IFD Global Partnerships for Skin Health Strategy 2020-2023

OUR VISION
Skin health services in low-resource areas are available, accessible and effective for all patients, regardless of ethnicity, disability or social background.

OUR MISSION
Drawing on the expertise of ILDS Members, partners and networks, the IFD aims to improve skin health and reduce skin health inequalities in low-resource areas through dermatological education and training, global health partnerships and the influencing of policy.

OUR STRATEGIC THEME
Global Partnerships for Skin Health.

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL
To support partners and networks to improve the provision of, access to and understanding of skin health and skin health services in low-resource areas.

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Evidence – to ensure that our work reflects the best knowledge, practices and evidence
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OUR CORE VALUES

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OBJECTIVE
To form strategic partnerships and networks to facilitate knowledge transfer and capacity development.

Priority 1
Education, Training and Knowledge Sharing

OBJECTIVE
To improve skin health knowledge through education, training and resource development.

We will achieve this by:
① Supporting the delivery of locally led skin health education and training initiatives in low-resource areas
② Supporting local partners delivering skin health services and building their long-term capacity to achieve sustainability
③ Creating and enabling opportunities for reciprocal learning between medical practitioners, frontline healthcare workers, academics and dermatologists across the globe

Priority 2
Global Health Partnerships and Networks

OBJECTIVE
To improve local, regional and international responses to skin disease.

We will achieve this by:
① Enhancing the understanding of skin health in the global health community
② Encouraging the prioritisation of skin health by engaging with global health decision-makers locally, regionally and internationally
③ Encouraging partners and networks to create opportunities for knowledge sharing, reciprocal learning and collaboration

Priority 3
Policy Influencing

OBJECTIVE
To improve skin health knowledge through education, training and resource development.

We will achieve this by:
① Building and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders that share the IFD's vision and enhance the IFD's influence in global health dermatology initiatives
② Engaging in sustainable partnerships and alliances that reflect the global nature of the IFD's work and are representative of partners in both low- and high-resource settings

ABOUT US
The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) has a strong tradition of bringing together partners from all over the world to improve the skin health of people living in under-served areas.

Established in 1987 by the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), the Foundation delivers the programme of work through which the ILDS carries out its global health dermatology activities in low-resource areas.