Reform of the Global Health Architecture (GHA)

Joint Process - developments since 26 June MS Consultation

Member States Consultation Session

18 August 2026

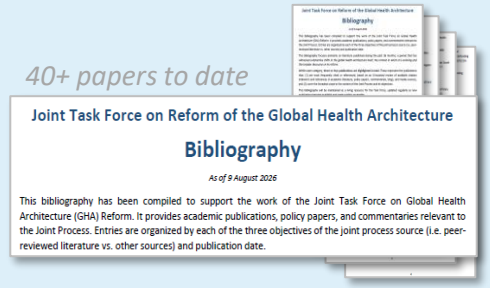
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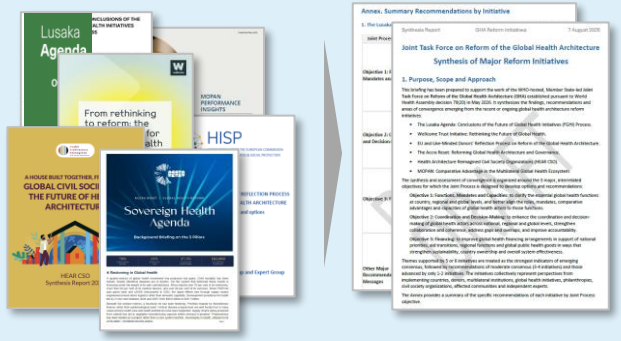
Task Force *Selection Process*: redesigned & implemented in keeping with Member State direction & MS-led nature of the process.

Task Force *Terms of Reference*: re-drafted based on MS direction (26 June) & submitted to Task Force Co-Chairs & Members for finalization.

Task Force Materials:

- *Bibliography:* 52 peer-reviewed articles, blogs, commentaries & other GHA-related materials of past 36 months organized for 3 Joint Process objectives
- *GHA Reform Initiatives Reports:* summaries developed for 6 Initiatives, then an overall Synthesis Report with major findings & recommendations for each of the 3 objectives of the Joint Process





Task Force | key developments since 26 June

23 Members appointed to date (link)

- 2 Co-Chairs selected: Dr Yong FENG/CHN & Mr Bjorn KÜMMEL/GER
- 12 by Member States: Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Ethiopia, France, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Thailand, United Kingdom
- 5 by GHIs*: CEPI, Gavi, Global Fund, Pandemic Fund, UNITAID
- 3 by UN entities: WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF
- 1 by World Bank: World Bank

* Global Health Initiatives

1 Regional Health Organization: 30 institutions or organizations proposed by Member States WHO Regional Offices & GHA Reform Initiatives

1st Meeting of the Joint Task Force on GHA Reform

Overview & key points for Member State consultation

WHO Member States Consultation

18 August 2026

1st Meeting of the Joint Task Force – Monday, 17 August 2026

Major Agenda Items*

1. Task Force ***Terms of Reference***, incl. ways of working

2. 1st Task Force **in-person meeting** (3-4 Sept 2026)

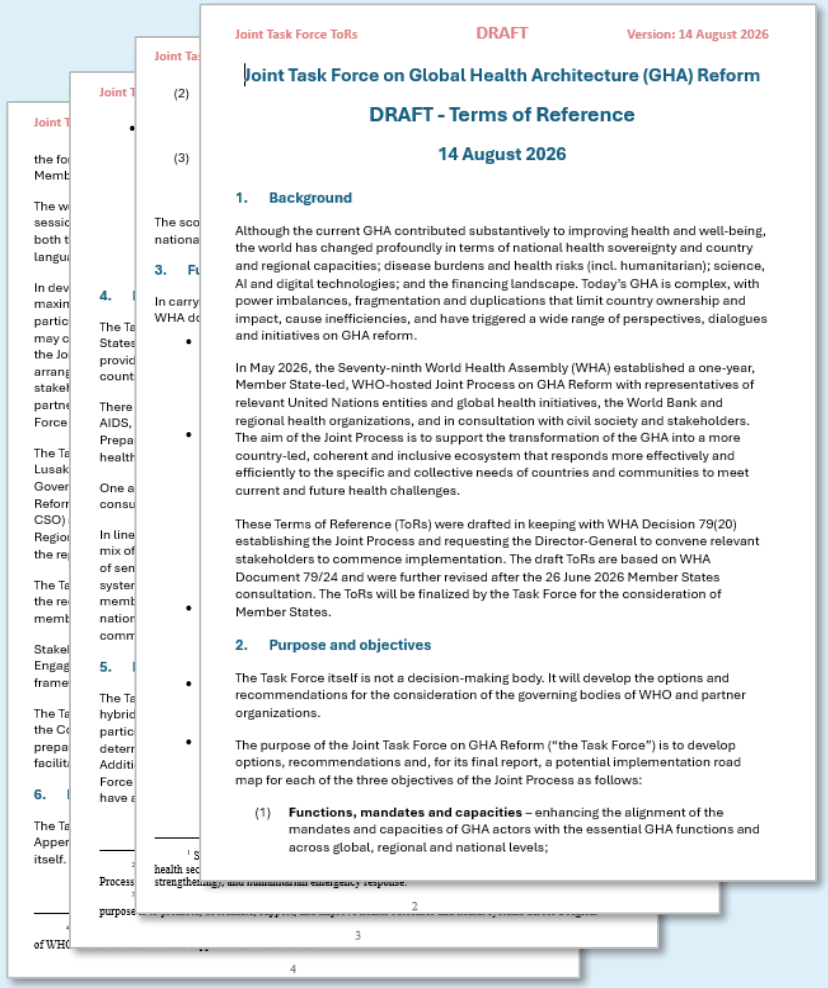
3. ***Regional Health Organization*** representative to the Task Force

4. Task Force questions to the ***WHO Regional Committees***

5. **Work-to-date** related to each of the Joint Process objectives

* italicized items indicate priorities for Member State consultation

Joint Task Force on GHA Reform – Terms of Reference



Structure:

1. Background
2. Purpose & Objectives
3. **Functions & Deliverables**
4. Membership
5. **Method of Work**
6. Duration & Timeline

RECAP - Purpose & Objectives

To develop options, recommendations & an implementation roadmap for governing bodies of WHO & partner organizations, for the 3 objectives:

- **functions, mandates & capacities** – to enhance alignment & address gaps across levels
- **coordination & decision-making** – to strengthen collaboration & accountability across levels
- **financing** – to align with national self-reliance agendas, regional functions & GPHGs

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Scope:

- global (all countries & settings)
- national, regional, global levels
- all essential GHA functions
- current & future health priorities

Functions & Deliverables

- **establish workplan & finalize method of work** - in line with Joint Process principles
- **develop specific outputs in support of the 3 Objectives** - mapping & options for global health functions/roles, governance/collaboration, financing
- **engage in monthly Member State consultations** - to ensure MS perspectives inform Task Force on ongoing basis
- **meet stakeholders regularly** – civil society/youth bimonthly; broader stakeholders quarterly
- **brief governing bodies of Task Force partner organizations** - as applicable
- **develop 2 reports** – interim & final for partner governing bodies & WHA

Method of Work

Meetings

- 3 in person meetings (with option for virtual participation)

3-4 Sept	initiate Workstreams
early Nov	finalize Interim Board Paper
late Feb/Mar	review Boards feedback/way forward

- monthly virtual meetings (3 hrs.)

Workstreams

- 3 workstreams, 1 for each Joint Process objective
- lead/co-lead by Member State Task Force members
- maximize existing work; commission additional analysis as required
- establish other arrangements as needed, drawing on other partners & experts, including civil society

Task Force – Regional Health Organization selection

30 nominations



Nominations for the Regional Health Organization position on the Joint Task Force for GHA Reform (as of 13 August 2026)

ID #	Entity	Acronym	Category	Region of Work	Number of Countries	Description of Countries Covered	Primary Focus
1	Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention	Africa CDC	Regional Health Institution	Africa	55	55 African Union Member States	Continental public health institution supporting surveillance, preparedness, disease control, workforce development, and health security.
2	African Medicines Agency	AMA	Regional Health Institution	Africa	30	African Union Member States that ratify the AMA Treaty	Continental regulatory institution supporting harmonization of medical product regulation, improved access to quality-assured medicines, and regulatory capacity strengthening.
3	African Union Commission for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development	AUC-HAS	Regional Organization with Health Function	Africa	55	55 African Union Member States	African Union Commission department providing the AU health, humanitarian affairs and social development agenda, including support to Member States on health, population, migration, social development, and humanitarian affairs.
4	Ancef Health Africa	Ancef	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Africa	40+	Multiple African countries; not specified	African health development organization focused on primary health care, community health, workforce development, maternal and child health, and health systems strengthening.
5	Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations	APCASO	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Asia-Pacific	30+	Asia-Pacific region	Regional network supporting community systems, HIV responses, and health equity.
6	Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies	APO	Regional Technical and Policy Platform	Asia-Pacific	10	Participating governments: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR (China), India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Solomon Islands, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam	Collaborative platform supporting health systems research, policy analysis, knowledge exchange, and evidence-informed policymaking.
7	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	ASEAN	Regional Organization with Health Function	Asia-Pacific	10	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam	Regional integration body with increasingly important health cooperation work, particularly on health security and emergencies.
8	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation	BIMSTEC	Regional Organization with Health Function	Asia-Pacific	7	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand	Multisectoral regional cooperation mechanism. Health is one cooperation pillar but not the primary mandate.
9	Caribbean Public Health Agency	CARPHA	Regional Health Institution	Caribbean	23	15 CARICOM Member States and 8 Associate Members	Regional public health agency providing surveillance, laboratory services, research, workforce development, health promotion, and emergency preparedness support.
10	Council of Arab Ministers for Health	CAMH	Regional Health Institution	Middle East / North Africa	22	22 Arab League Member States	Ministerial platform coordinating regional health policies, strategies, and priorities across the Arab region.
11	Dutch Global Health Alliance	DGHA	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Europe / Global	1	Netherlands-based with international partners	Multi-stakeholder alliance advocating for global health priorities and international cooperation.
12	East African Community Electoral Council on Health and the Health Department	EAC	Regional Organization with Health Function	Africa	8	Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, and United Republic of Tanzania	Intergovernmental regional integration organization providing economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation among Partner States. Health is one of several areas of regional cooperation and includes work on health systems, disease control, medicines regulation
13	East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community	ECSA-HC	Regional Health Institution	Africa	14	Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Regional intergovernmental health organization supporting health systems strengthening, workforce development, disease control, policy coordination, and technical cooperation across East, Central and Southern Africa.
14	Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network	EMPHNET	Regional Technical and Policy Platform	Middle East / Eastern Mediterranean	24	Eastern Mediterranean Region countries and selected neighbouring countries	Regional technical network supporting epidemiology, surveillance, workforce development, and public health implementation.
15	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	ECDC	Regional Health Institution	Europe	30	European Union and European Economic Area countries	EU agency providing disease surveillance, risk assessment, preparedness, and outbreak coordination.
16	European Federation of Nurses Associations	EFN	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Europe	36	European countries	Represents national nursing associations and workforce interests.
17	European Junior Doctors	EJD	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Europe	28	European countries	Represents junior doctors and medical trainees.
18	European Patients' Forum	EPF	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Europe	24	European countries	Umbrella organization representing patient groups and patient interests.
19	Fundación Huésped	Fundación Huésped	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	South America	1	Argentina with broader Latin American engagement	NGO focused on HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and public health advocacy.
20	Global Health Institute, American University of Beirut	GHI-AUB	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Middle East / North Africa	1	Middle East and North Africa	Academic and policy institute supporting research, training, and regional health policy dialogue.
21	Gulf Center for Disease Prevention and Control	Gulf CDC	Regional Health Institution	Middle East	6	Gulf Cooperation Council Member States	Regional disease prevention and public health coordination mechanism focused on health security, surveillance, and preparedness.
22	Gulf Health Council	GHC	Regional Health Institution	Middle East	6	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates	Formal Gulf Cooperation Council health cooperation body supporting policy coordination, procurement, workforce, and health system initiatives.
23	International Treatment Preparedness Coalition Eastern Europe and Central Asia	ITPC EECA	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Eastern Europe / Central Asia	14	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Regional treatment-access and health advocacy network.
24	International Treatment Preparedness Coalition Middle East and North Africa	ITPC MENA	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Middle East / North Africa	14	Middle East and North Africa	Community-led advocacy for treatment access, health equity, and community engagement.
25	Pacific Community	SPC	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Asia-Pacific	27	27 Pacific Island countries and territories	Regional development organization with a major public health function, supporting health systems, surveillance, and health security.
26	Pan American Health Organization	PAHO/WHO AMRO	Regional Health Institution	Americas	35	Americas (35 Member States, 4 Associate Members)	Formal regional health organization and WHO Regional Office for the Americas. Provides technical cooperation, health systems strengthening, disease control, emergency response, and regional health governance.
27	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation	SAARC	Regional Organization with Health Function	South Asia	8	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka	Intergovernmental regional cooperation organization promoting welfare, quality of life, economic development, and regional cooperation among Member States, with health-related cooperation forming part of its broader mandate.
28	Standing Committee of European Doctors	CPME	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Europe	27	EU/EEA countries	Represents national medical associations and physicians in European policymaking.
29	WACI Health	WACI Health	Regional Stakeholder, Civil Society or Professional Organization	Africa	35+	Primarily African countries	Civil society advocacy focused on health financing, HIV, universal health coverage, and accountability.
30	WHO Regional Office for Africa	WHO AFRO	Regional Health Institution	Africa	47	47 Member States in the WHO African Region	WHO Regional Office supporting Member States through technical cooperation, disease control, health systems strengthening, emergency preparedness, and implementation of WHO policies and programmes.

* WHO AFRO & AMRO/PAHO operate within the governance framework of WHO

Short list

Africa CDC

Pan-American Health Organization

Next steps

- 24 hours to finalize short list
- if more than 1 candidate:
  - each TF member ranks short-list
  - if no consensus, top-ranked org. by MS members to be selected
  - result shared with Member States
- top-ranked organization invited

NOTE: all nominated institutions & organizations will be invited to engage in the Joint Process

Task Force – Proposed Questions for WHO Regional Committees

Region	Location of RC	Date of RC	GHA coverage
AFRO	Addis Ababa	24-28 Aug 2026	Agenda item: "Matters arising from resolutions/decisions of WHA & EB"
AMRO	Washington D.C.	28 Sep – 2 Oct 2026	Briefing session on the side of the Regional Committee
EMRO	Cairo	13-15 Oct 2026	Agenda item: "Resolutions & decisions of regional interest adopted by 79th WHA and 158th & 159th EB"
EURO	Copenhagen	27-29 Oct 2026	Agenda item: "Matters arising from resolutions/decisions of WHA & EB"
SEARO	Dili	7-10 Sep 2026	Agenda item: "Resolutions & Decisions of Regional Interest adopted by 79th WHA"
WPRO	Manila	19-22 Oct 2026	Agenda item: "Coordination of WHO's work across the 3levels"

From your Regional perspective:

- what is the biggest challenge facing your region that should be addressed as part of the 3 objectives of the Joint Process, as agreed in WHA Decision 79(20)?
- which functions should be carried out at the regional level? Which functions should be carried out at the global level?

Next Steps

- Member States guidance by Friday 21 August on the work to date to facilitate Task Force planning.
- Task Force to convene its 1st in-person meeting on 3-4 September, establish 3 Workstreams & initiate work.
- 2nd consultation to be convened with Member States in mid/late September to inform Workstreams.

Discussion questions

- Do Member States have perspectives as the Co-Chairs create the Task Force's workplan based on the 3 objectives/workstreams & including the substantive, meaningful engagement of the GHIs?

- Do Member States have perspectives on how best to engage the Regions through the RCMs and/or other mechanisms?