

***Statement on Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups – item 8***

Slovakia welcomes the report on meetings of expert committees and study groups it is imperative to ensure that the governance and operational efficiency are streamlined to meet our ambitious health objectives. The agenda items covered are comprehensive; however, enhancements can be made in certain areas to further bolster effectiveness and mitigate potential risks.

**Slovakia has identified the following recommendations for improvements, risk mitigation, and the proposal for enhancing Information efficiency on expert committees:**

To improve the dissemination and transparency of information regarding expert committees and study groups, I propose an enhancement of the WHO web site's functionality, particularly on the [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) platform. This can be achieved through the following measures:

1. **Dedicated Expert Portal:**  
Create a dedicated portal for expert committees and study groups within the WHO website. This portal should provide comprehensive details on each committee's mandate, current members, recent and upcoming meetings, as well as key outcomes and recommendations.
2. **Dynamic and Interactive Dashboards:**  
Incorporate dynamic dashboards that allow users to filter and search for specific information related to expert committees, such as ongoing studies, published reports, and member profiles. This interactive setup would facilitate easier access to relevant information for stakeholders and the general public.
3. **Regular Updates and Notifications:**  
Implement a subscription-based notification system where stakeholders can receive regular updates on the activities and outputs of various expert committees. This enhances engagement and keeps stakeholders informed about the latest developments and contributions of these committees.
4. **Cross-Reference with Functional Commissions:**  
Establish a cross-referencing mechanism that links the activities of expert committees with the broader functional commissions of the WHO. This ensures coherence in the information presented and highlights the integration of expert committee recommendations into broader WHO initiatives and policies.

These enhancements will not only augment the accessibility and efficiency of information regarding expert committees but also reinforce the governance framework within WHO, fostering a more transparent, accountable, and responsive organization.

Slovakia proposes to consider these suggestions, the Executive Board can improve its governance structures and ensure that the vital work of expert committees and hosted partnerships is effectively managed, thereby enhancing WHO's overall impact on global health.