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Central to the achievement of the Agenda for Sustainable Development is an adequate, equitably distributed and fully supported health workforce. The International Council of Nurses' (ICN) 2025 report *Caring for nurses strengthens economies* reinforces the central role of nurses in achieving the health-related targets of the SDGs. The 2025 State of the World's Nursing report provides extraordinarily valuable and robust nursing data and ICN strongly encourages policy-makers, nursing associations, regulators, development partners, partner organizations and other stakeholders to use this report for policy dialogue and decision-making on how and where to strengthen nursing to achieve universal health coverage and the other health-related SDGs.