

Development of a **Global Strategy and Action Plan** for Integrated Emergency, Critical and Operative Care

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SEVENTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 13.1

WHA76.2
30 May 2023

**Integrated emergency, critical and operative care
for universal health coverage and protection
from health emergencies¹**



SEVENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 11.1

WHA77(8)
1 June 2024

**Development of a global strategy
and action plan for integrated emergency,
critical and operative care, 2026–2035**



WHA Decision 77(8) on development of a global strategy and action plan for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026-2035

In June 2024, the WHA requested WHO to:

1. “develop, in consultation with Member States, relevant UN specialized agencies as well as civil society, academia and other stakeholders... *a global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care to support the implementation of resolution WHA76.2 for the period 2026–2035*, for consideration by the Seventy-ninth WHA, through the Executive Board at its 158th session; and
2. translate the global strategy into *an action plan with targets to be achieved by 2035.*”



General structure of a Global STRATEGY

1. **Context**, including burden of disease, economic impact, major gaps, specific challenges, relevant resolutions
2. **Vision and goal**
3. **Strategic Objectives** with a brief rationale for each
4. **Role of Member States, WHO Secretariat, and partners**
5. **Action by Executive Board and World Health Assembly**



Research to inform the Global Strategy for Integrated ECO

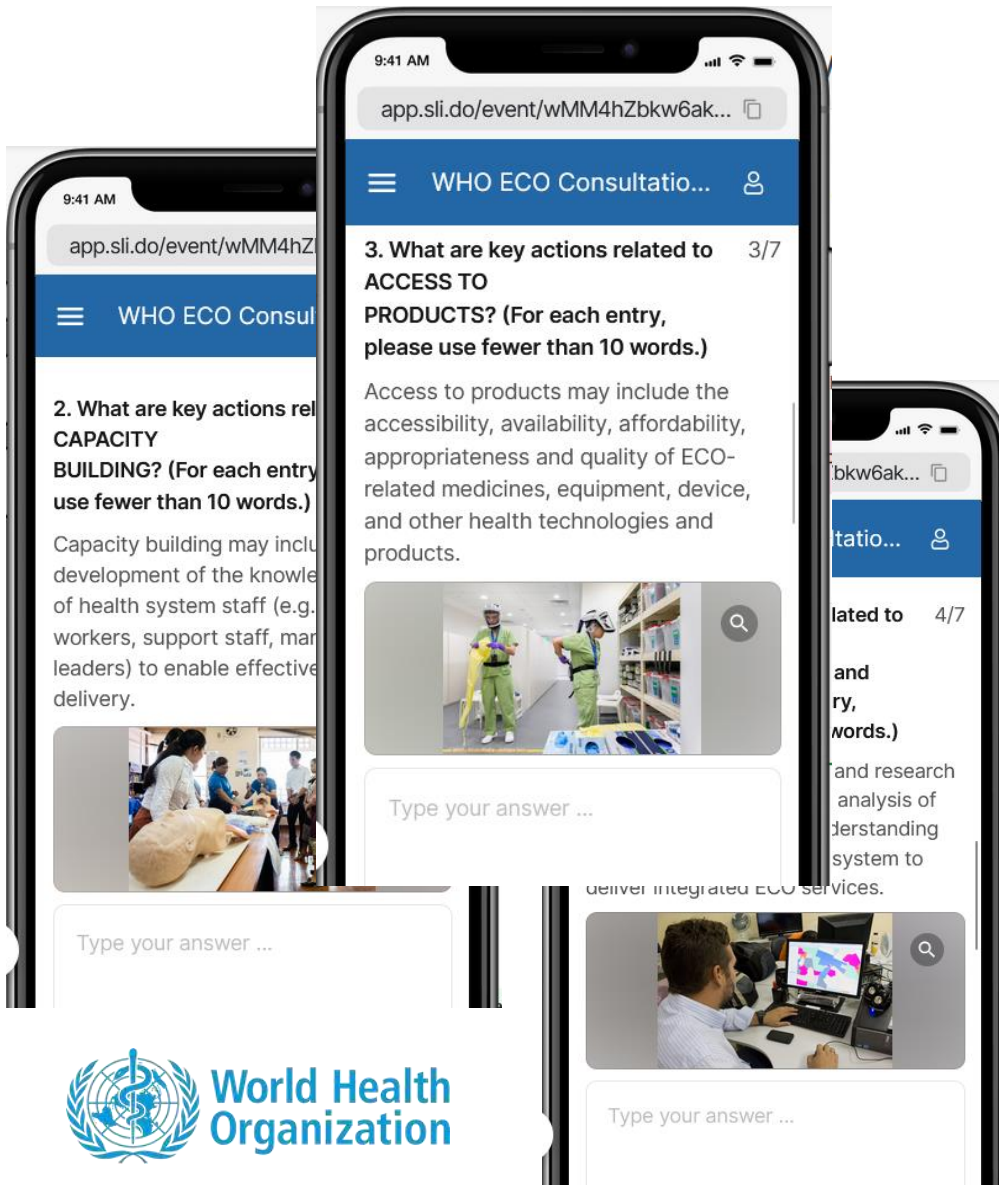


- **Assessing current state of ECO** through
 - literature reviews
 - interviews with stakeholders
 - WHO national system assessments from >50 countries
- **Identifying indicators for assessing ECO** services at national and global level

Steps to develop the Global Strategy for Integrated Emergency, Critical and Operative Care (ECO)



Expert & UN consultations: April 2024 – Jan 2025



- **15 consultations** with professional societies, expert partners and UN agencies.
- Real-time **interactive polls** with open-ended questions on **key ECO actions**.
- **803 participants** wrote an average of 10 qualitative responses each (**8,190** total).

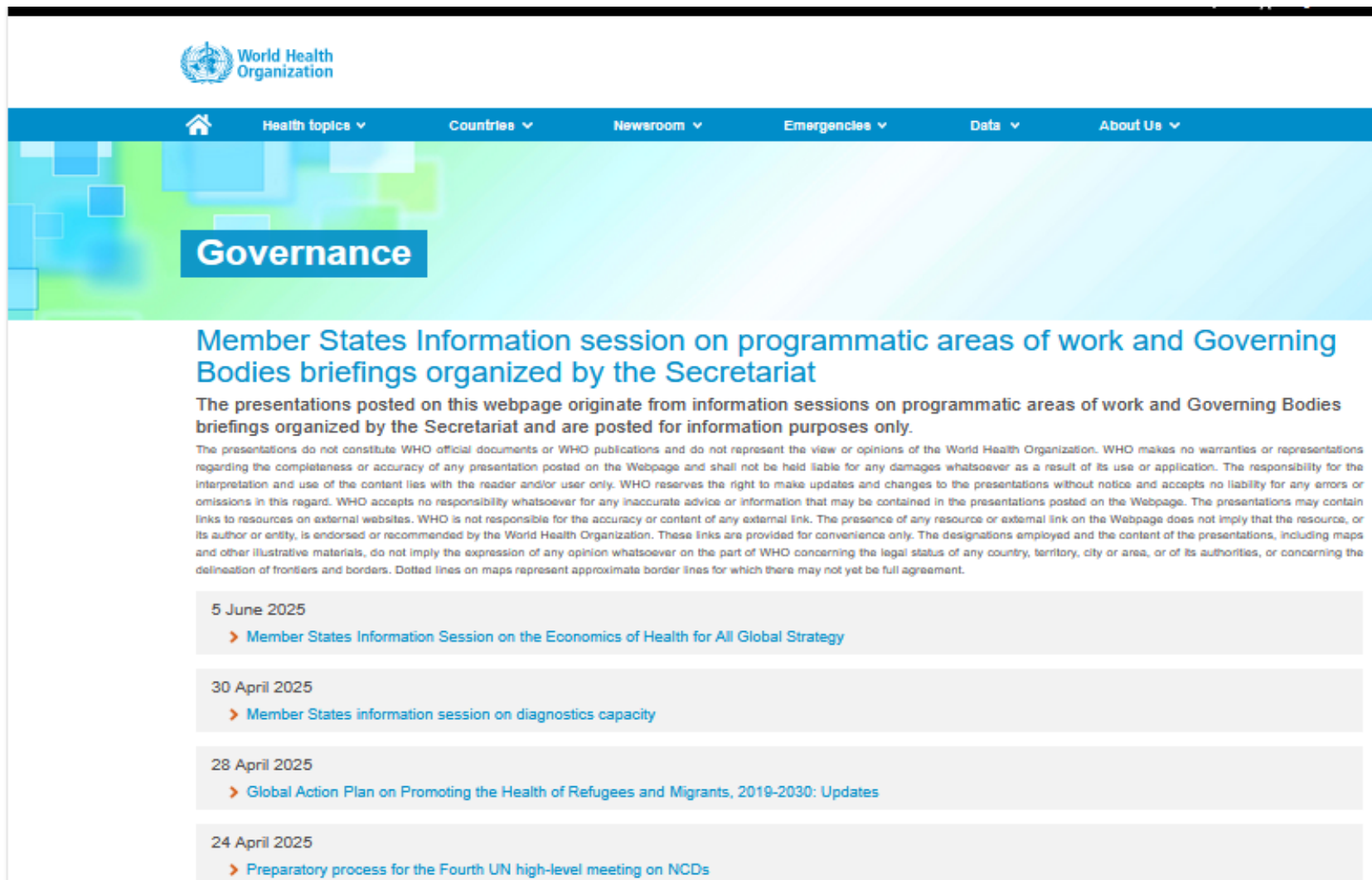
No.	Professional Society / Partners	Discipline	Geo. Focus	Date
1	European Society of Trauma and Emergency Surgery	Trauma and Emergency Surgery	EUR	29 Apr 2024
2	Global Alliance for Care of the Injured	ECO	Global	12 June
3	CSY Partners	ECO and more	Global	18 July
4	African Forum for Research and Education in Health	General	AFR	7 Aug
5	International Society of Surgery (International Surgical Week)	Surgery	Global	27 Aug
6	Global Emergency Care Conference	Emergency Care	Global/ WPR	10 Sept
7	World Coalition for Trauma Care	Trauma	Global	11 Sep
8	South African Society of Anaesthesiologists & World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists	Anaesthesia	AFR	17 Sept
9	Consortium of Universities for Global Health (Global Health Week)	General	Global	1 Oct
10	Acute Care Action Network	Acute Care	Global	18 Oct
11	WHO Emergency Medical Teams	Health Emergencies	Global / EMR	6 Nov
12	UN specialized agencies & other UN	General	Global	10 Dec
13	World Federation of Intensive & Critical Care #1, online	Intensive & Critical Care & Other	Global	12 Dec
14	World Federation of Intensive & Critical Care #2, online			8 Jan 2025
15	Operation Smile & others, Colombia	Injury & Other	Global / AMR	16 Jan

Regional consultations on Draft 1 of the Global Strategy for Integrated ECO: Feb – May 2025

- All WHO regional offices completed regional consultations
- Guided by WHA73(15) and tailored to region
- Feedback incorporated into current draft of the Global Strategy



Online Member State Consultation on Draft 2 of the Global Strategy for Integrated ECO: 19 June – 14 July 2025



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- 5 June 2025
 - [Member States Information Session on the Economics of Health for All Global Strategy](#)
- 30 April 2025
 - [Member States information session on diagnostics capacity](#)
- 28 April 2025
 - [Global Action Plan on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants, 2019-2030: Updates](#)
- 24 April 2025
 - [Preparatory process for the Fourth UN high-level meeting on NCDs](#)

Overview of Draft 2 of the Global Strategy for Integrated ECO



- I. Background
- II. Overview of the global situation
- III. Vision and goal
- IV. Strategic objectives
- V. Roles of WHO, Member States and partners

Global Strategies must be <5,000 words

Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO

Background & Overview of the Global Situation

1. Burden of conditions addressable by ECO
2. Access and coverage of ECO
3. Socio-economic considerations, including cost-effectiveness and impact of gaps in ECO
4. Health system determinants of ECO
5. ECO integration and coordination within models of care
6. ECO service delivery processes
7. Special considerations for ECO during public health emergencies and humanitarian crises



Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO *Vision*

By 2035, all people have timely access to the high-quality emergency, critical and operative care they need without financial hardship, and ...

health systems have the capacity for rapid scale up of emergency, critical and operative care during public health emergencies.



Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO

Goal

Through a PHC approach to UHC, strengthen emergency, critical and operative care by:

1. **creating national policies** for sustainable funding, effective governance and integrated planning informed by systematic collection and strategic analysis of data;
2. explicitly **incorporating ECO services into UHC packages, service delivery platform design and optimized care pathways**;
3. **empowering communities** in the planning and provision of ECO;
4. **supporting, training and protecting the health workforce** who deliver ECO;
5. **optimizing service delivery processes** to maximize quality of care; and
6. **ensuring surge capacity and coordination** for ECO services during public health emergencies.

Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO: *Strategic Objectives*



1 ECO governance & financing



2 ECO within models of care



3 ECO workforce planning & capacity building



4 ECO service delivery & quality



5 ECO data for decision making & QI



6 ECO in public health emergencies & humanitarian crises

Strategic Objective 1: ECO governance & financing

- Ensure essential **ECO policies**, regulation & legislation
- Integrate **ECO services** into national planning & financing
- Coordinate **ECO readiness** & surge capacity during public health emergencies



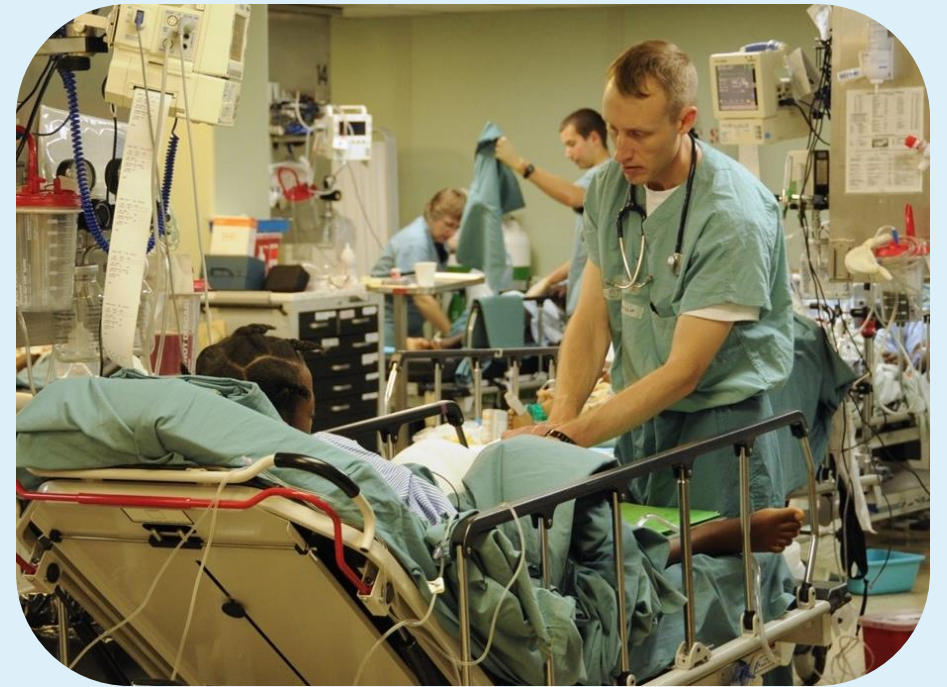
Strategic Objective 2: ECO within models of care

- Include essential **ECO services in UHC packages** & map to service delivery platforms
- Ensure integrated, people-centred **ECO pathways**
- Optimize **ECO management & teams**
- Empower communities as **users & providers of ECO**



Strategic Objective 3: ECO workforce planning & capacity building

- Plan adequate numbers & distribution of **ECO health workers**
- Build & maintain **capacity to deliver** high-quality ECO
- **Protect the ECO workforce** from workplace hazards



Strategic Objective 4: ECO service delivery & quality

- Provide quality, multidisciplinary **ECO services**
- Ensure essential ECO **equipment and supplies**
- Empower communities as **users & providers of ECO**



Strategic Objective 5: ECO data for decision-making & quality improvement

- Evaluate health system capacity to deliver ECO, & need for & utilization of ECO services
- Identify ECO evidence gaps & set research priorities to inform policy & planning



Strategic Objective 6: ECO in public health emergencies & humanitarian crises

- Strengthen health systems to provide ECO continuity, from **readiness to response & recovery**



Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO *Roles*

- Member States
- WHO
- Partners
- Civil society
- Private sector



Draft 2 Global Strategy for Integrated ECO: Member State Consultation Process

1. The draft Strategy will be available for MS consultation from 19 June – 14 July 2025.
2. The Governing Bodies will send an email to MS explaining how to access the draft Strategy and submit feedback.
3. Feedback should only be provided by individuals who are authorized to represent MS in this consultation.
4. We request that each MS provide consolidated feedback.



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