

**Title of policy/position statement:** Global Development Position Statement

**Issue being addressed:** Global development and global knowledge network building

**Background of Issue:** The vision of STTI is to create a global community of nurses who lead in nursing knowledge, scholarship, service and learning to improve the health of the world's people. Realizing this vision across diverse cultural contexts requires attention to cultural learning, the suitability and applicability of the society's values, beliefs and constructs across cultures and adaptability in addressing nursing knowledge needs around the world.

Since expanding its knowledge and leadership network in the mid 1980's to the international arena, broad areas of global development activities have ensued. With further development of global markets, including numerous trade agreements between countries, more nurses are moving across state, province, region and country borders, creating the need and opportunity for a global knowledge network, such as STTI.

The Global Development Position Statement was created in an effort to communicate the beliefs and values STTI holds regarding global development and the need to create a global knowledge network. It is intended as a work-in-progress—inviting discussion, debate, new information, and new ideas. It includes the task force's best thinking about global development, as well as a commitment to advancing global knowledge networks in the future.

**Policy or position developed, recommended, adopted:**

Irrespective of local cultural contexts, nursing can be defined as the knowledge, skills and abilities to promote health, prevent disease, and care for those in need. Nursing is a transcendent human service that supports and sustains the health of individuals, families and communities. As such, nursing bears the responsibility to use its knowledge for social good.

Sigma Theta Tau International is a diverse network of individuals and groups that are drawn together by shared values and common goals and who act in developing connections among varied perspectives, people and entities for the common purpose of health of the world's people.

To this end of a global community of nurses who lead using scholarship, knowledge and technology to improve the health of people, the society subscribes to the principle of actively creating and sustaining this global knowledge network.

**STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING A GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

The individuals and communities within STTI are supported to enact relationship centered, transformational, knowledge based service through:

- Capacity development and career enhancement of individuals
- Community growth, development, transformation and linkages
- Partnership and strategic alliance formation
- Technology that enhances communication, cultural learning, knowledge development and translation into culturally customized evidence based practice and policies, and leader and member growth
- Global dialogues on issues germane to nursing and health
- Professional and education activities that foster cultural learning around the globe
- Advocacy for research translation and dissemination that impacts practice

- Financial support and the promotion of funding for nursing knowledge development
- Celebration of nursing excellence and genius

**Resources/references germane to issue and position:**

International Advisors Council, Report to Board of Directors, October 2004,

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/brpt\\_ILIAC\\_1004.pdf](http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/brpt_ILIAC_1004.pdf).

Resolutions Committee, Resolution on Global Development, House of Delegates, November 2003.

STTI 1999 Report on Global Diversity, Global Diversity Task Force,

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/diversity.html>, click on Diversity Resource Paper.

**Statement of availability of policy/position on Web with link:** Available from the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Web site:

[http://nursingsociety.org/about/policy\\_resource\\_papers.html](http://nursingsociety.org/about/policy_resource_papers.html) , click on Global

Development. Related link: International Advisors Council,

[http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/br\\_IAC.doc](http://www.nursingsociety.org/about/br_IAC.doc).

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