

# Evaluation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

## Report by the Secretariat

1. In response to a request by the Executive Board at its 133rd session, the Secretariat has prepared the present report on progress for the consideration of the governing bodies in 2015, and has undertaken to prepare a report on a comprehensive independent evaluation to be submitted in 2017.<sup>1</sup>
2. In resolution WHA61.21, the Sixty-first World Health Assembly adopted the global strategy and the agreed parts of the plan of action<sup>2</sup> on public health, innovation and intellectual property. The final plan of action as amended was adopted by the Sixty-second World Health Assembly.<sup>3</sup>
3. In resolution WHA62.16, the Director-General was requested, *inter alia*, to conduct an overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action in 2014 on its achievements, remaining challenges and recommendations on the way forward to the Health Assembly in 2015 through the Executive Board. At its 133rd session, the Executive Board endorsed the approach proposed by the Secretariat for the evaluation exercise, including to combine the evaluation with the overall programme review.<sup>1,4</sup>
4. In order to facilitate the process leading to the presentation of the evaluation report, the Secretariat proposes the following timeline, which is in line with the WHO evaluation policy:<sup>5</sup>
  - (a) January 2015: Establish the evaluation management group.
  - (b) March 2015: Finalize and approve the terms of reference for the evaluation, and request proposals for potential members of the evaluation team.
  - (c) June 2015: Select the members of the evaluation team and finalize the contracts.

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<sup>1</sup> See the summary records of the Executive Board at its 133rd session, fourth meeting, section 1 (document EB133/2013/REC/1).

<sup>2</sup> On the specific actions and stakeholder components.

<sup>3</sup> See resolution WHA62.16.

<sup>4</sup> See document EB133/7.

<sup>5</sup> See decision EB131(1) and document EB131/2012/REC/1, Annex 2; see also the summary records of the Executive Board at its 131st session, first meeting, section 5 and second meeting, section 1.

(d) August 2015: Issue an inception report, which presents the plan of action, the timeline and the terms of reference.

(e) September 2015 to September 2016: Facilitate the evaluation exercise and monitor the outputs.

(f) January 2016 and May 2016: Report to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly on the progress of the evaluation.

(g) October 2016: Review and finalize the evaluation report.

(h) January 2017 and May 2017: Submit the report to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly.

5. The Secretariat will ensure the involvement of relevant stakeholders throughout the evaluation process.

#### **ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

6. The Executive Board is requested to note the report, and agree to the proposed timeline of the evaluation, as set out in paragraph 4.

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