

Appendix I. Selected NGOs in official relation with WHO (Table 2)

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African Medical and Research Foundation	AMREF	Health Systems and Policy Research		with empowered health care providers (mission) Capacity Building (mission)	"Better Health for Africa" (Vision) "that every African can enjoy the right to good health" (mission)			Networks of informed communities strong health systems, access to health through their active participation (mission)
Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences	CIOMS	International activities in the field of biomedical sciences						Collaborative relations with the United Nations
Global Forum for Health research		Catalyses global research applied to the health problems			Addresses the health problems of the poor. (Vision)			
Global Health Council, Inc.					Work to ensure global health for all	That all who strive for improvement and equity in global health have the information and resources they need		
Helen Keller International	HKI	Scientific and technical assistance and data			To reduce suffering of those without access to needed health care		Blindness and malnutrition.	Builds local capacity by establishing sustainable programs and ultimately, to help lift people from poverty
HelpAge International					Dignified, secure, active and healthy lives		growing older is not without its prob-	helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty

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							lems.	global network of like-minded organisations
Inclusion International	II		Global federation of family-based organizations				Intellectual disabilities	Advocating for the human rights of people with intellectual disabilities worldwide.
International Alliance of Patients' Organizations	IAPO		Global alliance representing patients of all nationalities across all disease areas		Promoting patient-centred healthcare around the world.			
International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities	IASSID	Dedicated to the scientific study of intellectual disability						
International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics	IALP	Facilitates international cooperation and collaboration about science, education and practice		Promoting high standards for physician education, licensure and regulation	To improve the quality of life of individuals with disorders ...		Communication disorders	Creates, shares and distributes information;- provides a platform for international networking.
International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities	IAMRA			High standards for medical education, physician evaluation and assessment, licensure, medical practice and professional conduct				To support medical regulatory authorities worldwide in protecting the public interest
International Council of Nurses	ICN			To represent nursing worldwide				Advancing the nursing profession and influencing health policy

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International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering	IFMBE		Provide high-quality scientific and educational publications	To promote and represent the profession at the international level	To promote health and quality of life through advancement of research, development, application and management of technology and to promote "better health for all humanity"			<p>Recognizing regional diversity, encourage and facilitate the formation of regional alliances to address regional issues.</p> <p>Implement a global network of societies</p> <p>Facilitate collaboration with medical societies</p> <p>Engineer human resource development through education and training</p> <p>Establish an Industrial Forum.</p>
International Federation of Health Records Organizations	IFHRO			<p>International health records/information management standards</p> <p>Education requirements and training programs</p>	Health records/information management in all countries			Supports national associations and health record professionals to implement and improve health records

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International Federation of Hospital engineering	IFHE	Compare international experience		To enable national engineering professional organizations to join in a worldwide federation Principle of integrated planning, design and evaluation by improved collaboration between the professions				Develop and disseminate hospital engineering technology
International Federation of medical Students' Association	IFMSA			Medical students' associations				
International Federation of Surgical Colleges	IFSC			Brings together many of the established Colleges and Associations of Surgeons				
International Federation on Ageing	IFA	Research and advocacy	Generating positive change for older people Information sharing and exchange		Improve quality of life of all persons as they age			Collecting, analyzing and disseminating information on rights, policies and practices Connection between NGOs, academia, policy makers, and the private sector

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International Organization for Standardization	ISO	World largest standards developing organization A range of standards from medical devices to the newest information technology developments						
International Pediatric Association	IPA	Best practices validated by evidenced based studies into all their professional activities		Design and implement education and training programs for pediatricians	Promote highest attainable standard of health for all children Pediatricians as leaders in promoting physical, mental, and social health for all children			Work with other partners in maternal and child health, including their government ministries of health, United Nations agencies at country and global levels, and donors

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International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics	ISPO			<p>Organization comprised of persons who have a professional interest in the clinical, educational and research aspects of prosthetics, orthotics, rehabilitation engineering and related topics</p> <p>Goal is to provide educational guidance through international co-operation</p>	Promote improvements in the care of all persons			Assisting professions, agencies and nations in improving their effectiveness
<i>International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine</i>	<i>ISPRM</i>	<i>Pre-eminent scientific ... society in PRM</i>		<i>... educational international society for practitioners in the field of physical and rehabilitation medicine</i>	<i>Help to improve the quality of life of people with impairments and disabilities.</i>			<i>To influence, help influence and give input to international health organizations with special emphasis on those dedicated to the physical and rehabilitation field.</i> <i>Collaboration with WHO.</i>

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Islamic Organization for medical Sciences	IOMS	To encourage research workers in the field of Islamic medical sciences		Link educational programmes, particularly in the field of Medicine, to the Islamic heritage and values				<p>To co-operate with national and international organizations and societies</p> <p>To co-ordinate efforts exerted in the field of health services in the Islamic World</p> <p>To establish health centers for the needy Muslims in the world</p>
Multiple Sclerosis International Federation	MSIF	International research			Improve the quality of life of people affected by MS		Multiple Sclerosis	<p>Advocacy</p> <p>Development of new and existing societies</p> <p>Linking the activities of national MS societies around the world</p>
Rehabilitation International	RI		Global network of people with disabilities, service providers, researchers, government agencies and advocates promoting and	Forum for the exchange of experience and information on research and practice	Implementing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities.			Works toward increasing international collaboration and advocates for policies and legislation recognizing the rights of people with disabilities, including the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Rotary International			Oldest service-club in the world.	Members are to follow the principles of 1. friendly relationships with each other, 2. high ethical principles in economic and business endeavours, 3. the service ideal of private, business and public function of every Rotarian.				Rotary Foundation supports health and education initiatives
Soroptimist International			Soroptimists work to promote social justice and equity and the empowerment of women through economic independence and greater participation in decision making at all levels.		a.o. Health for all			The worlds I Soroptimists seek to become an active influence for positive change in society through Awareness, Advocacy, and Action.

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The International Association of Lions Clubs			Lions Clubs International develops leaders. Strong commitment to young people through youth programs		Lions also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.	Lions Clubs International Foundation supports humanitarian service projects		
The International Society for Quality in Health Care Incorporated	ISQUA	Driving continual improvement in the quality and safety of healthcare worldwide through education, research, collaboration and the dissemination of evidence-based knowledge		Share expertise via an international multidisciplinary forum. Supported by members, including leading quality health care providers and agencies in 70 countries	Quality health care for all			Quality and safety in health care Promoting access for people throughout the world to safe, quality health care
The Network: Towards Unity for Health	TUFH	Promoting equity in health through community-oriented education, research and service		International organisation of academic health professions institutions and organizations.				Strategies Create partnerships between academic health professions institutions, and with stakeholders: communities; health services; health care providers and their professional organisations; and other sectors affecting health

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The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sight Savers International)	RCSB		Support people who are irreversibly blind by providing education, counselling and training		Sightsavers works to combat blindness in developing countries, restoring sight through specialist treatment and eye care		Blindness	
The World Medical Association, Inc.	WMA	... highest international standards in Medical Science		... created to ensure the independence of physicians, and to work for the highest possible standards of ethical behaviour and care by physicians, at all times. highest international standards in ... Medical Art, Medical Education, Medical Ethics.	The purpose of the WMA is to serve humanity by endeavoring to achieve the highest international standards in ... Health Care for all people in the world			

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World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation	WAPR		Health professionals, researchers of various disciplines, administrators, policy makers, consumers and their relatives, advocacy groups have worked together to build what has now developed into a major worldwide movement.		Prevention and reduction of social disability as a framework for the community care of people with severe mental disorders.			
World Confederation for Physical Therapy	WCPT	Encourages high standards of physical therapy research, education and practice. ... sound clinical reasoning and scientific evidence.		... sole international voice for physical therapy, representing more than 300,000 physical therapists worldwide through its 101 member organisations.	It is committed to furthering the physical therapy profession and improving global health every individual is entitled to the highest possible standard of culturally appropriate healthcare			Supports the exchange of information between WCPT regions and member organisations collaborating with national and international organisations

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World Federation for Mental Health	WFMH		Its organizational and individual membership includes ... consumers of mental health services, family members, and concerned citizens. (Vision)	... includes mental health workers of all disciplines	Founded to advance, among all peoples and nations, the prevention of mental and emotional disorders, the proper treatment and care of those with such disorders, and the promotion of mental health		Mental health disorders	The organization's broad and diverse membership makes possible collaboration among governments and non-governmental organizations to advance the cause of mental health services, research, and policy advocacy worldwide.

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World Federation of Occupational Therapists	WFOT	The WFOT Thelma Cardwell Foundation Award for Education and Research provides opportunities for occupational therapists to extend their knowledge		to act as the official international organization for the promotion of occupational therapy; to advance the practice and standards of occupational therapy; to help maintain the ethics and to advance the interests of the profession; to facilitate the international exchange and placements of therapists and students; to facilitate the exchange of information; to promote the education and training of therapists; and to hold international congresses		... has a Council Participation Fund, funding for the formation of new regions and a support for regional development-loan fund.		to promote international cooperation among occupational therapy associations, therapists and other allied professional groups
World Federation of Public Health Associations	WFPHA		Values: Right to Health; Social Justice; Diversity and Inclusion; Partnership		Multi-professional and civil society organization, dedicated to promoting and protecting global public health			

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World Federation of the Deaf		To advance education/training, and research	Organisation of national associations of Deaf people, with a current membership of associations in 130 countries worldwide.		<p>Ethical practice of public health for individuals and populations.</p> <p>WFD's philosophy is one of equality, human rights and respect for all people, regardless of race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual preference, age and all other differences.</p>		Deafness	To develop and promote effective global policies to improve the health of populations