

Statement on the agenda point:

Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation is the voice of pharmacy students and recent graduates in 81 different countries.

IPSF encourages the use of pharmacy students and pharmacists in public health promotion and health intervention in order to achieve SDG 3: good health and well-being. Pharmacists and pharmacy students raise awareness and educate populations on topics such as tuberculosis, HIV, health provision for women and children and provide services on mental and sexual health; tobacco and substance use. Countries like Japan and the UK run pharmacy clinics on donepezil use; cancer and anticoagulation therapy have noted positive impacts on patient adherence and pharmacotherapy effectiveness.

Guided by the Nanjing Statements on Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science Education, we advocate for pharmacy education to include clinical pharmacy; evidence and skill-based education; scientific research on social and commercial determinants of health; integrated competence based practice allowing pharmacists to deliver effective healthcare. We recognise the importance of the sustainable development agenda, align our education initiatives and campaigns to reflect on the SDGs, and ensure our members engage with their communities.

IPSF encourages pharmacy students to actively promote global health and engage in high-quality health interventions for communicable diseases and NCDs with equity in mind. With 4.3 million health workers still needed, we call for all member states to empower pharmacists and pharmacy students with the relevant skills as they can contribute to the health workforce and the achievement of the SDGs.



