

## **Modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders<sup>1</sup>**

1. The following modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders in the work of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) open to all States and regional economic integration organizations as referred to in Article 32 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement are established per resolution WHA78.1 (2025), which provides that the IGWG shall follow the modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (INB). They are intended to be a “living document”, which may be updated by the IGWG, if it so decides. The modalities, and any subsequent updates, will be made publicly available in an accessible web-based format and communicated to Member States.
2. These modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders of the IGWG are based on the latest version agreed by the INB at its resumed thirteenth meeting.<sup>2</sup> At its eighth meeting, the IGWG approved an additional entity proposed by a Member State for inclusion in Annex E to these modalities. The present version of the modalities reflects that outcome.

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<sup>1</sup> The approach set forth in this document is without prejudice to the engagement by Member States with relevant stakeholders, and at the regional level through the regional committees. Coherence of the approach set forth in this document with United Nations processes will be pursued wherever possible.

<sup>2</sup> As updated in documents A/IGWG/2/4 and A/IGWG/4/3 Rev.1.

| Stakeholder                                                                                        | Invited to attend open sessions of meetings of the IGWG and to speak <sup>3</sup> at those open sessions at the discretion of the Co-Chairpersons | Invited to attend meetings of IGWG subgroups <sup>4</sup> and to speak <sup>4</sup> at those meetings at the discretion of the subgroup Chairperson | Invited to provide inputs to the IGWG (via an electronic portal, an open “hearing” and/or a segment of a session) <sup>5</sup> |
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| United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in effective relations with WHO (Annex A) | Yes                                                                                                                                               | Yes                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                                                                                                            |
| Observers (Annex B)                                                                                | Yes                                                                                                                                               | Yes                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                                                                                                            |
| Non-State actors in official relations with WHO (Annex C)                                          | Yes                                                                                                                                               | Yes                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                                                                                                            |
| Other stakeholders, as decided by the IGWG                                                         | Yes, for those entities listed in Annex D.                                                                                                        | Yes, for those entities listed in Annex D.                                                                                                          | Yes, for those entities listed in either Annex D or Annex E.                                                                   |

**Annex A: United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in effective relations with WHO**

1. United Nations
2. African Development Bank and African Development Fund
3. Commission of the African Union
4. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
5. Islamic Development Bank
6. International Fund for Agricultural Development
7. International Labour Organization
8. League of Arab States
9. International Organisation of la Francophonie
10. World Organisation for Animal Health
11. International Atomic Energy Agency
12. Pan American Health Organization
13. International Committee of Military Medicine
14. South Centre
15. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization
17. Universal Postal Union
18. World Intellectual Property Organization
19. World Meteorological Organization
20. International Development Law Organization

<sup>3</sup> The speaking time of a stakeholder may be limited by the Chairperson of the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the IGWG. Written inputs from stakeholders are to be encouraged.

<sup>4</sup> With the exception of drafting groups unless otherwise agreed by the IGWG, in accordance with paragraph 19 of the IGWG’s proposed methods of work (document A/IGWG/1/2).

<sup>5</sup> Previous intergovernmental working groups have engaged with one or more categories of stakeholders using various modalities, including: (1) inviting stakeholders to observe working group meetings; (2) setting aside time within one or more working group meeting(s) for stakeholders to intervene; (3) holding separate meetings or “hearings”, where stakeholders are invited to provide inputs (in some instances, such meetings were followed by closed sessions of the working group to discuss the inputs provided); and (4) extending the opportunity to participate in electronic consultations to stakeholders.

**Annex B: Observers<sup>6</sup>**

1. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
2. Order of Malta
3. International Committee of the Red Cross
4. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
5. Inter-Parliamentary Union
6. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

**Annex C: Non-State actors in official relations with WHO**

The list of entities in official relations with WHO is available on the WHO website at:

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/non-state-actors-in-official-relations-with-who>

**Annex D: Other stakeholders, as decided by the IGWG, invited to: (1) attend open sessions of meetings of the IGWG; (2) speak at open sessions of meetings of the IGWG at the discretion of the Co-Chairpersons; and (3) provide inputs to the IGWG (via an electronic portal, an open “hearing” and/or a segment of a session)**

1. Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator
2. Africa CDC
3. Africa Union’s COVID-19 Africa Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT)
4. Asian Development Bank
5. Caribbean Public Health Agency
6. Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
7. Commission of the African Union
8. Commonwealth Secretariat
9. Council of Europe
10. COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP)
11. Economic Cooperation Organization
12. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
13. Health Ministers’ Council for Gulf Cooperation Council States
14. Inter-American Development Bank
15. International Air Transport Association
16. International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI)
17. International Civil Aviation Organization
18. International Maritime Organization
19. International Monetary Fund
20. International Organization for Migration
21. International Shipping Federation
22. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
23. Medicines Patent Pool
24. Médecins Sans Frontières International
25. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
26. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
27. Organization of American States
28. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
29. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
30. Pacific Islands Forum
31. Regional economic organizations
32. Unitaid
33. United Nations Children’s Fund

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<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to resolution WHA78.1 (2025), the WHO Observers of Palestine and the Holy See are participants in the IGWG and therefore do not fall under the category of “relevant stakeholders”.

34. United Nations Development Programme
35. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
36. United Nations Environment Programme, including the Convention on Biological Diversity
37. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
38. United Nations Population Fund
39. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
40. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
41. United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
42. World Bank Group
43. World Food Programme
44. World Trade Organization

The list may be updated by the IGWG, if it so decides.

**Annex E: Other stakeholders, as decided by the IGWG, invited to provide inputs to the IGWG (via an electronic portal, an open “hearing” and/or a segment of a session)**

1. ACT-A CSO Platform
2. Action for Animal Health
3. Addis Ababa University
4. AdvaMed
5. Africa Health Business
6. African Medical Research Council
7. AIDS Healthcare Foundation Brazil
8. Armauer Hansen Research Institute
9. Association of Official Laboratories of Brazil
10. Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine
11. Biotechnology Innovation Organization
12. Born Free Foundation
13. Botswana Council of Non-Governmental Organisation
14. Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis
15. Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency
16. Butantan Institute
17. Caribbean Community
18. Centre for Education in Collective Health, Faculty of Medicine, Federal University of Minas Gerais
19. Centre for Global Child Health, Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
20. Centre for Global Health Research, Seoul National University
21. Centre for Global Law and Strategy, Law and Technology Institute, Renmin University of China
22. Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Law (CIPIL)
23. Centre for International Studies
24. Central Research Institute of Epidemiology of Rospotrebnadzor
25. Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin / German Research Foundation
26. China CDC
27. CONACYT (National Council of Science and Technology)
28. Conceição Hospital Group
29. Conservation International
30. Consortium of Universities for Global Health
31. Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, York University (Canada)
32. Developing Countries Vaccine Manufacturers Network International (DCVMN)
33. Disability Rights Fund
34. DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ)
35. East Africa Community

36. East Central and Southern Africa Health Community
37. Ethiopian Airlines
38. Ethiopian Public Health Association
39. Ethiopian Public Health Institute
40. European Bioinformatics Institute
41. European Virus Archive – AISBL (EVA – AISBL)
42. Evandro Chagas Institute
43. Federal Research Institute for Health Organization and Informatics of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
44. Foundation Salud por Derecho
45. FOUR PAWS (VIER PFOTEN International)
46. Friedrich Loeffler Institute
47. Frontline AIDS
48. Geneva Global Health Hub
49. GHIT Fund
50. Global Alliance of Foundations
51. Global Cities Hub
52. Global Health Technologies Coalition
53. Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID)
54. Global Strategy Lab
55. GNP+
56. Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
57. Health Sector High Level Consultative Council (Business Botswana)
58. HPV Global action
59. IICS (Health Sciences Research Institute)
60. Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response
61. INNOVARTE
62. Institute of Public Health, University of Porto
63. Institute of Tropical Medicine
64. Intergovernmental Authority on Development
65. International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS)
66. International Chamber of Commerce
67. International Coalition for Animal Protection
68. International Disability Alliance
69. International Network for Antimicrobial Resistance Social Science
70. International Peace Institute (IPI)
71. Japan CSO Network on Global Health
72. Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security
73. Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures
74. Medicines Law and Policy
75. Metabiota
76. Microbe of Rospotrebnadzor
77. Namibia University of Science and Technology
78. National Association of Manufacturers/Engaging America's Global Leadership Coalition
79. National Center for Disease Control (India)
80. National Institute of Communicable Disease (South Africa)
81. National Institute of Virology (India)
82. National Medical Research Centre for Phthisiopulmonology and Infectious Diseases of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
83. National School of Public Health, New University Lisbon
84. One Health High Level Expert Panel
85. Open Philanthropy

86. Open Society Foundations
87. Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
88. Panel for a Global Public Health Convention
89. Pathoplexus
90. Pax Sapiens
91. PIP Framework Advisory Group
92. Plan International Canada
93. Portuguese Non-Governmental Development Organizations' Platform
94. PREZODE (PREventing ZOonotic Disease Emergence)
95. Professor Ilona Kickbusch, PhD
96. Professor Yemane Berhane – National Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Health (Ethiopia)
97. Public Citizen
98. Rani
99. Resolve To Save Lives
100. Right to Health Action
101. Skoll Foundation
102. Smorodintsev Research Institute of Influenza of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
103. Solidarity for Vaccine Equity Study Team
104. South African Health Products Regulatory Authority
105. Southern African Development Community
106. Spark Street Advisors
107. STOPAIDS Coalition
108. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
109. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
110. The Pandemic Institute
111. The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity
112. The Smolensk State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
113. Third World Network
114. Tulane School of Public Health
115. UHC 2030
116. UHC 2030 Civil Society Engagement Mechanism
117. UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health
118. University of Botswana
119. University of Namibia
120. University of the West Indies Mona Campus
121. Vector of Rospotrebnadzor
122. VINEx
123. Wemos
124. Wildlife Conservation Society
125. WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-based Medicine
126. WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Law and Bioethics
127. WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care
128. WHO Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Strengthening and Diagnostic Technology Evaluation
129. WHO Collaborating Centre for National and Global Health Law
130. WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research and Education
131. WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies
132. WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Research in Mental Health
133. WHO Technical Advisory Group on Behavioural Insights and Sciences for Health
134. Wild Life Institute of India
135. World Data Center for Microorganisms
136. World Wide Fund for Nature
137. Zoological Society of London