

# World Health Organization Executive Board Special Session

October 6, 2020

Update from the Co-Chairs of

**The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response**

The Right Honourable Helen Clark, Co-Chair

Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Co-Chair



# Progress to Date – Key Milestones



# Terms of Reference

- The Panel will review experience gained and lessons learned from the international health response to COVID-19 as coordinated by WHO and assess:
  - (i) the overall relevance and effectiveness of the international health response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - (ii) the [functioning of the International Health Regulations \(2005\)](#) and the status of implementation of the relevant recommendations of previous IHR Review Committees;
  - (iii) the effectiveness of the mechanisms at WHO's disposal and the actions of WHO and their timelines pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - (iv) WHO's contribution to United Nations-wide efforts.
- In reviewing the experience gained and lessons learned from the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19 as stated in the resolution the Panel will also:
  - (v) examine global health security threats and provide an analysis of past and future challenges and lessons learned;
  - (vi) include in its work analysis of the broader impacts of pandemics, including economic and social ones, and make recommendations to the extent that they have a direct bearing on future threats to global health security.
- The Panel will:
  - (vii) make recommendations to improve capacity for global pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, including through strengthening, as appropriate, [the WHO Health Emergencies Programme](#).



**WHO IHR Review  
Committee**



**WHO Independent  
Oversight and Advisory  
Committee for the WHO  
Health Emergencies  
Programme (IOAC)**



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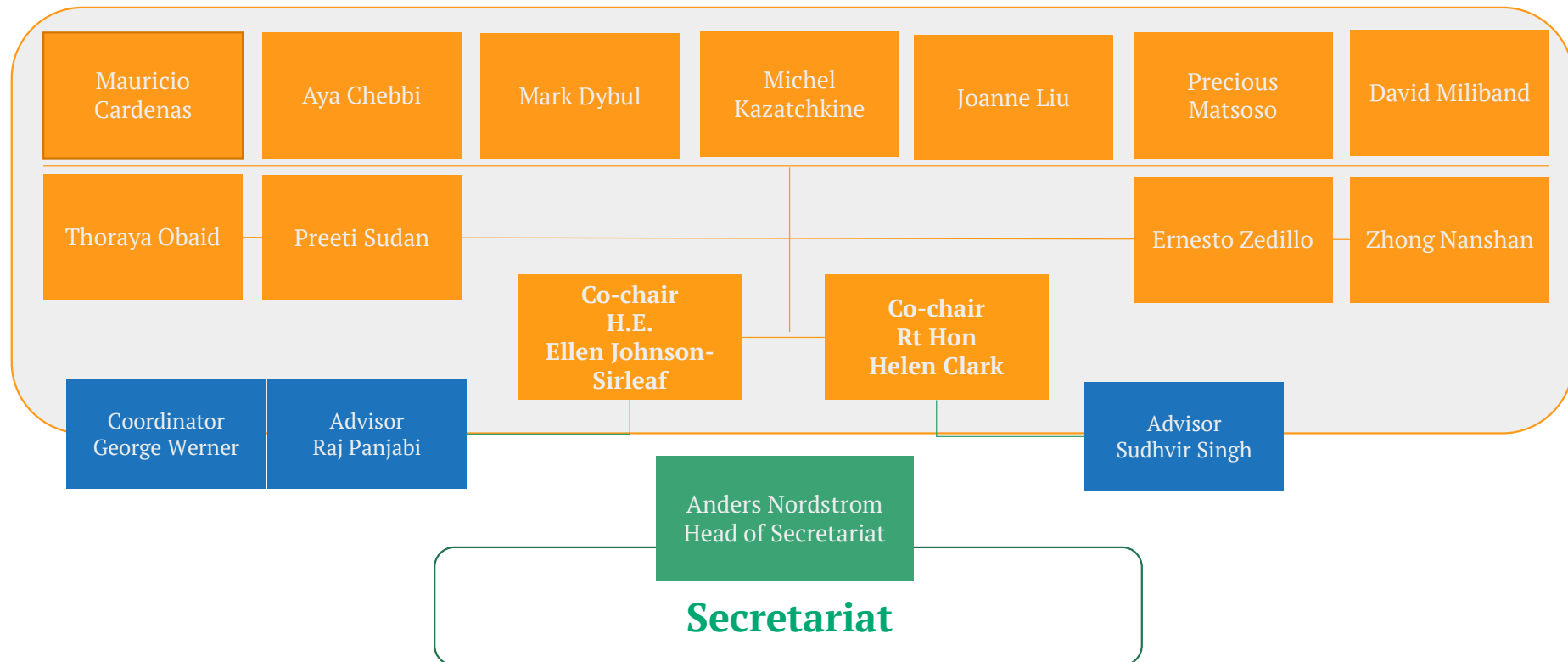


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# The Independent Panel





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# Program of Work

1. **Changing for the future:** An analysis and vision for a strengthened international system ideally equipped for pandemic preparedness and response.
2. **Reviewing the present:** The COVID-19 pandemic: timeline, how the systems responded and the impacts.
3. **Building on the past:** learning from previous pandemics and the status of the system and actors pre-COVID19.



# Methods of Work

1. Desk reviews, including from literature and internal documents; commissioning papers on key topics; compiling case studies;
2. Thematic and expert hearings and/or discussions on particular areas;
3. In-depth interviews; and open hearings and consultations;
4. Call for contributions and web surveys. \*
5. Learning from existing structures including from the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, the International Health Regulations Review Committee, and the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee.
6. Regular and transparent communication to stakeholders, including Member States.

Source: Meeting Report. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Available at <https://www.theindependentpanel.org/meetings>





Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Emergencies Programme	Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) during the COVID-19 Response	The Independent Panel on Pandemic Preparedness and Response
Decision WHA69(9) (2016) Resolution WHA73.1 (2020)	Resolution WHA73.1 (2020)	Resolution WHA73.1 (2020)
<b>To provide independent scrutiny of WHO's implementation of the reform, and its <u>management of all health emergencies</u></b>	<b>To review the <u>functioning of the IHR during the COVID-19 response</u>; and the status of implementation of the relevant recommendations of previous IHR Review Committees</b> <b>To make technical recommendations to the DG regarding amendments to the Regulations and the functioning of the Regulation</b>	<b>To conduct an <u>impartial, independent and comprehensive review</u>, to provide an evidence-based path for the future, grounded in lessons of the present and the past to ensure countries and global institutions, including specifically WHO, effectively address health threats</b>
To advise the DG and report to the WHO Governing Bodies	Provides its recommendations to the DG, who submits these to the WHO Governing Bodies	To report to the WHO Governing bodies
1 Chair and up to 7 members to be appointed by the DG	23 members selected and appointed by the DG (incl. one Chair, 1 Vice-Chair and 1 rapporteur)	2 co-chairs, appointed by the DG 11 members appointed by the Co-Chairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ IOAC Monitoring framework developed</li> <li>➤ 7 reports submitted to the WHO Governing Bodies (2016 – date)</li> <li>➤ Interim report on WHO's response to COVID-19 (May 2020)</li> <li>➤ Annual report to the resumed WHA Nov 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First Meeting September 8/9, 2020</li> <li>➤ Meeting report (Sept. 23)</li> <li>➤ Weekly meetings</li> <li>➤ Report to the resumed WHA Nov 2020</li> <li>➤ Final report in May 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First Meeting September 17, 2020</li> <li>➤ Meeting report (Sept.19)</li> <li>➤ Meeting approx. every six weeks</li> <li>➤ Report to the resumed WHA Nov 2020</li> <li>➤ Report in May 2021</li> </ul>



# Timelines

- The Independent Panel will **meet every 6 weeks** and next time on the 20-21 October.
- The Independent Panel will report to:
  - WHO Executive Board SS 5-6 Oct: **Update on Panel establishment**
  - Resumed 73rd WHA 9-14 November: **Presentation of a progress report**
  - WHO EB scheduled 18-26 January 2021: **Presentation of an interim report** including potentially some initial findings and recommendations
  - 74th WHA scheduled from 24 May – 1 June 2021: **Presentation of report**



# Member State contributions

\*Call for contributions and web surveys:

- Contributions through [www.TheIndependentPanel.org](http://www.TheIndependentPanel.org) for Member States and others will be available in about two weeks, when an updated website is published.
- From today, Member States are also welcome to send their own contributions to: [Secreteriat@Ipppr.org](mailto:Secreteriat@Ipppr.org).



For more information and your feedback

<https://www.TheIndependentPanel.org>

