Informing Policy - Building Partnerships

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What is the APO?

- Collaborative program hosted by WHO - WPRO
  - Governments: Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Bangladesh, Myanmar
  - International Agencies: Asian Development Bank, DFAT, World Bank, WHO SEARO & WPRO
  - Research Community: Universities and institutes throughout Asia and the Pacific region
- Knowledge Broker between researchers, development agencies and governments
- Producing high quality evidence on health systems to inform policy makers
- Building capacity for health policy analyses and evidence based policy formation
How is the APO Structured?

- **APO Board**: Provides programmatic guidance and governance; monitors the performance of the Secretariat
- **Strategic Tech Advisory Committee**: Recognized experts responsible for strategic technical advice and quality oversight
- **Secretariat**
  - **WHO/WPRO**: Seated within WHO/WPRO
  - **Governance**: Provides programmatic guidance and governance; monitors the performance of the Secretariat
  - **Publications, quality control, dissemination**: Annual work plan, budget, implementation, reporting
  - **Responsible for administrative and financial practice**: Responsibility and liability for sound administrative and financial practice

**Research Hub and Network Members**
- Responsible for analytic work

Research Hub Network 2012 - 2014

- **Institute for Health Policy (IHP)**
  - Sri Lanka: Fiji School of Medicine; Universities in Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, India, Bangladesh, Singapore, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines

- **International Health Policy Programme (IHPP)**
  - Thailand: Universities in China, Japan, Bangladesh, Korea, Thailand

- **University of Queensland & Melbourne University, Nossal Institute, Australia**
What does the APO do?

Products:
- Health Systems in Transitions – HiTs
  - Comprehensive review of national health system
- Policy Briefs
  - Examines available evidence on key policy topics
- Comparative Country Studies
  - Original case studies + cross cutting analyses

Practices:
- Fellowships
- Policy Dialogue Events
- Seminars

Policy Briefs

Forthcoming
- Policy Options for regulating quality of care
- Prediction and control of zoonotic disease / One Health
- Strategies for including informal sector in health insurance
- Factors conducive to the development of Health Technology Assessment capacity in Asia (HITAP + PMAC)
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