List of Experts and Concerned Entities for the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property

WHA Resolution 59.24, which established the Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property (IGWG), requested the Director General to invite experts and a limited number of concerned public and private entities to attend the sessions of the IGWG and to provide advice and expertise, as necessary, upon request of the Chair, taking into account the need to avoid conflicts of interest.

At the first session of the IGWG in December 2006, the Secretariat identified and invited a group of experts and concerned entities with an outstanding achievement in their own field and an understanding of the issues covered by the IGWG. During the discussions at the IGWG session, member states requested this pool to be expanded.

Earlier this year, in order to expand this pool of experts and entities, while ensuring a balanced regional, gender and developing/developed country representation, Member States were requested to submit proposals for experts or concerned entities for the second session, for decision by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Working Group. In particular, experts were sought who were able to contribute to one or more of the eight elements identified within the draft global strategy and plan of action.

In response to this request, the secretariat received proposals from a number of Member States. Following consultation with the Bureau of the IGWG, the Director General has identified a pool of experts and concerned entities, whose membership also reflects a good representation of expertise and professional affiliation (i.e. government bodies, academia, research institutes, PPPs, private sector and civil society). The experts and concerned entities are list below:

Experts

Professor Fred Binka, Ghana  
Mr. Sisule F. Musungu, Kenya  
Mr. Gérard Requin, Mauritius  
Mr. Adrian Walter Paterson, South Africa  
Dr. Carlos Morel, Brazil  
Mr. Richard Wilder, USA  
Dr. Raffaeila Ravinetto, Belgium  
Dr. Meri Koivusalo, Finland  
Mr. Wolf-Michael Catenhusen, Germany  
Dr. Biserka Strel, Slovenia  
Mrs. Nadia Malek Anas Younis, United Arab Emirates  
Dr. Chen Xingyu, China  
Mr. Wayne McNee, New Zealand  
Dr. Kanikaram Satyanarayana, India  
Dr. Jiraporn Limpananont, Thailand

Concerned Public and Private Entities

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)  
Directorate of Science, Technology and Industry, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)  
Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi)  
Global Forum for Health Research  
 Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Access to Essential Medicines Campaign  
Facilité Internationale d'Achat de Médicaments (UNITAID)