

Reports of advisory bodies

Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Report by the Director-General¹

ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. The panel on Immunology was disestablished in June 2019.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 42 expert advisory panels totalled 537 in November 2019, compared with 544 in November 2018. In terms of regional distribution, 11% come from the African Region, 26% from the Region of the Americas, 9% from South-East Asia Region, 29% from the European Region, 9% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 16% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total of all members of all panels, 35% are women.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown on members by panel, region and sex, as of November 2019. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES AND STUDY GROUPS

4. The following committees met in 2019:

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (Twenty-second meeting)
Geneva, 1–5 April 2019 (13 members: six men, seven women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Eighty-seventh meeting)
Rome, 4–13 June 2019 (seven members: four men, three women)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (Fifty-fourth meeting)
Geneva, 14–18 October 2019 (17 members: nine men, eight women)

Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (Forty-second meeting)
Geneva, 21–25 October 2019 (11 members: five 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.

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Seventieth meeting)
Geneva, 21–25 October 2019 (15 members: eight men, seven women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Eighty-eighth meeting)
Rome, 22–31 October 2019 (four members: three men, one woman)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 67 panel members from 31 different countries, drawn from seven expert advisory panels. Six members were not able to attend.

ANNEX

WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS, MEMBERSHIP BY PANEL AND REGION¹

WHO expert advisory panel	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	%
Acute bacterial diseases	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0%
Ageing and health	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	2	[1]	0	[0]	3	[1]	33%
Biological standardization	1	[1]	3	[1]	1	[1]	6	[2]	0	[0]	3	[1]	14	[6]	43%
Blood transfusion medicine	5	[3]	4	[3]	5	[3]	5	[1]	5	[2]	6	[4]	30	[16]	53%
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0%
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	2	[2]	9	[4]	3	[2]	3	[2]	2	[2]	5	[2]	24	[14]	58%
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	[0]	4	[2]	3	[1]	5	[1]	1	[0]	8	[1]	22	[5]	23%
Drug evaluation	8	[3]	13	[4]	9	[7]	16	[3]	7	[2]	7	[3]	60	[22]	37%
Drug policies and management	3	[1]	2	[2]	0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	0	[0]	6	[4]	67%
Food safety	1	[0]	18	[6]	1	[1]	9	[2]	0	[0]	5	[1]	34	[10]	29%
Health laboratory services	0	[0]	3	[2]	0	[0]	4	[1]	4	[2]	1	[1]	12	[6]	50%
Health promotion	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[1]	100%
Health science and technology policy	1	[1]	8	[4]	2	[1]	7	[2]	1	[0]	2	[2]	21	[10]	48%
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	[0]	3	[1]	1	[0]	2	[1]	1	[0]	3	[1]	11	[3]	27%
Human genetics	0	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	0%
Injury and violence prevention and control	1	[1]	2	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	6	[1]	17%
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	10	[2]	16	[11]	2	[0]	32	[14]	4	[0]	13	[2]	77	[29]	38%

¹ Number of panel members as of November 2019, where N equals total number of panel members, [W] equals the number of women members and % equals the percentage of women panel members by panel and region.

WHO expert advisory panel	Africa			The Americas			South-East Asia			Europe			Eastern Mediterranean			Western Pacific			Total		
	<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>		<i>N</i>	<i>[W]</i>	%
Leprosy	2	[1]		1	[0]		2	[0]		3	[0]		1	[0]		2	[0]		11	[1]	9%
Management of noncommunicable diseases (NCD)	5	[3]		2	[1]		3	[1]		7	[1]		1	[1]		4	[1]		22	[8]	36%
Medicine safety	1	[0]		4	[2]		0	[0]		4	[1]		0	[0]		2	[0]		11	[3]	27%
Mental health	1	[0]		3	[0]		2	[1]		1	[0]		1	[1]		1	[0]		9	[2]	22%
Neurosciences	0	[0]		0	[0]		1	[1]		1	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		2	[1]	50%
Nursing	0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]	0%
Nutrition	0	[0]		17	[6]		1	[0]		8	[4]		4	[1]		8	[1]		38	[12]	32%
Oral health	0	[0]		0	[0]		2	[1]		0	[0]		1	[0]		0	[0]		3	[1]	33%
Parasitic diseases – filarial infections	4	[2]		4	[1]		2	[1]		2	[1]		1	[0]		1	[1]		14	[6]	43%
Parasitic diseases – general parasitology	0	[0]		1	[1]		1	[1]		7	[1]		1	[0]		0	[0]		10	[3]	30%
Parasitic diseases – leishmaniasis	0	[0]		4	[3]		4	[1]		5	[1]		1	[0]		0	[0]		14	[5]	36%
Parasitic diseases – schistosomiasis	3	[1]		3	[0]		0	[0]		6	[2]		1	[0]		5	[0]		18	[3]	17%
Parasitic diseases – trypanosomiasis	3	[0]		3	[2]		0	[0]		6	[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]		0	[0]		1	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		1	[0]	0%
Rabies	1	[0]		3	[1]		2	[0]		2	[0]		2	[1]		1	[1]		11	[3]	27%
Radiation	0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]	0%
Rehabilitation	0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]	0%
Surgical care and anaesthesia	1	[0]		2	[1]		0	[0]		2	[2]		1	[0]		1	[0]		7	[3]	43%
Traditional and complementary medicine	2	[0]		3	[1]		1	[0]		2	[0]		1	[0]		7	[0]		16	[1]	6%
Tuberculosis	0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]		0	[0]	0%
Vector biology and control	0	[0]		0	[0]		1	[1]		6	[2]		1	[0]		1	[1]		9	[4]	44%
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]		2	[1]		2	[1]		0	[0]		5	[2]	40%
Total	59	[21]	36%	137	[59]	43%	50	[24]	48%	157	[47]	30%	47	[15]	32%	87	[23]	26%	537	[189]	35%

Note: This is the total number of experts. Members with more than one nationality are listed in all relevant panels, however they are counted only once in this total.