Multi-stakeholder Midwife Education Providers Meeting  
The Hague: January 19-20, 2012  

Key outcomes

Achievements

At the end of the two days ICM was able to:

1. Create a map of its relationships with organisations present as illustrated in the diagram below. The Confederation is ready to benefit from both those partners where there is an existing relationship and those where there is an emerging relationship. The meeting concluded with an understanding that there is a willingness to strengthen relationships with those where there is only initial contact.

MAP OF PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS
2. Obtain commitment of FIGO for dissemination and ‘buy-in’ e.g. present at international and regional conferences.

3. Obtain commitment from all the participating organisations to take the messages back to each organisation and send a copy of their reports to ICM

4. Gain commitment to continue further dialogue with all the participating organisations including those who had not been able to attend, by building on the 2-day meeting to achieve consensus.

Agreements

The following agreements were reached.

1. **International recognition of professional status of the Midwife**: ICM to set up a small committee to discuss the title “midwife” - what it is and what it is not. To explore the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) with the International Labour Organisation. Such recognition would make it easier for stakeholders to support the *ICM definition of the midwife*.

2. **Dissemination**: ICM to target annual conferences and meetings to present *the midwife* and disseminate the standards, competencies and tools. ECSACON provided a list of all the possible platforms where they will disseminate the standards competencies and tools.

3. **Collaboration**: ICM to strengthen collaborative relationships with all the stakeholders represented at this meeting. The first step could be the creation of a closed section on the ICM website for participants to access documents and form a communication hub.

4. **Resource sharing**: ICM to enter into relationships which grow beyond technical collaboration to include sharing of resources including financial resources. This can begin by linking useful information and web resources, and develop to sharing resources to host a face to face event. UNFPA, Jhpiego, MCHIP, EngenderHealth, Save the Children, WHO, Meshwork, ECSA, expressed willingness to enter this kind of relationship. This will involve joint planning of in country work.