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**NCDA COMMITTEE MID-YEAR REPORT**

**COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: GLOBAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE GCC**

**March 24, 2025**

**Chair:** Marcela Mesa, mmesa1019@gmail.com

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (Active until 03/01/2025: N=52)**

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| Abiola | Dipeolu |   | Karol I. | Taylor |   | Michelle | Gross |   | Sujata | Ives |
| Jaana | Kettunen |   | Rebecca | Flynn |   | Kelly J. | Roberts |   | Jason | Low |
| Miwa | Omori |   | Simon D. | Lee |   | Minobu | Sato |   | Marcela | Mesa Guerrero |
| Jungeun (Jay) | Lee |   | Blanca | Rosales-Ahn |   | Jeremiah | Wong |   | Keith R. | Okrosy |
| Kenya L. | Johnson |   | Mary Ellen | Earnhardt |   | Rebecca M. | Dedmond |   | Hyung Joon | Yoon |
| Waleed | Marwan |   | Afaf Hamad | Almujalli |   | Kelvin (Wai Kit) | Ling |   | Eman S. | ALyousef |
| Kelly R. | Woods |   | Marilyn E. | Maze |   | Magdalena | Mot |   | Effrosyni | Parampota |
| Amy | Zdanowski |   | Ahmed | Mostafa |   | Sepideh | Kiazal |   | Candy | Ho |
| Tina M. | Peterman |   | Christian D. | Chan |   | Jessica | Ayub |   | April | McHugh |
| Joe | Chahwan |   | Natalie | Kauffman |   | Jim | Peacock |   | Samantha | Ng |
| Essam A. | Abobakr |   | Maha Fakhry | Moussa |   | Khalifa | AlBarakati |   | Sonja M. | Robinson |
| Randa | Helmi |   | Sabira | Vohra |   | Dalia A. | Abouzeid |   | Brian | Hutchison |
| Nisreen | Al Disi |   | Jane | Goodman |   | Shadin | Atiyeh |   | Eman G. | Almutiri |

**Committee/Council Activities to Date**

* Organized two (2) global meetings on Nov 7, 2024 and January 22,2025. Topics: General Networking, Advocacy for Career Development (Guest speaker: Candy Ho)
* Coordination of GCC activities (2 gatherings of Leadership team)
* LinkedIn Group Management: Access to new members and publishing relevant content.
* Participation in NCDA Chair Meetings
* Kept the GCC members data base updated.
* Forwarded nomination of JP Michel as International Practitioner of the Year.
* Disclosure of the information through different NCDA Channels

**Projected Plan/Work Planned to be Completed through September 30.**

* Three (3) further GCC virtual global Meetings:
	+ ***March 27, 2025***, Guest Speaker: Dr. Jaana Kettunen on the Development of the Finnish Competency Framework
	+ ***May 19th, 2025*** on Career Development in Primary School (Experience reports)
	+ ***June 2025***, in person during the Annual Conference.
* Meeting: Exchange of Best Practices with the International Students Committee.
* Update/Conclusion of the Shared Insights Project.
* Preparation of Ambassador Program at the Annual Conference in Atlanta.
* Set up a welcome booth at the NCDA Annual Conference
* Highlight the presentations made by GCC members at the Annual Global NCDA Conference. (LinkedIn Group, Special invitation through mailing to Group Members).

**Budget Requests:**

GCC Welcome Booth for International Members during the Conference (cost estimation pending)

Coupons for the drawing during the conference: (Resources from the NCDA Store: $50 USD each for a total of $100 USD.