



To: Presidents / Executive Directors / General Secretaries of
ICN member Associations

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Subject: Reports you may find of interest

We would like to bring to your attention to a number of recent reports that you may find of interest.

Women and Health: Today's Evidence Tomorrow's Agenda. This provides a collation of the evidence relating to the health of women and girls. The evidence is not comprehensive as the material available is, as the authors point out, rather patchy. Nevertheless it is hoped that the content of the document will promote policy dialogue on this important issue. Copies of full document is available from the WHO website at:

<http://www.who.int/gender/documents/9789241563857/en/index.html>

UNFPA state of world population 2009: Facing a changing world: women, population and climate. This report shows that the impact of climate change is much more than an issue relating to energy and efficiency - rather it highlights the impact on population dynamics, poverty and gender equity. With climate change high on the agenda of many governments this report provides useful background material to inform policy debate. The report can be found at:

http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2009/en/pdf/EN_SOWP09.pdf

Maximizing Health Human Resources: Valuing Unregulated Health Workers, Highlights of the 2009 Pan-Canadian Symposium. This report, funded by the Government of Canada's Foreign Credential Recognition Program, identifies five priority issues and gives a sense of strategic direction to address these issues. Health-care stakeholders can build on this momentum and seek solutions that will ensure safe care. The full PDF report is available here:

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http://www.cna-aicc.ca/CNA/documents/pdf/publications/UHW_Final_Report_e.pdf)

Quality Workplaces for Quality Care is spearheaded by the health professions (ICN, International Pharmaceutical Federation, World Confederation for Physical Therapy, World Dental Federation, World Medical Association and International Hospital Federation). The development of these national projects is the latest milestone in the global campaign to ensure high-quality health care workplaces worldwide. The full press release is available on the ICN website: http://www.icn.ch/PR19_09.htm.

Quality Worklife – Quality Healthcare Collaborative (QWQHC) (www.qwqhc.ca) is a national coalition of health leaders (including CNA) working together to develop an integrated pan-Canadian action strategy that will improve the health of health care workplaces in order to improve patient care.

Within Our Grasp: A Healthy Workplace Action Strategy for Success and Sustainability in Canada's Healthcare System (QWQHC, 2007) (www.cna-aiic.ca/CNA/documents/pdf/publications/2007_QWQHC_Within_Our_Grasp_e.pdf) was developed for health care leaders and stakeholders. It includes a healthy health care leadership charter for employers to sign and follow, as well as quality worklife indicators, a knowledge exchange framework and a priority action plan that can be adapted for use in health care workplaces.