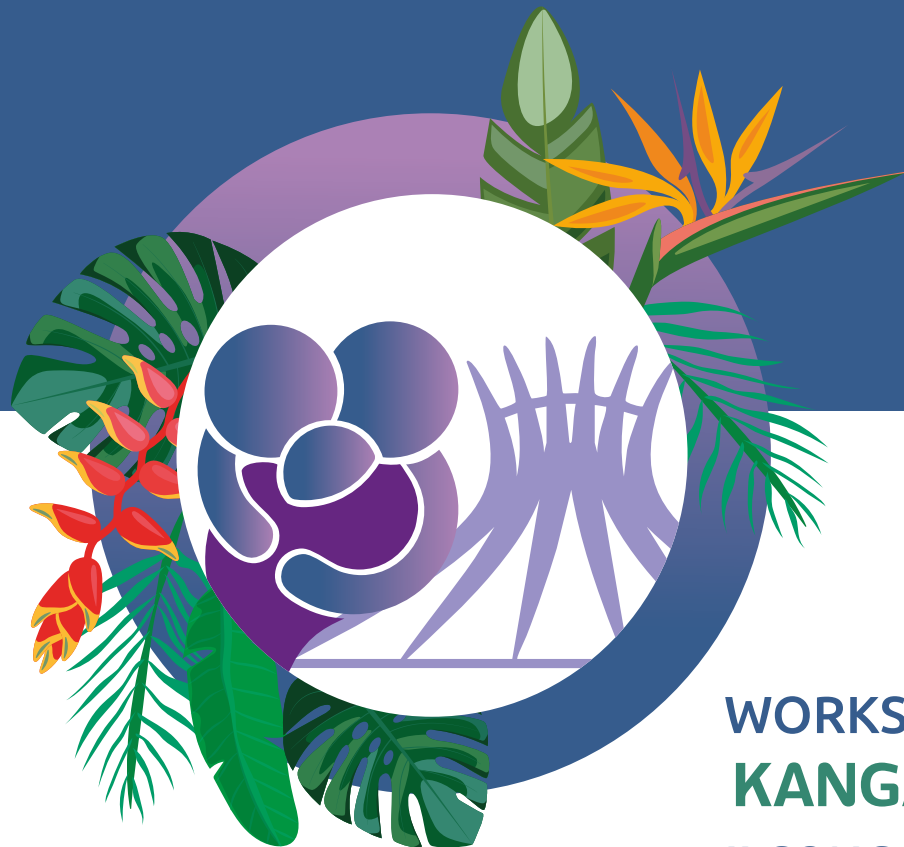




XV INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND CONGRESS ON KANGAROO MOTHER CARE II CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO SOBRE O CUIDADO CANGURU



WORKSHOP CONTEMPORARY ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES IN KANGAROO CARE



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OBJECTIVE: To promote discussion and the collective development of strategies to strengthen and implement contemporary Kangaroo Care practices, taking into account scientific evidence, operational challenges, sustainability, equity, innovation, and communication and dissemination strategies across different healthcare settings and communities, through the participation of diverse stakeholders, the exchange of experiences, and the identification of priorities and action proposals.

NOVEMBER 18th, 2026 | WEDNESDAY

08:00-08:30	WELCOME AND REGISTRATION
08:30-09:15	Opening Session: LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES
09:15-09:30	Organization and Allocation of Participants to the Working Groups
09:30-10:00	Break and Transition to Working Group Rooms
10:00-12:00	Working Group Sessions
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:45	Working Group Sessions
15:45-16:00	Break
16:00-18:00	Preparation of Group Reports for Plenary Presentation
18:00-19:00	Group Integration Activity

NOVEMBER 19th, 2026 | THURSDAY

08:00-10:00	Plenary Presentation of Reports from Groups 1, 2 and 3
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Plenary Presentation of Reports from Groups 4 and 5
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Development of the Final Document – BRASÍLIA CHARTER Recommendations on Kangaroo Care for the Next Two Years
16:00-18:00	INK Meeting
14:00-18:00	Visits to Neonatal Units (for international delegates who are not involved in other activities)
18:00	Closing Ceremony

ORGANIZATION AND DYNAMICS OF THE WORKING GROUPS

- The Workshop will be organized into 5 thematic groups, meeting simultaneously in 5 separate rooms.
- Each group will include approximately 30 participants and will have chairs and moderators from different countries and professional backgrounds, responsible for facilitating the discussions.
- Discussions will be guided by the following predefined thematic areas:
 - Group 1: Clinical Practice
 - Group 2: Health Systems and Networks
 - Group 3: Research and Innovation
 - Group 4: Education and Dissemination
 - Group 5: Equity and Inclusion

THEMATIC AREAS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

GROUP 1

Immediate Kangaroo Position and Zero Separation: Evidence, Challenges, Barriers and Implementation Strategies

Chairs: PATRICIA DE PÁDUA ANDRADE CAMPANHA (Brazil), NICOLE OLIVEIRA MOTA GIANINI (Brazil), ANGELA MARÍA LOMBO (Colombia) and ADRIANA MONTEALEGRE-POMAR (Colombia)

Moderators: MANTOA MOKHACHANE (South Africa); CHI LUONG KIM (Vietnam)

Discussion Topics:

1. Scientific evidence and rationale for immediate Kangaroo Position and Zero Separation
2. Clinical safety, monitoring, and stabilization criteria
3. Practical strategies for implementation in different contexts
4. Persistent institutional, clinical, and cultural barriers
5. Organizational and structural requirements for implementation within health systems and healthcare facilities: infrastructure, human resources, and clinical protocols
6. Transport and continuity of care

GROUP 2

Kangaroo Care within National Health Systems: Network Organization, Sustainability and Continuity of Care

Chairs: SONIA ISOYAMA VENÂNCIO (Brazil), MARIA AUXILIADORA DE SOUZA MENDES GOMES (Brazil), CYNTHIA MAGLUTA (Brazil) e LISETH RODRIGUEZ (Colombia)

Moderator: RICHARD LUHANGA (MALAWI)

Discussion Topics:

1. Integration of Kangaroo Care into public policies and national health systems
2. Governance, financing, and sustainability mechanisms
3. Organization of care networks and coordination between hospital and primary healthcare
4. Structured specialized outpatient follow-up programs
5. Strategies for national scale-up across different contexts and levels of care
6. Monitoring and evaluation systems

GROUP 3

Research, Innovation, Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in Kangaroo Care Canguru

Chairs: SÉRGIO TADEU MARTINS MARBA (Brazil), SANDRA DE SOUZA VOGLER (USA), NATHALIE CHARPAK (Colombia)

Moderator: DEEPA BANKER (India)

Discussion Topics:

1. Knowledge gaps and research priorities
2. Indicators, outcomes, and tools for monitoring short- and long-term impact
3. Implementation research, innovation, and new models and technologies in Kangaroo Care
4. Strategies for scientific dissemination among healthcare professionals, managers, policymakers, and scientific societies
5. Knowledge translation and communication strategies with families and communities aimed at mobilization, social participation, and recognition of Kangaroo Care as a right
6. Challenges in the generation and application of scientific knowledge

GROUP 4

Education, Training and Professional Development in Kangaroo Care

Chairs: MARIA CÂNDIDA FERRAREZ BOUZADA VIANA (Brazil), ROBERTA COSTA (Brazil), CATALINA LINCE-RIVERA (Colombia)

Moderators: SOCORRO MENDOZA DE LEÓN (Philippines), EKAWATI LUTFIA HAKSARI (Indonesia)

Discussion Topics:

1. Integration of Kangaroo Care into health and related professional education, including undergraduate programs, residencies, specialization programs, and graduate education
2. Standardization and strengthening of Kangaroo Care within curricula
3. Academic and institutional barriers to education and professional development in Kangaroo Care
4. Continuing education – courses, training programs, technical updates, and formal capacity-building initiatives – to develop essential competencies for interdisciplinary Kangaroo Care practice
5. Continuing professional development aimed at strengthening professional practice in everyday care settings
6. Strategies to expand and democratize access to education, training, and knowledge on Kangaroo Care through distance learning, courses, collaborative networks, educational materials, communities of practice, and national and international dissemination initiatives

GROUP 5

Comprehensive, Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive Kangaroo Care

Chairs: DENISE SUGUITANI (Brazil), DENISE STREIT MORSCH (Brazil), MARIA CHRISTINA BRAGA (Brazil), ALINECARLA HANNEMANN (Brazil) and ZAIRA APARECIDA DE OLIVEIRA CUSTÓDIO (Brazil)

Moderators: CARMEN PALLÁS (Spain) and MARIA TERESA MORAL (Spain)

Discussion Topics:

1. Equity in access to Kangaroo Care in contexts of geographical, socioeconomic, and institutional inequalities
2. Recognition and appreciation of cultural, ethnic-racial, and territorial dimensions in the implementation of Kangaroo Care
3. Gender, diverse parenthood, and different family configurations
4. Accessibility, inclusion, and care for people with disabilities
5. Bereavement, end-of-life care, and neonatal palliative care

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The discussions in the five groups are expected to result in a shared set of recommendations and priority actions for advancing Kangaroo Care, addressing clinical practice, health systems and networks, research and innovation, education and dissemination, and equity and inclusion.

These contributions will be consolidated into the Brasília Charter, which will set out recommendations and priorities for Kangaroo Care for the next two years. The document will be presented and read following the opening session of the XV International Kangaroo Mother Care Congress, subsequently shared with all participants, and widely disseminated among the scientific community, healthcare professionals, health managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders involved in Kangaroo Care.

