
FIP Commitment to actions

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FIP, as the global organisation representing over 3 million pharmacists around the world has invested 2 million US dollars over the last 5 years to support the development of robust education systems for pharmacists, to ensure that there is a competent, well distributed and sufficient pharmaceutical workforce.

Our efforts lead to the organisation last month of the first Global Conference on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Education, which concluded with the adoption of a Global Vision for Pharmaceutical Education and Workforce, 13 Pharmaceutical Workforce Development Goals and 55 Statements representing the international expectations on what an effective pharmaceutical education system looks like to meet local needs.

All these documents clearly align with the work and recommendations of the Commission, and highlight how a health profession (in our case pharmacists) can translate its support of the Commission conclusions into actions.

While our activities will focus on most recommendations, I would like to highlight specific commitments on 4 specific recommendations:

On recommendation 3, around Education, training and skills, FIP will develop an action plan to support and monitor the implementation of the Global Vision, the Pharmaceutical Workforce Development Goals as well as providing technical assistance to implement the 55 statements on good pharmaceutical education system.

FIP will also update its Statement of Policy on Good Pharmacy Education Practice, to reflect these conclusions as well as the Recommendations of the Commission.

With regards to recommendation 4 on Health service Delivery and organization, FIP will continue to identify and share best practices on optimizing the contribution of community pharmacies in service delivery, through the development of a report on the role of pharmacies as entry gate to

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healthcare system, as well as a series of recommendations, all to be released in 2017. We will continue to support our national associations in being an active contributor in the national dialogue around health service delivery and organisation, through the personalised technical assistance provided by FIP head office.

With regards to the recommendation 8 on Partnership and cooperation, FIP is committed to continue to engage in intersectoral collaboration, including in the newly established Global Health Workforce Network hosted by the World Health Organization.

Finally, with regards **to the recommendation 10 on Data, Information and Accountability**, since 2006, FIP has been collected data on pharmacists and other pharmaceutical workforce and analyse trends. FIP is keen to participate in the effort of the interagency global data exchange on health labour market, by sharing its expertise and data, that will be gathered into an online FIP Global Pharmacy Observatory to be launched within 18 months.

Please be assured of the commitment of FIP and the 3 million pharmacists in supporting the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission. Thank you for your attention.

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