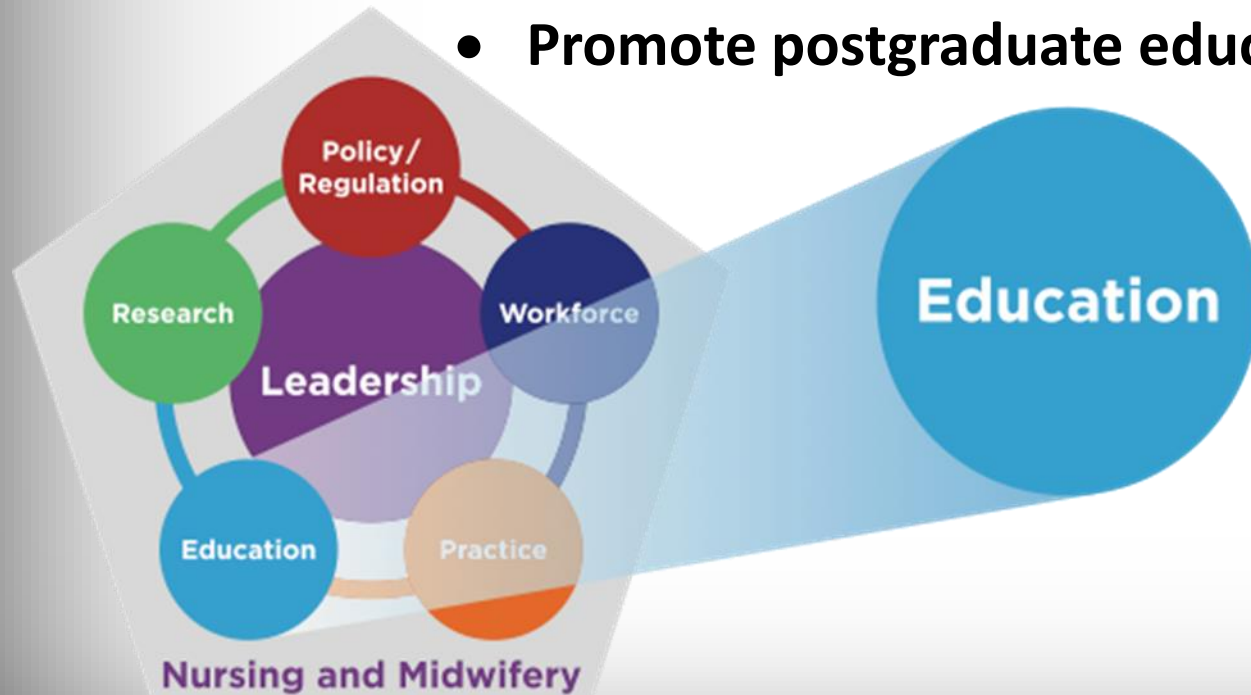- **Ensure regulation of nursing and midwifery licensure.**

- **Advance a systems approach to Human Resources for Health.**

- **Strengthen workforce to promote capacity building and quality nursing and midwifery practice.**

- **Develop retention strategies for nurses and midwives.**

- **Develop advanced practice roles, including competencies.**

- Promote regional cooperation to ensure a collective voice in expanding nursing and midwifery practice.

- Foster collaboration and sharing of opportunities to improve practice.

- Establish global standards for nursing and midwifery practice.

- Promote the family unit and the community as a key part of the health care continuum.

- Ensure accreditation of nursing and midwifery education programs.

- Develop education for interdisciplinary and collaborative work in communities and healthcare settings.

- Advocate for educational programs to be transformative, innovative and current for changing populations and service models.

- Promote postgraduate education for nurses and midwives.

Policy/Regulation

Research

Leadership

Workforce

Education

Practice

Nursing and Midwifery

Education

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Research

- **Mentor next-generation of nurse & midwifery researchers/scientists.**

- **Utilize evidence to inform health policy in relation to priority health issues.**

- **Document evidence of the contribution of nursing and midwifery to disease prevention and positive health outcomes regionally and globally.**

- **Advocate for policies that optimize research and the scope of evidence-based nursing and midwifery practice.**

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Implementation

- Develop partnerships with organizations to create implementation plans that will include recommendations, actions steps and target outcomes to address the strategies.

- Partners will have an interest in, and mission specific to Leadership, Policy including Regulation, Practice, Workforce, Education, and Research, as they relate to global health and professional issues.

Implementation Plans

Will be available for broad distribution

To be used as appropriate by countries and regions

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Conclusion

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- Core Panel engagement
- Data from Global Experts
- Evaluation, analysis, and synthesis of data
- GAPFON Report 2014-2017
- Development of the GAPFON Model and Strategies for provide a blueprint for action
- Implementation planning

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