

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. The expert advisory panels on cancer, cardiovascular diseases and chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes) were disestablished. They were replaced by a panel on the management of noncommunicable diseases.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 45 expert advisory panels totalled 602 in December 2015, compared with 653 in December 2014. In terms of regional distribution, 12% of panel members come from the African Region, 24% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from the South-East Asia Region, 29% from the European Region, 10% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 15% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total number of panel members, 31% are women.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as at December 2015. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2015:

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (Fiftieth meeting), Geneva, 12–16 October 2015 (13 members: seven men, six 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 (80th meeting), Rome, 16–25 June 2015 (eight members: five men, three women); (Eighty-first meeting), Rome, 17–26 November 2015 (six members: five men, one woman)

Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (Thirty-seventh meeting), Geneva, 16–20 November 2015 (13 members: six men, seven women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Sixty-sixth meeting), Geneva, 12–16 October 2015 (14 members: nine men, five women)

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (Twentieth meeting), Geneva, 20–24 April 2015 (15 members: nine men, six women).

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 64 panel members from 30 different countries, drawn from six expert advisory panels. All members were able 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ageing and health	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	60
Biological standardization	0	0	5	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	3	1	13	3	23
Blood transfusion medicine	10	4	4	2	6	3	8	1	6	3	6	4	40	17	42
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	33
Clinical surgical procedures	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	3	3	7	3	6	3	5	1	1	0	4	1	26	11	42
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	4	2	3	1	5	1	2	0	7	1	22	5	23
Drug evaluation	7	1	15	6	6	6	13	3	8	2	8	4	57	22	39
Drug policies and management	3	1	4	3	2	2	5	3	0	0	3	2	17	11	65
Food safety	1	0	17	7	1	1	10	2	0	0	7	1	36	11	31
Health laboratory services	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	2	1	1	9	4	44
Health promotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	100
Health science and technology policy	1	0	5	3	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	12	6	50
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	0	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	11	3	27
Human genetics	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Immunology	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	11	3	27

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	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	13	2	13	10	3	1	29	11	5	1	11	2	74	27	36
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	13	2	15
Malaria	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0
Management of noncommunicable diseases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	6	2	33
Mental health	1	0	3	0	4	2	4	0	0	0	2	0	14	2	14
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	33
Nursing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrition	0	0	18	5	3	1	11	7	5	2	8	1	45	16	36
Oral health	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	1	2	0	1	0	11	2	18
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	4	1	5	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	19	4	21
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	2	0	3	2	1	1	7	1	1	0	1	0	15	4	27
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	0	5	3	4	1	7	1	3	0	0	0	19	5	26
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	4	1	6	0	0	0	5	1	2	0	4	0	21	2	10
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	4	0	3	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	25
Prevention of blindness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	50
Rabies	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	9	2	22
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	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	4	40

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	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Traditional and complementary medicine	3	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	7	0	19	1	5
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vector biology and control	0	0	1	1	2	1	8	1	1	0	3	2	15	5	33
Virus diseases	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoonoses	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	6	2	33
Total	70	15	151	61	64	30	173	43	55	14	89	24	602	187	31
		22%		40%		47%		25%		25%		27%			

^a Number of panel members as at December 2015 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, but they are counted only once in this total.