

## **Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**

### **Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership**

#### **Report by the Director-General<sup>1</sup>**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

1. The panel on Injury and violence prevention and control was disestablished in December 2020.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

2. Membership of the 41 expert advisory panels totalled 485 in November 2020, compared with 537 in November 2019. In terms of regional distribution, 12% come from the African Region, 25% from the Region of the Americas, 9% from the 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, 37% are women.
3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as at December 2020. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

#### **MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES**

4. The following committees met in 2020:

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Eighty-ninth meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 1–12 June 2020  
(seven members: four men, three women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Seventy-first meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 24–28 August 2020  
(15 members: eight men, seven women)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (Fifty-fifth meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 12–16 October 2020  
(18 members: eleven men, seven women)

Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (Forty-third meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 12–20 October 2020  
(12 members: six men, six women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Seventy-second meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 19–23 October 2020  
(15 members: eight men, seven women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Ninetieth meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 26 October–6 November  
2020 (six members: four men, two women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Seventy-third meeting)  
Coordinated from WHO headquarters, Geneva, and took place virtually, 9–10 December 2020  
(15 members: eight men, seven women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 74 panel members from 30 different countries, drawn from six expert advisory panels. Two members were not able to attend.

# ANNEX

## WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS, MEMBERSHIP BY PANEL AND REGION<sup>1</sup>

WHO expert advisory panel	Africa		The Americas			South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total <sup>a</sup>		
	N	[W]	N	[W]	0	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]	0
Ageing and health	0	[0]	0	[0]		0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[1]	100
Biological standardization	1	[1]	3	[1]		1	[1]	6	[2]	0	[0]	3	[1]	14	[6]	43
Blood transfusion medicine	5	[3]	4	[3]		4	[2]	5	[1]	5	[2]	6	[4]	29	[15]	52
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]	8	[4]		2	[2]	2	[1]	2	[2]	4	[1]	20	[12]	60
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	[0]	4	[2]		0	[0]	4	[1]	1	[0]	8	[1]	18	[4]	22
Drug evaluation	7	[3]	12	[4]		8	[6]	15	[3]	6	[2]	6	[3]	54	[21]	39
Drug policies and management	3	[1]	2	[2]		0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	0	[0]	6	[4]	67
Food safety	1	[0]	16	[5]		1	[1]	8	[2]	0	[0]	4	[1]	30	[9]	30
Health laboratory services	0	[0]	2	[1]		0	[0]	4	[1]	4	[2]	1	[1]	11	[5]	45
Health promotion	0	[0]	0	[0]		0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	1	[1]	100
Health science and technology policy	1	[1]	7	[3]		2	[1]	7	[2]	1	[0]	2	[2]	20	[9]	45
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	[0]	3	[1]		1	[0]	2	[1]	1	[0]	3	[1]	11	[3]	27

<sup>1</sup> Membership as at December 2020, where N is the number of panel members, [W] is the number of women members and % is 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 <sup>a</sup>		
	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	%
Human genetics	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>0</b>	[0]	0
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	11	[3]	14	[9]	2	[0]	29	[12]	6	[2]	13	[2]	<b>75</b>	[28]	37
Leprosy	2	[1]	1	[0]	2	[0]	3	[0]	1	[0]	1	[0]	<b>10</b>	[1]	10
Management of noncommunicable diseases	4	[3]	3	[2]	3	[1]	5	[0]	0	[0]	4	[1]	<b>19</b>	[7]	37
Medicine safety	1	[0]	4	[2]	0	[0]	4	[1]	0	[0]	2	[0]	<b>11</b>	[3]	27
Mental health	1	[0]	0	[0]	2	[1]	1	[0]	1	[1]	0	[0]	<b>5</b>	[2]	40
Neurosciences	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[1]	1	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>2</b>	[1]	50
Nursing	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>0</b>	[0]	0
Nutrition	0	[0]	16	[6]	1	[0]	6	[4]	3	[1]	8	[1]	<b>34</b>	[12]	35
Oral health	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>1</b>	[0]	0
Parasitic Diseases – filarial infections	4	[2]	3	[1]	2	[1]	3	[2]	1	[0]	1	[1]	<b>14</b>	[7]	50
Parasitic diseases – general parasitology	0	[0]	1	[1]	1	[1]	6	[1]	1	[0]	0	[0]	<b>9</b>	[3]	33
Parasitic diseases – leishmaniasis	2	[2]	3	[3]	4	[1]	4	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	<b>14</b>	[6]	43
Parasitic diseases – schistosomiasis	2	[0]	3	[0]	0	[0]	4	[1]	0	[0]	4	[0]	<b>13</b>	[1]	8
Parasitic diseases – trypanosomiasis	3	[0]	3	[2]	0	[0]	6	[1]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>12</b>	[3]	25
Prevention of blindness	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>0</b>	[0]	0
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	1	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	<b>1</b>	[0]	0

WHO expert advisory panel	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total <sup>a</sup>								
	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	N	[W]	%						
Rabies	1	[0]	3	[1]	1	[0]	1	[0]	2	[1]	1	[1]	9	[3]	33						
Radiation	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0	[0]	0						
Rehabilitation	0	[0]	1	[1]	1	[1]	1	[1]	1	[0]	0	[0]	4	[3]	75						
Surgical care and anaesthesia	1	[0]	2	[1]	0	[0]	2	[2]	1	[0]	1	[0]	7	[3]	43						
Traditional and complementary medicine	1	[0]	3	[1]	1	[0]	2	[0]	1	[0]	6	[0]	14	[1]	7						
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 <sup>a</sup>	57	[22]	39	122	[56]	46	42	[21]	50	141	[43]	30	44	[16]	36	79	[22]	28	485	[180]	37

<sup>a</sup> This shows 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.