

Rio Declaration 2016

Global peace: A prerequisite for attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

By the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) Young Doctors' Movements

We, the young doctors in family medicine training and the first five years of family medicine practice, as well as medical students from all over world at the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) World Conference 2016, in Rio De Janeiro:

1. Take this opportunity to **revisit**, the United Nations conference on environment and development (1992) and the Rio +20 The Earth Summit (2012). These two historical international summits culminated in the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - a set of seventeen aspirational "Global Goals" with 169 targets, measured through 230 individual indicators, and adopted in 2015.
2. We are **deeply concerned** that the world as a whole has become incrementally less peaceful in the last decade. Mass violence, wars and insecurity to life, are having great destructive impact on the development of several countries, which are falling into seemingly endless cycles of conflict and violence.
3. We are **concerned** that we are living in a world which is increasingly divided and there is a steep increase in armed conflicts and high levels of armed violence; which implies concurrent increases in sexual violence, crime, exploitation and torture directed at the ordinary citizen of the world.
4. It is our **common understanding** that peace, stability, human rights and effective governance based on the rule of law are important conduits for sustainable development.
5. We **acknowledge** and **appreciate** the inclusion of **PEACE** within the broad ambit of SDG number 16 to "*Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*".
6. We are **concerned** that to measure advancement toward such a goal and how to decipher universal targets and indicators is a serious challenge. SDG number 16 has the highest number of targets (10) and the lowest number of means of implementation (two) making the pursuit of peace, justice, and good governance, destined to remain idealistic hopes.

7. We would like that stress that mass violence, war and unrest result in large scale humanitarian crises. It is estimated that, in 2014 alone, 13.9 million people became displaced – four times the number of the previous year. Worldwide, there were 19.5 million refugees (up from 16.7 million in 2013), 38.2 million were displaced inside their own countries (up from 33.3 million in 2013), and 1.8 million people were awaiting the outcome of claims for asylum (against 1.2 million in 2013).
8. We **stress** the fact that such sustained events of unrest and wars, escalating day by day, in different geographical areas, are a threat to the global aspiration of the attainment of the SDGs by 2030.
9. We **appeal** to the world community to acknowledge “GLOBAL PEACE” as a priority among all SDGs, to recognize it as the most important goal, without which, none of the other goals can be sustained.
10. We appeal to governments and international organizations to acknowledge “GLOBAL PEACE - Goal 16” as a prerequisite, and as the core of other SDGs in order to realize those other goals.
11. We **recognize** that global partnerships are required to bring together supporters of peaceful, just and inclusive societies, that express concern and provide support. All stakeholders need to demonstrate a strong commitment to the attainment of GLOBAL PEACE.

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