



# Global Health and the Nursing Agenda

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- Federation of over 130 national nurses associations (NNAs)
- The voice of the more than 20 million nurses worldwide.
- Founded in 1899; 1<sup>st</sup> NGO recognised by WHO
- First and widest reaching international organisation for health professionals

Enhancing the health of individuals, populations and societies by:

- championing the contribution and image of nurses worldwide
- advocating for nurses at all levels
- advancing the nursing profession
- influencing health, social, economic and education policy



# MISSION

To represent nursing worldwide, advancing the profession and influencing health policy.

# VISION

Represent the voice of nurses from around the world

Influence health, social & economic policy through the sharing of evidence and best practice

Envision a world where human rights are respected and protected

Work in partnership & collaboration to advance the profession

Seek to improve the wellbeing of nurses and the health of populations

# ICN Pillars

Professional Practice

Regulation

Socio-Economic Welfare





On-demand access to healthcare.



Higher expectations by our patients and employers.



Stronger focus on patient experience.



New technologies and new treatments means a difference way of providing care.





# What is global health?

Low and middle income countries

Health issues between countries

Political science

Law

Determinants of health

International

Multi-disciplinary

Trans-boundary

Economics

Civil society organizations

The world's population

Strictly clinical medicine & public health

Philanthropic organisations



# Global Health Challenges



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OVERVIEW

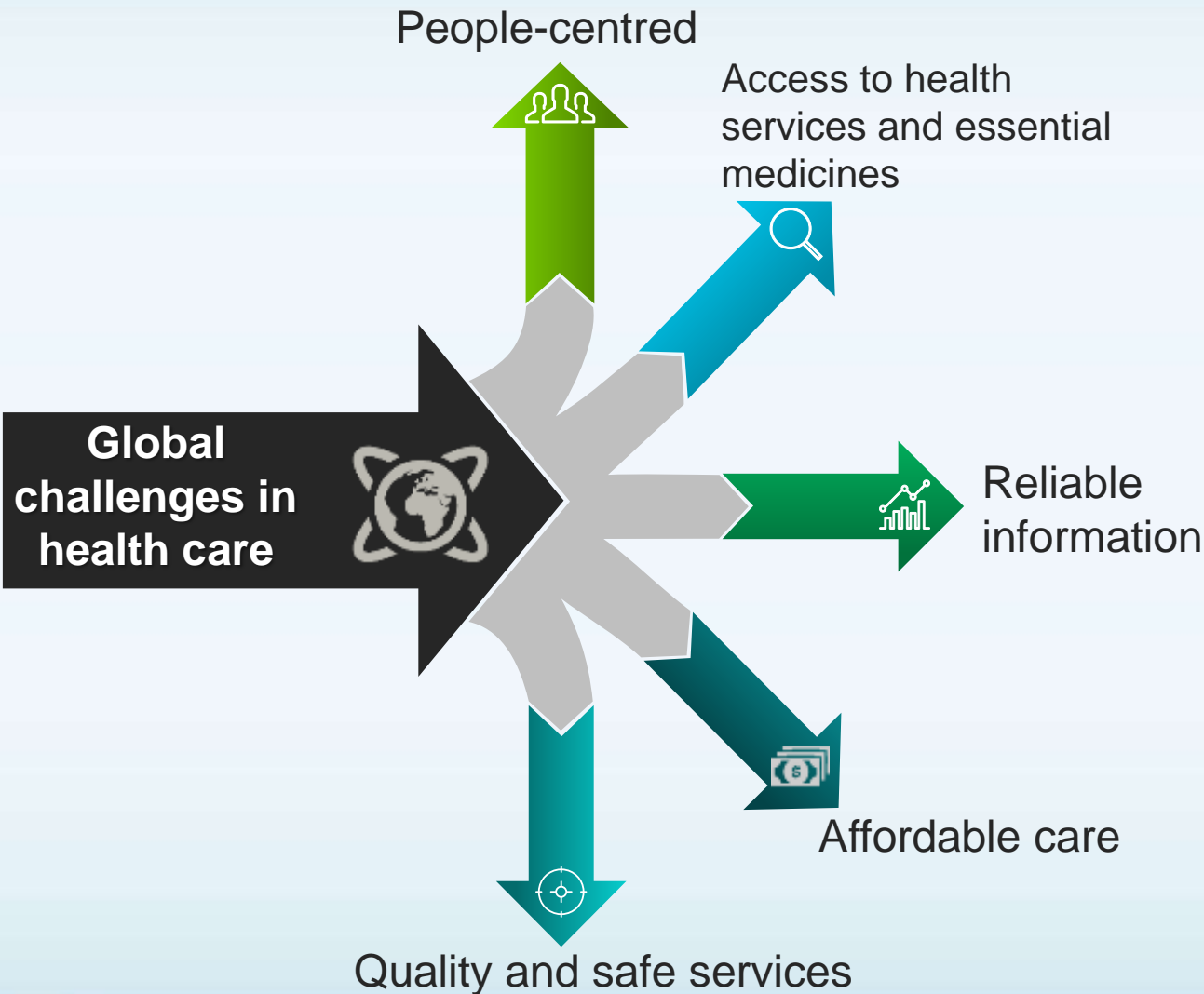
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epidemic

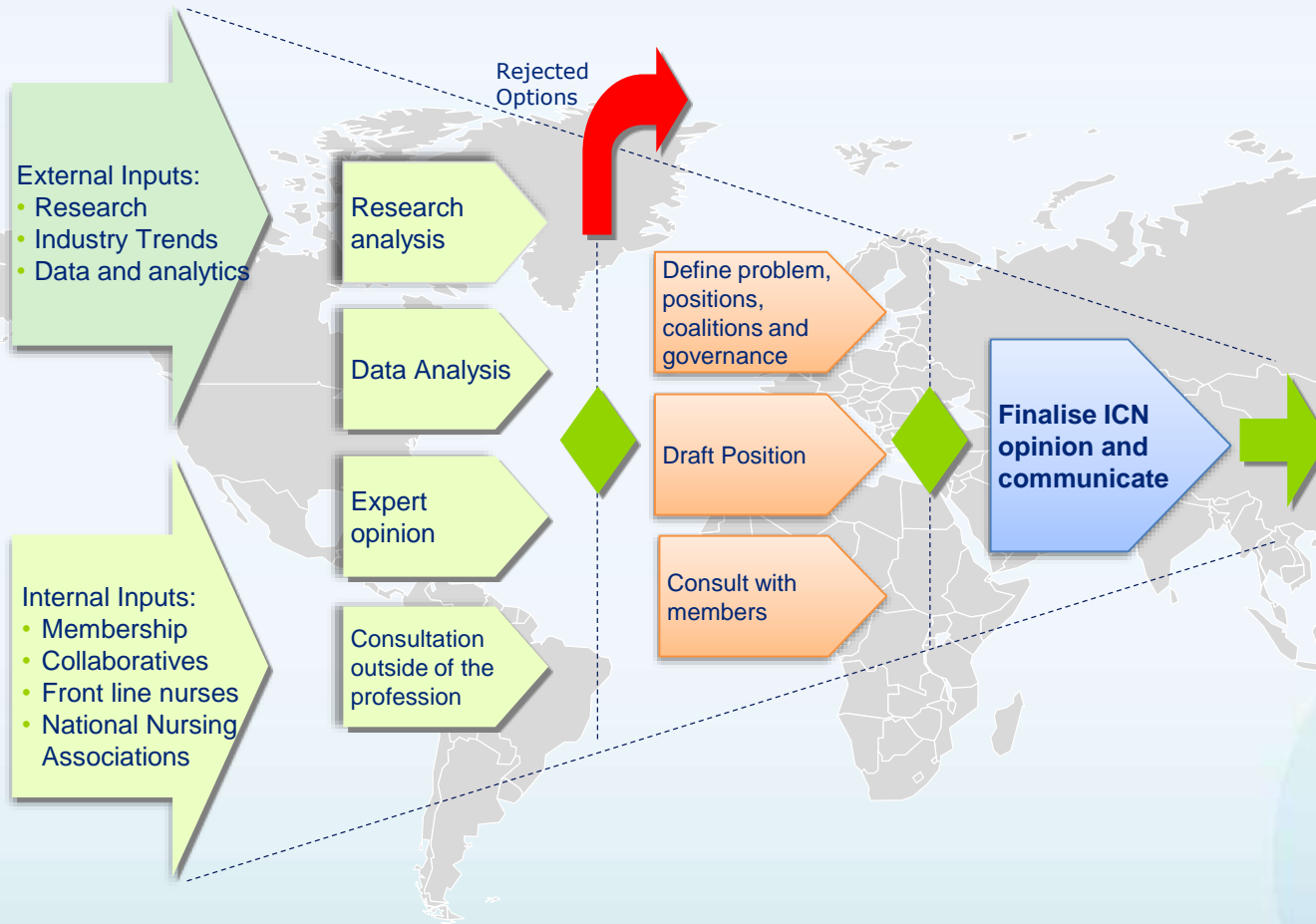
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# Global Healthcare Challenges



# Integrating Nursing into the global health agenda



## Outputs

Our positions are used to inform the global health agenda. Recent examples include:

NCD's



Patient safety



Primary Health Care



Human Rights



Safe staffing





# Developing Strategic Priorities

## Global Health Priorities



## ICN Strategic Priorities





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HEALTH  
COVERAGE:  
EVERYONE,  
EVERYWHERE**



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***“The Right of Every Individual to Basic Health Services Is My Top Priority”***

(Dr. Tedros, 2017)

Director-General of World Health Organization



***PHC is the road to UHC***



# What is access to quality care?

## **Equitable**

Providing care that does not vary in quality on account of gender, ethnicity, geographic location, and socio-economic status

## **Effective**

Providing evidence-based healthcare services to those who need them

## **Integrated**

Providing care that makes available the full range of health services throughout the life course

**Quality care**



## **People-centred**

Providing care that responds to individual preferences, needs and values

## **Safe**

Avoiding injuries to people for whom the care is intended

## **Timely**

Reducing waiting times and sometimes harmful delays

## **Efficient:**

Maximizing the benefit of available resources and avoidable waste





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HEALTH  
COVERAGE**  
UN HLM  
2019



# Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World

September 23, 2019

SDG mid-point



# The not so good news about nursing



01 | There is a maldistribution of nurses



02 | Global shortage of nurses



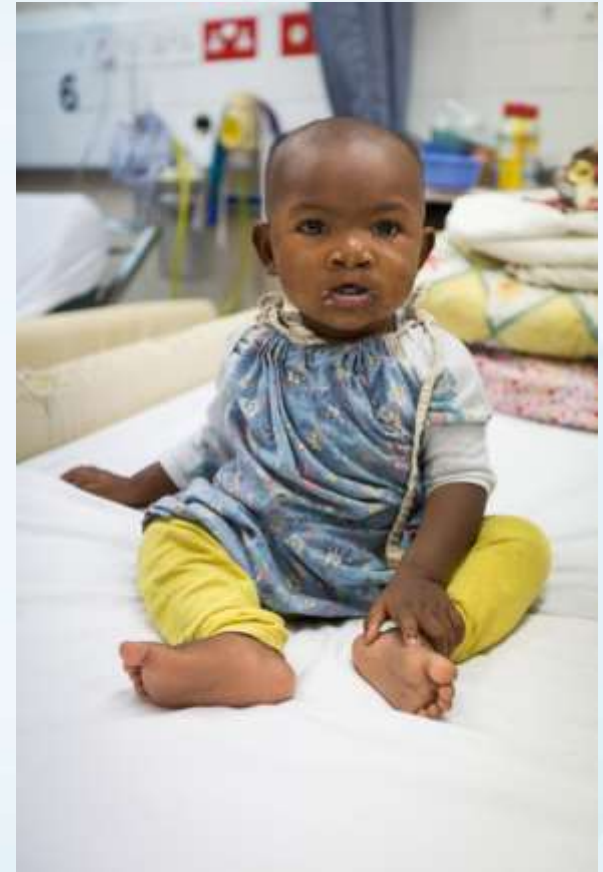
03 | Safe staffing levels



04 | Workforce supply and retention



05 | Lack of consistency



# Good news about nursing



# The way forward

The value add of nursing roles...

## Person Centred Care 01

- Improved hospital experience for patients
- Improved patient involvement in care
- Improved health literacy



Person  
centred care.

High quality  
workforce



## 02 Workforce

- Better work environments
- More highly educated workforce
- Higher staff satisfaction
- Decreased staff turnover

Improved  
health and  
health services

## Value 03



Better value  
services



Improved  
quality and  
safety

## 04 Quality & safety

- Improved patient safety
  - ✓ Lower failure to rescue
  - ✓ Lower odds of mortality
- Improved quality measures

(Needleman & Hassmiller, 2009; Goetz, Janney, & Ramsey, 2011)

(Flynn et al., 2010; Stimpfel et al., 2016)

(Forster, 2005; Francis, 2013; Garling, 2008; Flynn et al., 2010; Kelly et al., 2011; Stimpfel et al., 2014; Stimpfel, Sloane, McHugh, & Aiken, 2016)

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# ICN Policy Development

- 01** | Disaster Nursing Competencies
- 02** | Advanced Practice Nursing
- 03** | Code of Ethics
- 04** | ICNP Products
- 05** | WHO Collaboration Plan 2019 - 2021
- 06** | New position statements







# 1. ICN's Global Impact

Inform and influence the design and implementation of health, social, educational and economic policies at a global and regional level to promote health for all.



## 2. Membership Empowerment

Strengthen National Nursing Associations (NNAs) across the three pillars of ICN to enable them to address key challenges at regional and national levels



### 3. Strategic Leadership

Provide strategic leadership to advance the nursing profession to meet current and future needs of the population, health systems (including health and social care) and nurses



## 4. Innovative Growth

Identify, secure and diversify business and revenue generating opportunities, consistent with our values, to attain ICN goals

# Making the nursing voice heard





# ICN Interventions at the 72<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly

- 01 Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 02 Universal health coverage – Primary health care towards universal health coverage
- 03 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly in health related issues – Prevention and control of NCDs
- 04 Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products
- 05 Preparation for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis
- 06 Promoting the health of refugees and migrants
- 07 Patient safety – Global action on patient safety
- 08 2020 : International Year of Nursing and Midwifery
- 09 Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health

# The Global Voice of Health



# 2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife



**#Nurses2020**





# Nursing now



# ICN POSITION STATEMENTS

31 position statements under review



8 published:

- *Evidence-based safe nurse staffing*
- *Nurses and climate change*
- *Antimicrobial resistance*
- *Occupational health and safety*
- *Prevention & management of workplace safety*
- *Health services for MRDPs*
- *Substandard and falsified medical products*
- *Nurses and disaster risk prevention and reduction*

4 Drafts:

- *Nurses and disaster risk prevention and reduction*
- *International career mobility & ethical nurse recruitment*
- *Nurses and primary healthcare*
- *Quality and patient safety*

Over the next 12 months

- *Human Rights*
- *Nursing care of the older person*
- *Mental health*
- *Immunization*
- *Nursing and healthcare in conflict*
- *Women's health*
- *Gender Equality*

Over the next 18 months

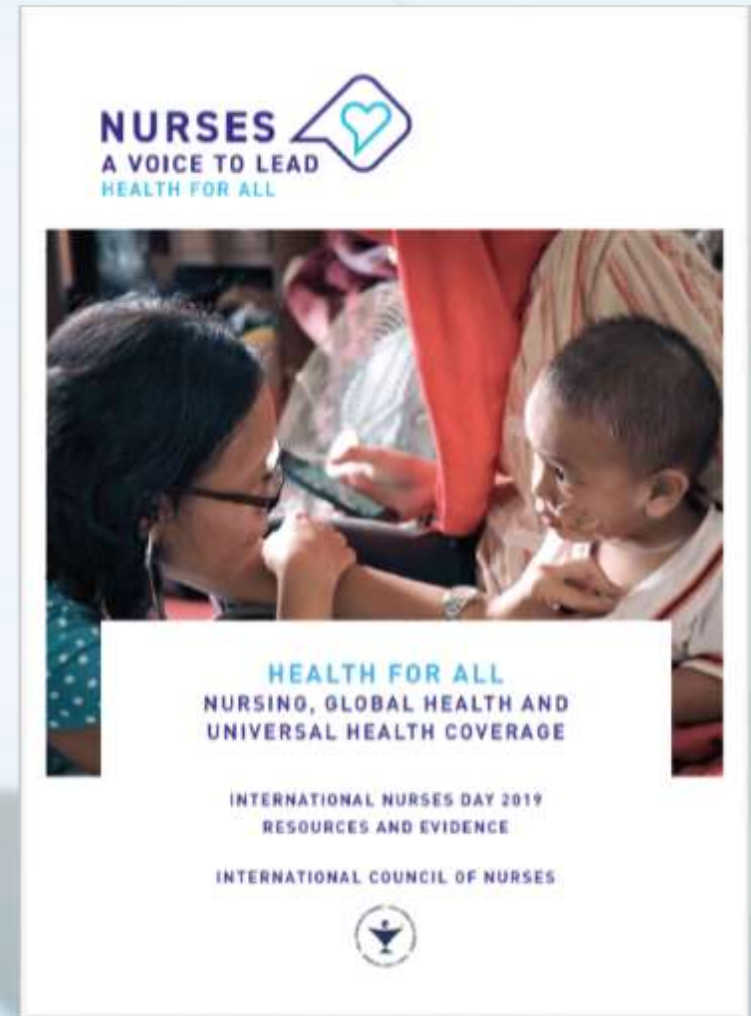
- *Tobacco use and health*
- *International trade agreements*
- *The care and treatment of individual with developmental/intellectual disabilities*
- *Elimination of female genital mutilation*
- *Non-discrimination (new)*
- *Assistive or support nursing personnel (Support worker)*
- *Breastfeeding*



# Sharing nursing's voice from around the world



## Nurses: A Voice to Lead Health for All



# Get involved

Across the globe, we are seeing extraordinary examples of people driving change through social movements. Whether it is marginalised groups fighting for their rights, people dedicating their time and resources to issues that matter to them, or local communities coming together to support each other - people in social movements are changing the world.

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# How can you be a voice to lead?



As a profession



As an individual



As a member of a multidisciplinary team



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