

Reports of advisory bodies

Expert committees and study groups

Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Report by the Secretariat¹

ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. There are no changes in status to report for 2011.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 760 in December 2011, compared with 795 in December 2010. In terms of regional distribution, 12% of panel members come from the African Region, 22% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from the South-East Asia Region, 31% from the European Region, 11% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 14% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total number of panel members, 29% are women.

3. The annexed list provides a breakdown of the membership of WHO expert advisory panels by panel, region and sex, as at 1 December 2011. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2011:

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (46th meeting), Geneva, 10–14 October 2011 (11 members: eight men, three women)

¹ This report is submitted to the Executive Board in compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees.

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (74th meeting), Rome, 14–23 June 2011 (7 members: five men, two women); (75th meeting), Rome, 8–17 November 2011 (five members: five men)

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (18th meeting), Accra, 21–25 March 2011 (13 members: nine men, four women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (62nd meeting), Geneva, 17–21 October 2011 (10 members: seven men, three women).

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 46 panel members from 26 different countries, drawn from four expert advisory panels. Three of the members invited were unable to attend.

ANNEX
MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION^a

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Acute bacterial diseases	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Ageing and health	1	1	2	2	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	11	4	36
Biological standardization	0	0	6	1	1	1	8	0	1	1	1	0	17	3	18
Blood transfusion medicine	10	4	4	2	6	3	9	3	5	2	5	4	39	18	46
Cancer	0	0	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	12
Cardiovascular diseases	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	12	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	1	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	10	1	10
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	1	0	9	3	3	0	10	5	1	1	3	3	27	12	44
Clinical surgical procedures	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	0	0	4	2	2	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	13	3	23
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	4	2	3	1	7	2	2	0	7	1	24	6	25
Drug evaluation	6	1	14	6	5	5	12	5	7	2	6	2	50	21	42
Drug policies and management	12	4	3	1	2	2	8	5	0	0	9	6	34	18	53
Food safety	1	0	10	5	1	1	10	1	0	0	6	0	28	7	25
Health laboratory services	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	1	1	15	4	27
Health promotion	5	2	6	5	4	2	6	3	3	2	5	2	29	16	55
Health science and technology policy	6	3	5	3	2	1	6	2	4	1	3	2	26	12	46
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	1	11
Human genetics	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	2	1	1	0	0	11	3	27
Immunology	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	25
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	4	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	13	5	38
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	12	2	11	8	1	1	25	11	7	3	8	2	64	27	42
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	14	2	14

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Malaria	0	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	14	0	0
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	7	2	29
Mental health	1	0	3	0	3	1	6	0	2	0	3	1	18	2	11
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	25
Nursing	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	100
Nutrition	0	0	4	0	1	1	3	1	5	2	2	0	15	4	27
Oral health	2	0	1	0	3	1	9	1	2	0	2	0	19	2	11
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	4	1	5	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	20	4	20
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	2	0	5	3	1	1	8	2	1	0	2	0	19	6	32
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniases)	0	0	5	3	4	1	11	1	3	0	0	0	23	5	22
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	1	0	5	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	3	0	15	1	7
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	3	0	5	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	14	3	21
Prevention of blindness	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	10	2	20
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	25
Rabies	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Radiation	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	20
Rehabilitation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	5	0	5	3	3	2	5	2	5	1	4	0	27	8	30
Traditional medicine	4	0	3	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	9	1	23	2	9
Tuberculosis	2	0	5	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	16	3	19
Vector biology and control	0	0	4	2	2	1	11	2	2	0	6	2	25	7	28
Virus diseases	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zoonoses	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	94	21	165	38	75	33	239	54	83	24	104	29	760	223	29
Percentage of women panel members by region		22		38		44		23		29		28			

^a Number of panel members as at 1 December 2011 where N equals the total number of panel members, W the number of women members, and % the percentage of women panel members by panel and region. The figures reflect the total number of experts. Members with more than one nationality are listed in all relevant panels; however, they are counted only once in this total.