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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The International Council of Nurses (ICN), founded in 1899, is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Our strategic areas of action are:
 - 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.
 - 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
 - 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.
 - Innovative Growth: Identify, secure and diversify business and revenue generating opportunities, consistent with our values, to attain ICN goals.

- Our priorities:
 - Universal Health Coverage
 - Non-communicable Diseases
 - Primary Health Care
 - Human Resources for Health
 - Person-Centred Care
 - Patient Safety
 - Antimicrobial Resistance
 - Mental Health
 - Immunisation
 - Sustainable Development Goals

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

ICN moves health and nursing forward in many ways, including leadership training for its members, ensuring nurses have a voice in the development and implementation of health policy and advocating for investment in nursing worldwide. ICN collaborates with WHO and

other international agencies in projects, policies and publications related to the health and wellbeing of health care workers and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage. Overall, ICN works in three main areas: socio-economic welfare, regulation and education, and professional practice.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

ICN is governed by a board of directors containing 14 members representing all geographical areas of the world, which meets annually. The Council of National Nursing Association Representatives brings together representatives from all member national nurses associations every two years. Additionally, a major congress is held every two years. The current president of ICN is Annette Kennedy (2017-2021). The Chief Executive Officer is Howard Catton.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

ICN is supported financially by member associations, funds raised from Biennial Congresses and other events, and by project grants from partners and foundations.

PUBLICATIONS

Publication available on the website and related pages: <https://www.icn.ch/nursing-policy/regulation-and-education>

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