

# Global Partners Meeting on Nursing and Midwifery—Concept Note

## Concept Note + Provisional Agenda + Indicative List of Participants

### Introduction

The Global Partners Meeting (GPM) for Nursing and Midwifery (formerly called the “Triad Meeting”) provides a strategic opportunity for policy dialogue and planning on nursing and midwifery contributions to stronger and more resilient communities and health systems. It is also a critical time to take stock of progress on the [Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025](#). The meeting occurs at the midpoint of data reporting for the *State of the World’s Nursing (SoWN) 2025* report, an important time to review data and address any gaps prior to the close of data reporting for this landmark report.

### Background

For almost 20 years, the WHO, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and the International Council of Nurses (ICN) convened the Member State government chief nursing and midwifery officers (GCNMO) and the leaders of the national nursing associations and national midwifery associations for the “Triad Meeting”. The purpose of the Triad Meeting was to enhance the engagement of national leaders to advance the nursing and midwifery workforce agenda in their countries. In mid-2023, leaders from the former “Triad” decided to broaden participation to key partners in nursing and midwifery education, regulation, migration, research, and leadership. This development also reflects WHO’s mandate as the world’s directing and coordinating authority on international health work and its acknowledgement of the broad and ever-increasing range of actors who help achieve their health goals.

### Meeting Information

The provisional **dates** of the GPM are 23-24 May 2024. The **format** is a hybrid meeting with physical space for approximately 150 proportionally-representative in-person delegates. The **venue** for the in-person delegates will be the Hotel Mercure in Geneva. The virtual portion will be live-streamed on the online conference platform established by the WHO Health Workforce Department. Simultaneous interpretation in the WHO languages will be available for both remote and in-person participants. WHO will convene in-person and virtual GCNMOs separately in the afternoon of 24 May.

The meeting **objectives** are 1) to enhance nursing and midwifery leadership at national, regional and international levels to in the context of broader health workforce, health systems and global health priorities, 2) to take stock of progress and accelerate implementation of the *Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025*, and 3) to strengthen the engagement in and data reporting capacity for the *State of the Worlds Nursing 2025* and future *State of the World’s Midwifery* reports.

With respect to objective 3, the status of data reporting for the *State of the Worlds Nursing 2025* will be presented to MS and key partners. Discussion will be facilitated regarding predominant gaps; approaches and strategies will be developed to fill-in data and information in particularly challenging but critical topic areas. While the GPM falls during data collection for SoWN 2025, the focus is equally relevant for midwifery colleagues and partners because the same indicators and reporting processes will be used for the *State of the World’s Midwifery 2026 report*, planning for which will begin in late 2024.

Provisional Agenda\* for the Global Partners Meeting for Nursing and Midwifery 23-24 May 2024

<i>Opening and Welcome from the hosting organizations</i>	
<i>Thursday 23 May 0830-0900</i>	
○ Official opening by the WHO Chief Nursing Officer, Dr, Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu	
○ Welcome by President of the International Confederation of Midwives, Sandra Oyarzo Torres	
○ Welcome by President of the International Council of Nurses, Dr. Pamela Cipriano	
○ Welcome by WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	
○ Introduction to the Global Partners Meeting for Nursing and Midwifery by Director, Health Workforce Department, James Campbell	
<i>Objective 1. Enhance nursing and midwifery leadership at national, regional and international levels in the context of broader health workforce, health systems and global health priorities</i>	
<i>Thursday 23 May 0900-1200</i>	
○ Health workforce development for post-COVID-19 models of health services delivery	
○ Harnessing nursing and midwifery roles in PHC-oriented health systems; opportunities to reduce financial hardships, and inequity in progress towards Universal Health Coverage, including standards and competencies for health promotion, provision, and protection	
○ Developing and strategically articulating “the investment case” for nursing and midwifery; consideration for contexts such as Small Island Developing States and LMIC.	
○ WHO resolutions under discussion at the 77 <sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly related to nursing and midwifery, as well as relevant WHO health policy resources and technical programmes	
<i>Meeting Objective 2. Take stock of progress and accelerate implementation of the Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2021-2025</i>	
<i>Thursday 23 May 1300-1700</i>	
○ Reflect on progress reported as part of mid-point monitoring and round-out with examples of country and Region-level progress, challenges, priorities (for reporting against WHA74.15)	
○ Leveraging the SDNM 2021-2025 to advance sustainable midwifery-led models of care	
○ Explore opportunities for advancing SDNM with strategic engagement of wider partners group	
<i>Objective 3. Strengthen the engagement in and data reporting capacity for the State of the World’s Nursing 2025 and future State of the World’s Midwifery reports (with DEK colleagues)</i>	
<i>Friday 24 May 0800-1200</i>	
○ Review status of data reporting; discuss and strategize on data gaps in prioritized areas	
○ Review status of “deep dives on key topics” and provide feedback for development	
○ Explore data priorities and potential challenges and solutions for future SoWMy reports.	
<b><i>End of the meeting for non-Member State participants at lunchtime on Friday 24 May 2024</i></b>	
<i>WHO-organized session with Member State representatives for nursing and midwifery</i>	
<i>Friday 24 May 1300-1700</i>	
○ Review of data and discussion with RO focal points on reporting support opportunities	
○ WHA governance process for SDNM/WHA74.15 at EB156 and WHA78	
<b><i>Close of meeting for all participants</i></b>	

\* Agenda finalization will be an iterative process involving the 3-levels of WHO and consensus with partnering organizations, and input from key stakeholders including Member States nursing and midwifery representatives.