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Recommendations of the WHO/AMEWPR meeting on medical education

Twenty-two recommendations were formulated aimed at educational institutions, governments, AMEWPR and WHO/WPRO.

Actions at Educational Institutional level

1. Redefine the mission and role of medical schools to include integration or active participation in health care delivery systems (how much and how depends on the country).
2. Establish medical education units or curriculum committees to review programme development and to undertake programme evaluation.
3. Promote primary health care approach by establishing Family Practice/Medicine departments.
4. Establish mechanisms to foster collaboration and linkages with other sectors (e.g. Ministry of Health, community, general practitioners, industry) in training, service, research.
5. Organize training workshops in teaching and learning, leadership and management research.
6. Provide incentives and career prospects for full-time faculty and honorary appointment.

Actions at Government Level

7. Establish flexible accreditation procedures to accommodate new approaches in the curriculum.
8. Formulate clear policies on health needs, services to be provided, human resource planning, targets and quality, resource allocation and optimal utilization.
9. Facilitate the use of government health facilities by educational institutions.
10. Establish recertification procedures which are educational rather than punitive.
11. Recognize the role of educational institutions and associations for education in health workforce planning and training, consumer education, health services delivery and research.
12. Establish mechanisms for intersectoral collaboration and linkages (in particular, between education and health) for health development.
13. Strengthen social and welfare services to support new approaches in the curriculum to meet emerging health needs.
14. Support the initiatives to organize national conferences to implement the strategies recommended by this WHO/AMEWPR meeting.

Actions at AMEWPR/WFME level

15. Facilitate exchange of students and teachers between schools in the region.
16. Facilitate exchange of information.
17. Conduct workshops, seminars and conferences.
18. Advocate change actively and aggressively

Actions at WHO/WPRO level

19. Coordinate intersectoral collaboration at regional and global levels.
20. Sponsor training fellowships and educational training programmes, workshops, conferences in:

teaching and learning

curriculum development to accommodate emerging needs

leadership/managerial training

health workforce planning

21. **Recommend to governments to establish mechanisms for intersectoral collaboration and dialogue in the formulation of health policies, services to be delivered, human resource planning and development and evaluation.**
22. **Facilitate exchange of information through journals, newsletter, manuals**