Second BRICS Countries Nurses Forum 2018
Delhi Declaration

1. We, the participating members at the Second BRICS Countries Nurses Forum acknowledge that nurses and midwives have an important role to play in accelerating the country led process and progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) that is essential to health for all.

2. Affirm our commitment to prepare and nurture nurse leaders who can significantly contribute towards health systems to optimize health outcomes and professional wellbeing through active engagement, empowered leadership and inter professional collaboration in different decision making levels for establishment of related policies.

3. Recognize the importance to develop or strengthen policies and regulations of nursing education and practice that promote knowledge, values and competencies in nurses and midwives to deliver high standards of nursing practice.

4. Reiterate the importance of increasing our efforts to create visibility, and professional standing in ensuring access to wide range of promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services at primary, secondary and tertiary levels.

5. Reaffirm our commitment to improve or establish competency based curricula, technology and give priority to preservice and in-service education and retraining of educators and managers oriented towards professional ethics, values, cultural diversity and national codes and internationally recognized standards of education and practice.

6. Affirm our commitment to produce adequate supply of competent nursing and midwifery practitioners who can provide affordable, accountable, appropriate health services of assured quality to individuals and populations addressing the wider determinants of health, with the government being the guarantor and enabler.

7. Pronounce our commitment to develop and support strategies, processes and systems at the country and global level to harness and sustain the transformative potential for innovations through articulating local priorities for UHC and share best practices and expertise relevant to nursing education, practice and research, thereby build and strengthen nurses' contribution towards achieving UHC in BRICS nations.

8. Value partnerships and commit to improve nursing and midwifery services through effective networking and partnerships with organizations and practice communities across BRICS countries, making use of new technology and other mechanisms.

For implementation of this declaration, we affirm our commitment to take suitable steps to prepare programmes of action taking into account of constitutional structure, provision and local priorities of every country.

Signatures

Brazilian Federal Council of Nurses
Russian Nurses Association
Indian Nursing Council
Chinese Nursing Association
Democratic Nursing Organization of South Africa (DENOSA)