

Establishment of a consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination

Report by the Secretariat

1. In May 2010, the Sixty-third World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA63.28 on the establishment of a consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination. Resolution WHA63.28, inter alia, in operative paragraph 2(4) requested the Director-General to invite Member States and a regional economic integration organization to nominate experts, following consultations with regional committees to achieve gender balance and diversity of technical competence and expertise. The details of nominees shall be submitted to the Director-General through the regional directors. It further requested the Director-General to establish a roster of experts comprising all the nominations submitted by the regional directors and to propose a composition of the Consultative Expert Working Group to the Executive Board for its approval, drawing on the roster of experts and taking into account regional representation according to the composition of the Executive Board, gender balance and diversity of expertise.
2. Accordingly, on 30 June 2010, a note verbale was sent to Member States and to a regional economic integration organization, namely, the European Union, inviting them to nominate experts for the Consultative Expert Working Group. The note verbale included a form to be completed with regard to each nomination and the reminder that all nominations should be sent through the regional offices.
3. In addition on 1 July 2010, the Director-General wrote to all Regional Directors to recall the procedures for the establishment of the Consultative Expert Working Group, in particular regarding the nomination process, and to request the establishment of regional focal points in all regional offices.
4. The Regional Directors sent a total of 79 nominations following consultation in the regional committees. In accordance with resolution WHA63.28, the Secretariat established a roster of experts comprising all the nominations submitted.
5. Drawing on the roster and taking into account regional representation according to the composition of the Executive Board, gender balance, and diversity of expertise, the Director-General shortlisted 21 individuals. This shortlist reflects the regional composition of the Executive Board, comprising four nominations from the Regional Office for Africa; four from the Regional Office for the Americas; three from the Regional Office for South-East Asia; four from the Regional Office for Europe; three from the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean; and three from the Regional Office for the Western Pacific. The shortlist includes women, representing 27% of the total.

6. The Director-General thus proposes the following list for approval by the Executive Board:

Country/regional economic integration organization		Name	Gender	Current position/expertise
WHO Regional Office for Africa				
1.	Guinea	Mr Loua, Kovana Marcel	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director General of the National Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Guinea • Areas of expertise: public health, health policy, health research
2.	Madagascar	Mr Rakotomanga, Jean de Dieu Marie	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary General of the Ministry of Health • Areas of expertise: public health with specialization in epidemiology, research
3.	South Africa	Mr Mayosi, Bongani Mawethu	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, Groote Schuur Hospital and University of Cape Town • Areas of expertise: epidemiology and clinical research
4.	Uganda	Mr Okware, Samuel Ikwaras	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director General Uganda National Health Research Organization, Entebbe • Areas of expertise: public health, epidemiology and control of infectious diseases
WHO Regional Office for the Americas				
5.	Argentina	Mr Correa, Carlos Maria	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics Law, at the University of Buenos Aires • Areas of expertise: intellectual property law and policy, public health,

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				development and technology transfer
6.	Brazil	Ms Chamas, Claudia Inês	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator of the focal area of Innovation, Intellectual Property and Programme Development of the Masters and Doctoral Programme in Public Policy, Strategy and Development of the Economics Institute of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, in association with Fiocruz Areas of expertise: innovation policy and economy, intellectual property and public health
7.	Canada	Mr Morgan, Steven George	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health Areas of expertise: pharmaceutical policy, health economics, health policy, industrial organization
8.	United States of America	Ms Hanson, Christy	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Public Health Advisor Infectious Diseases Division, USAID Areas of expertise: public health, antimicrobial resistance, surveillance and infectious diseases
WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia				
9.	Indonesia	Mr Trisnantoro, Laksono	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Post Graduate Program in Health Policy and Management, Gadjah Mada University Areas of expertise: health policy and management, health finance

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10.	Sri Lanka	Mr Rannan-Eliya, Ravindra Prasan	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Institute for Health Policy, Colombo, Sri Lanka • Areas of expertise: research, health systems, health financing and policy
11.	Thailand	Mr Durongkaveroj, Pichet	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary General, National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office, Ministry of Science and Technology • Areas of expertise: science, technology and innovation policy, education policy
WHO Regional Office for Europe				
12.	Finland	Ms Koivusalo, Meri Tuulikki	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Researcher in the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health, Finland • Areas of expertise: international health policy, health systems organization and financing
13.	Norway	Mr Røttingen, John Arne	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunct Professor in Health Policy at the Department of Health Management and Health Economics, Institute of Health and Society, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo • Areas of expertise: research policy, health services research, health technology assessment, biomedicine, infectious diseases, epidemiology

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14.	Switzerland	Mr Herrling, Paul Linus	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Novartis Institutes for Developing World Medical Research at Novartis Pharma AG • Areas of expertise: research, health financing, tropical diseases
15.	European Union	Mr Jahn, Albrecht	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor for Public Health at the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany, • Areas of expertise: research financing, management and health policy, global and public health, infectious disease control, maternal and child health
WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean				
16.	Islamic Republic of Iran	Mr Malekafzali, Hossein	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Deputy Minister for Research and Technology, Ministry of Health and Medical Education • Areas of expertise: public health, research, epidemiology, biostatistics
17.	Lebanon	Ms Harb, Hilda	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Department of Statistics, Ministry of Public Health, Beirut • Areas of expertise: biostatistics, reproductive health and health policy
18.	Morocco	Ms El Aouad Berrada, Rajae Hossein	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Steering Committee of the Royal Institute of Strategic Studies • Areas of expertise: immunologie, public health policy

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WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific			
19. China	Mr Liu, Peilong	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Advisor to the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health, China• Areas of expertise: public Health, International cooperation in the field of health, health financing
20. Japan	Mr Uemura, Shozo	Male	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice-President and Tokyo Office Manager, Aoyama and Partners• Areas of expertise: international patent law and international patent policy
21. Philippines	Ms Lagrada, Leizel	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division Chief, Health Planning Division, Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau• Areas of expertise: public health management, health financing

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7. The Board is invited to note the report and is requested to consider the list of experts proposed for its approval.

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