

Announcement

Leadership for Action:

The Contribution of Nurses and Midwives to
Health and the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

GLOBAL ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM
11-09-2006

Keynote address by Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al Hussain, Jordan

The **Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery Communities of Practice (GANM)**¹ invites nurses, midwives and allied health professionals from around the world to participate in the online Global Discussion Forum.

The Forum will be launched by Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al Hussain of Jordan and His Excellency Dr. S. Darwazah Minister of Health, Jordan, through a seven country video conference involving nursing and midwifery leaders from around the World.

Guest experts from the World Health Organization, Ministries of Health, Nursing and Midwifery Associations, international organizations, non governmental organizations and academic institutions from around the world will host the Forum.

This is **your opportunity** to share your views, experience, expertise, lessons learned on issues that affect you and your work.

Joining us will also provide you with membership to the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery **Community of Practice** with access to useful and up-to-date information from our libraries including resource materials, toolkits and educational opportunities.

Joining the community will allow you to **network with colleagues** and others from around the globe, as we learn from each other about how to address the challenges that face us, as we work to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities.

Everyone is welcome to join this discussion and encouraged to contribute. Your input will be acknowledged, collated into a daily digest of issues and sent out to members of the Community of Practice. The discussion will be moderated and therefore not overload your emails.

Topic for discussion

"Strengthening the role of nurses and midwives with effective leadership and appropriate policies and regulations"

The Global Discussion Forum starts on:

11th of September '06

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Registered participants will provide further instructions on September 6th

This Forum draws on the issues and messages contained in the World Health Report 2006 "Working Together for Health" and the Progress Report on the Implementation of World Health Assembly Resolution 56.12 "Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery Services."

Topic for discussion

Topic	Strengthening the role of nurses and midwives with effective leadership and appropriate policies and regulations
Theme	How can we ensure that nurses and midwives are actively involved and integrated into the policy and decision making process at all levels?
Issues for consideration	<p>Have we increased our capacity as leaders? In your experience how can nurses and midwives assume a leadership role?</p> <p>Are we at the decision-making table? If not, what are our challenges and what mechanisms can be used to enhance the decision-making role of nursing and midwifery leaders?</p> <p>What are the factors that have increased our capacity to influence policy? What have been the challenges and how have you overcome them?</p>

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