Objective:

To influence international policy on environmental health by bringing environmental health issues to the public health community and a public health approach to the environmental advocacy community.

Strategy:

Work with partners including WHO, UNEP, SAICM, HCWH, WMA, IPEN, GAIA, Toxics Link, CAHA etc
Programmatic Areas:

a. Climate Change
   - WBG Climate-Smart Healthcare
   - International Survey of Health in National Climate Programs

b. Chemicals Policy
   - Mercury – COP1 and Phase Out in HC
   - Asbestos Elimination Policy

c. Global Green and Healthy Hospitals
   - With HCWH-1,017 members in 52 countries on 6 continents representing over 32,100 hospitals and health centers.
Environment Working Group

Chair:
Dr Liz Hanna, PhD, MPH, BA, RCCN, RN
The Australian National University: Semester 2 in 2015 and 2016
Crawford School of Public Policy

Membership:
From India, Australia, US, Nigeria
Oral Health Working Group (OHWG)

An overview of the OHWG's recent and future initiatives

Professor R. Bedi – OHWG Chair
15th World Congress on Public Health

"Universal dental care provision - will it really improve oral health?"

A Global Movement toward Universal Provision of Oral Health

+ Universal Provision of Safe Dental Care
+ Universal Provision of Oral Health Prevention
+ Emerging Networks that facilitates Enabler Functions
+ Relationship-centered oral health care

Governance

Protection
Prevention
Promotion
Capacity

Information
Advocacy
Overall, 5 articles and 6 statements published since 2013

Established OHWG policies reshaped around the Charter services and functions & Charter vocabulary introduced in new settings

Advocacy for the common risk factor approach under the Charter framework
Policy paper 2017:

“Call to exempt tax on dental supplies and equipment for infection control and prevention”

- Focus on safety, availability & affordable practice
- Approved by WFPHA GA IN 2017
- Statement of the same topic documented in 2017 WHA

Next steps
- Manufacturer involvement
- High-level commission
Policy paper 2018:

“Integrating Oral Health into Public Health Systems using the Framework of Global Charter for the Public’s Health”

International Call to Action to advocate for the full integration of oral health into public health systems
Leadership for the Next Term

Raman Bedi
Chair

Hyewon Lee
Young Co-Chair

Myron Allukian
Vice-Chair

Kenneth Eaton
Vice-Chair
Communication Objectives

Improve communication strategy by:

➔ Developing videos on oral health and its integration with public health
➔ Dedicated OHWG YouTube Channel
➔ New interactive OHWG webpage linked to WFPHA website and social media
“OHWG and WFPHA support the GCDF calls for 20% of the proceeds from sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) taxation to be reinvested into innovative oral health prevention strategies”

- WHO: “SSB taxation can reduce obesity, type 2 diabetes, and tooth decay.”
- Current programs reinvest mainly into obesity prevention; oral health largely neglected
- OHWG is evaluating how to put this call into action under the Charter framework as main project for the next term
Women, Children and Adolescents Working Group (WCA WG)

• Approved by Governing Council 2015
• Working Group Composition
  • 24 people
  • 17 countries
• Policies
  • Reducing Maternal Mortality as a Human Right (2016)
  • Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls as a Human Right (2017)
• WFPHA Congress Sessions
  • Kolkata: *Concurrent Plenary* Improving the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents: Challenges and Solutions from the Global South
WCA WG Work Plan 2017-2019

• Survey of WFPHA members to find out how they are organized around WCA and what activities they are engaged in
  • Working with regional associations
  • Finding out if country associations are members of PMNCH
  • Identifying country priorities for advocacy

• Develop Adolescent health policy

• Develop a Resolution on accountability in support of the Global Strategy for WCA

• Establish Committees and timeline

• New areas of work to be developed
  • Early Child Development
  • WCA with disabilities
  • Unfinished business of maternal mortality (hardest to reach)
  • Breastfeeding