The WHO Forum for Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers, which was convened from 16–17 May 2012, addressed the role of nursing and midwifery in noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). All aspects of responding to NDCs within the context of health services delivered were discussed. At the conclusion of the Forum the nursing and midwifery leaders made commitments to address NCDs in the following areas.

Policy and advocacy to advocate with key partners for the promotion of a healthy workforce, integration of NCDs in relevant strategic documents, implementation of evidence based interventions and generation and maintenance of a pool of nursing experts in NCDs;

Research to address issues of efficacy, cost effectiveness of interventions, partnerships for innovative research projects and the use of technology;

Education to promote curricula which incorporates NCDs, ensure faculty preparedness to facilitate competencies in NCDs, continued education to on health promotion, NCDs prevention and care.

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