

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF MEMBER STATES ON PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS:
SHARING OF INFLUENZA VIRUSES AND ACCESS TO VACCINES AND OTHER BENEFITS - Co-chair
consultation with civil society

In accordance with the Report of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of Member States on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits, the co-chairs, Ambassador Bente Angell-Hansen and Ambassador Juan Jose Gomez-Camacho, will hold a consultation with civil society. As mentioned in the OEWG report, the consultation will be open to all Member States and regional economic integration organizations (http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB128/B128_4-en.pdf).

This invitation is provided on behalf of the co-chairs.

You are cordially invited to attend the consultation, which will be held on 15 February 2011, 9h-12h, in the Executive Board Room, WHO HQ.

The aim of this consultation is to harvest civil society organizations' (CSO) views, experiences and possible recommendations to Member States for use in their work in the OEWG.

Due to financial constraints WHO is unable to provide travel support for your participation. However, to ensure that all interested CSOs may participate in the consultation, WHO will be setting up an electronic consultation, where CSOs can post their views, experiences and possible recommendations. The electronic consultation will go live on 15 February 2011.

If you intend to participate in the Consultation in Geneva please inform bowmana@who.int so that your name is provided to the security office and a badge may be arranged. Badges will be available at the main entrance to WHO from 7.30 am on the day of the Consultation.

If you have any additional questions please contact Anna Bowman bowmana@who.int.