

# **Comprehensive evaluation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property**

## **Progress update**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

1. The global strategy on public health, innovation and intellectual property and the agreed parts of the related plan of action were adopted by the Sixty-first World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> with the final plan of action being adopted by the Sixty-second World Health Assembly.<sup>2</sup>
2. The World Health Assembly asked for biennial reporting on implementation, in addition to comprehensive evaluation of the strategy after four years.<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, the Health Assembly requested the Director-General “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”.<sup>4</sup>
3. In its report to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,<sup>5</sup> in 2015, the Secretariat proposed, inter alia, an approach for undertaking the comprehensive evaluation and overall programme review separately in a staggered manner, and provided additional information on the scope, modalities and process for the exercise.
4. Having considered the report, the Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA68.18 (2015) providing guidance on the process and timing for both the comprehensive evaluation and the overall programme review.
5. In view of the scope and complexity of this evaluation, and in line with the WHO evaluation policy, an ad hoc evaluation management group was convened to assist in selecting the evaluation

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution WHA61.21 (2008).

<sup>2</sup> Resolution WHA62.16 (2009).

<sup>3</sup> See document WHA61/2008/REC/1, resolution WHA61.21 (2008), Annex, paragraph 41.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution WHA62.16 (2009), paragraph 6.

<sup>5</sup> Document WHA68/35.

team, reviewing the evaluation inception report and the draft evaluation report, and ensuring that the final draft meets appropriate quality standards.

6. As outlined in resolution WHA68.18, this ad hoc evaluation management group is composed of six independent external subject matter experts, selected to ensure equitable geographical representation and gender balance and in consultation with the Regional Directors, and two evaluation experts from the United Nations Evaluation Group. The members of the group are: Professor Rajae El Aouad (Morocco); Dr Bernardo Hernández Prado (Mexico); Dr Nadia Khelef (France); Professor Bongani Mayosi (South Africa); Professor Kathryn McPherson (New Zealand); Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand); and two senior evaluators – one from UNESCO and one from UNAIDS – representing the United Nations Evaluation Group.

7. An external independent evaluator was selected following an open tender. The request for proposal was published in various publicly accessible databases, including the United Nations Global Marketplace, and was also circulated in major networks of evaluation professionals across the world. The bids that were received were assessed by the members of the ad hoc evaluation management group on the basis of a structured template and the evaluation team was selected with the agreement of all members.

8. The evaluation team will be preparing the evaluation inception report, for review and comments by the ad hoc evaluation management group. An additional short report, containing the key points from the inception report and comments from the ad hoc evaluation management group, will be presented as an addendum to this report.<sup>1</sup>

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

9. The Board is invited to note the report.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB138/38 Add.1.