



Rehabilitation 2030 a Call for Action

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The World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) congratulates WHO on the production of the document Rehabilitation in Health Systems and affirms the principles of the Call for Action. The WFOT is committed to collaborative efforts and we respect and recognise the contributions of all stakeholders, most of all the people we serve. The WFOT is also delighted to see the inclusion of mental health within the rehabilitation framework.

The WFOT applauds the client centered approach and this vision of rehabilitation needs to emphasise that all people including children and older adults have the right to make an informed decision regarding what *occupations* are meaningful and necessary for their quality of life, social inclusion and justice. The language of everyday *occupations* varies across socio-cultural contexts, but the intent is to recognise that when this term is broadly defined, *occupations* refer to all forms of engagement and enactment by citizens in home, school, the workplace and in employment, recreation, transportation, the natural environment and other societal sectors from childhood to end of life.

Occupational therapists have always been willing participants in the multidisciplinary team approach and the WFOT is keen to pursue universal and/or global partnerships and clearly sees the opportunity for significant collaborations such as joint position statements, collaborative educational events, the development of a global consortium, MoU's and reciprocal organisational membership options.

The WFOT commends WHO for developing the Call for Action and also for inviting input from all stakeholders. It is through ongoing dialogue and opportunities to engage in collaborative and creative thinking that opportunities can be identified for initiating systems to create real change. The WFOT is eager to engage in this manner with WHO and to enable the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Call for Action through the involvement of occupational therapy and occupational therapists in collaboration with our colleagues across the action spectrum.

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