

## International Global Health Committee of ISSHP/ISOM Committee

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### Mission Statement

*The joint ISSHP/ISOM Global Health Committee will promote best clinical, research, and advocacy practices by relevant stakeholders in under-resourced settings through their existing systems. Our ultimate goal is to build capacity and to improve outcomes for women and their babies wherever they live.*

ISOM members can engage with the Global Health Committee by promoting and participating in the Committee's activities to advance global obstetric medicine. Current activities include a needs assessment survey and the development of focused global obstetric medicine courses. ISOM members will also be critical in developing North-South collaborations to generate interest about global obstetric medicine, especially research and funding.

The Committee supports the EMPOWER (EMpowering Progress in Obstetric and Women's hEalth Research) program that was established to create partnerships between mentors and single sites or groups within low- and middle-income countries to improve clinical and health services research into hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

Future activities include building collaborations with regional professional societies and establishing a presence at global maternal health conferences, particularly by bringing a global focus to ISOM 2017. Other activities for consideration include developing e-learning modules, adapting the CANCOM curriculum for low and middle income countries and workshops on dedicated topics such as critical care.

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