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Global Nursing Review Initiative: Policy Options and Solutions

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This is the second issue of the Project Communiqué for the *Global Nursing Review Initiative: Policy Options and Solutions*. The purpose of the communiqué is to keep interested parties informed of the International Council of Nurses' work on the global nursing workforce shortage, and to share related news in the area of health human resources development.

Project News

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) and its sister organisation, the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, are pleased to announce the release of ***The Global Shortage of Registered Nurses: An Overview of Issues and Actions*** available on-line at:

<http://www.icn.ch/global/shortage.pdf>

The Report, which was distributed electronically to over 3,000 individuals who share ICN's interest in health human resources (HR) planning, has received tremendous response and feedback from all regions of the world.

"Many thanks indeed for this valuable and timely report. It is a valuable resource for some of the regions which are trying hard to counteract this global shortage."

"Thanks for this important document. It is timely given that a few more organizations have now recognized the impact of shortages of nurses and midwives globally."

"What an excellent review. It will provide so much evidence for so many of us struggling with this issue."

The Report is the first result of ICN's programme of work examining the crucial issue of global nursing shortages. It will be complemented by a series of issue-based papers examining specific global and regional aspects of the nursing workforce in more detail. Together, these products will inform a high level meeting in March 2005 addressing solutions to the challenges facing the global nursing workforce.

High Level Consultation on the Global Nursing Workforce

The High Level Consultation represents a critical phase of the ICN-led project. The consultation will bring together approximately 30 representatives of governments, employers, donors, policy analysts, planners, researchers, and nursing organisations to address priority workforce policy issues and generate recommendations related to the global nursing workforce and nursing shortages. Relevant observers have also been invited to attend the proceedings.

Other HR News

Second High-Level Forum on the Health Millennium Development Goals

Heads of donor agencies, ministers and senior officials discussed Health Human Resources in Abuja, Nigeria 2-4 December 2004. For more information visit:

<http://www.hlfhealthmdgs.org/>

Joint Learning Initiative

The Joint Learning Initiative (JLI) Strategy Report *Human Resources for Health: Overcoming the crisis* is now available electronically at:

<http://www.globalhealthtrust.org/Report.html>

The report details the JLI findings and recommendations.

Global Forum for Health Research: Helping Correct the 10/90 Gap

The Global Forum's annual meeting took place in Mexico City on 16-20 November 2004. The Forum provided an opportunity for presentations and exchange of views on key issues on the global health agenda. This year's theme focused on examining the health research needed to meet each of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

To learn more visit:

<http://www.globalforumhealth.org/forum8/>

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