

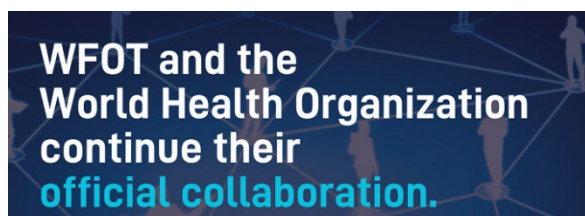
WFOT News provides updates on recent events and activities of WFOT and our member and partner organisations. WFOT publishes News each month to meet your information needs.

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World Health Organization and WFOT



WFOT has been recognised as a nongovernmental organisation in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1959. This relationship is subject to a triennial review based on agreed outcomes outlined in a WFOT/ WHO Collaboration Plan. Following a review at the 152nd session in February 2023, the Executive Board of WHO commended the continuing dedication of WFOT in supporting the work of WHO and agreed to maintain WFOT in official relations with WHO.

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Joint Advocacy Statement Regarding the Turkey and Syria Earthquakes



As a member of the World Rehabilitation Alliance, WFOT collaborated with other national and international organisations for a [joint statement](#) regarding the importance of rehabilitation services provision for people affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Over 120,000 persons sustained injuries, including complex limb fractures, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, amputations and nerve injuries in this worst sudden-onset emergency of the past decade.

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WFOT Innovation Change Agency Narrative –

A New Legal Framework for Occupational Therapy in Argentina

[A new narrative posted on the WFOT website](#) describes successful advocacy efforts of the national occupational therapy association in Argentina to update the legal framework for occupational therapy practice. The narrative is available in [Spanish](#) and [English](#). This report is the latest in a series of narratives developed as part of the [WFOT Innovation Change Agency Narratives](#) (ICAN) Project. The ICAN Project supports the development of occupational therapy competencies needed for influencing change and advocating for the profession.

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News from Member Organisations

This month, news is available from the following member organisations:

[Australia - Occupational Therapy Australia](#)

[Canada - Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes](#)

[Colombia - Colegio Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional](#)

[France - Association Nationale Francaise des Ergotherapeutes \(ANFE\)](#)

[Ireland - Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland](#)

[Japan - Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists](#)

[Jamaica - Occupational Therapy Association of Jamaica](#)

[Switzerland - ErgotherapeutInnen - Verband Schweiz](#)

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New WHO Resources

[Package of Eye Care Interventions](#)

Now available in multiple languages, this WHO resource outlines evidence-based interventions for eye care across the health care continuum, including for rehabilitation services. The resource is intended for use as a blueprint for the development of eye care programmes, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. The free resource can be accessed from the [WHO website](#).

International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD-11) 2023 Release

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) developed by WHO provides a common language that allows health professionals to share standardised information across the world. The updated ICD-11 for 2023, with a revised ICD-11 reference guide is now available at icd.who.int.

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