

Modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders

1. In accordance with its Method of Work, the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) may, to the extent it so decides and in accordance with the relevant Rules of Procedure and resolutions and decisions of the Health Assembly, seek the participation of the following entities in its work: representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations with which WHO has established effective relations; observers; representatives of non-State actors in official relations with WHO; States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) that are not Member States of WHO; and any other relevant stakeholders and experts and expert bodies, as deemed appropriate by the Working Group.¹

2. At its first meeting, the WGIHR decided that “with respect to proposed modalities of engagement for relevant stakeholders, the working basis will be the modalities adopted by the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies (document A/WGPR/1/6). At the second meeting of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005), Member States will populate the various annexes to that document in accordance with the mandate of the Working Group and provide their approval, with it being understood that the document will be considered a living document, open to further consideration by the Working Group as appropriate. Prior to the second meeting of the Working Group, modalities for this work will be set out by the Bureau, noting the importance of advancing work during the intersessional period and noting that relevant documentation will be provided at least three weeks prior to the second session of the Working Group.”²

3. In accordance with the above, these proposed modalities are based on those adopted by the Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies through document A/WGPR/1/6. It is proposed that non-State actors in official relations may be invited to attend open sessions of meetings of the Working Group and have the right to speak at open sessions, at the Chair’s request, in line with the modalities established by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.³ The 11 competent intergovernmental organizations or international bodies with which WHO is expected to cooperate and coordinate its activities in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), as mentioned in resolution WHA58.3 (2005) on revision of the International Health Regulations, with reference to Article 14.1 of the International Health Regulations (2005), are marked with “*”. These proposed modalities are intended to be a living document, which may be updated by the WGIHR, as it may decide. These modalities, and any updates to them, will be made publicly available in an accessible web-based format and communicated to Member States.

¹ Document A/WGIHR/1/4, paragraph 10.

² Document A/WGIHR/1/5, paragraph 4(a).

³ Document A/INB/3/5.

Stakeholder	Invited to attend open sessions of meetings of the Working Group	Right to speak at open sessions of meetings of the Working Group, at the Chair's request	Invited to provide inputs to the Working Group (via an electronic portal, an open "hearing", and/or a segment of a session) ¹
United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in effective relations with WHO (Annex A)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observers and States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) that are not Member States of WHO (Annex B)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-State actors in official relations with WHO² (Annex C)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other stakeholders, as decided by the Working Group	Yes, for those entities listed in Annex D.	Yes, for those entities listed in Annex D.	Yes, for those entities listed in either Annex D or Annex E.

Annex A: United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in effective relations with WHO

1. African Development Bank and African Development Fund
2. Commission of the African Union
3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations*
4. International Committee of Military Medicine
5. International Development Law Organization
6. International Fund for Agricultural Development
7. International Labour Organization*
8. International Atomic Energy Agency*
9. International Organisation of la Francophonie
10. Islamic Development Bank
11. League of Arab States
12. Pan American Health Organization

¹ Previous intergovernmental working groups have engaged with one or more categories of stakeholders using various modalities, including: (1) inviting stakeholders to observe working group meetings; (2) setting aside time within one or more working group meeting(s) for stakeholders to intervene; (3) holding separate meetings or "hearings", where stakeholders are invited to provide inputs (in some instances, such meetings were followed by closed sessions of the working group to discuss the inputs provided); and (4) extending the opportunity to participate in electronic consultations to stakeholders.

² Certain non-State actors in official relations with WHO, as decided by the Bureau, may be included in Annex D and be invited to attend and speak at open sessions of the Working Group.

13. South Centre
14. United Nations*
15. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization
17. Universal Postal Union
18. World Intellectual Property Organization
19. World Meteorological Organization
20. World Organisation for Animal Health*¹

Annex B: Observers and States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) that are not Member States of WHO

1. Holy See
2. Liechtenstein
3. Palestine
4. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
5. Order of Malta
6. International Committee of the Red Cross*
7. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*
8. Inter-Parliamentary Union
9. Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Annex C: Non-State actors in official relations with WHO²

The list of entities in official relations with WHO is available on the WHO website at: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/non-state-actors-in-official-relations-with-who>.

Annex D: Other stakeholders, as decided by the Working Group, invited to (1) attend open sessions of meetings of the Working Group, (2) speak at open sessions of meetings of the Working Group, at the Chair's request, and (3) provide inputs to the Working Group (via an electronic portal, an open "hearing", and/or a segment of a session)³

1. Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator
2. Africa Centre for Disease Control
3. Airport Council International
4. Caribbean Public Health Agency
5. Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)
6. Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)
7. European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)
8. Global Network for Outbreak Alert and Response (GOARN)
9. International Air Transport Association*
10. International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI)

¹ Formerly known as Office International des Epizooties (OIE).

² Certain non-State actors in official relations with WHO, as decided by the Bureau, may be included in Annex D and be invited to attend and speak at open sessions of the Working Group.

³ Certain non-State actors in official relations with WHO, as decided by the Bureau, may be included in this Annex and be invited to attend and speak at open sessions of the Working Group.

11. International Civil Aviation Organization*
12. International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
13. International Maritime Organization*
14. International Monetary Fund
15. International Organization for Migration
16. International Road Transport Union
17. International Shipping Federation*
18. International Transport Workers' Federation
19. International Union of Railways
20. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
21. Medicines Patent Pool
22. Médecins Sans Frontières International
23. UNITAID
24. United Nations Children's Fund
25. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
26. United Nations Environment Programme, including the Convention on Biological Diversity
27. United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
28. United Nations World Tourism Organization
29. World Bank Group
30. World Customs Organization
31. World Food Programme
32. World Trade Organization
33. World Travel and Tourism Council

Annex E: Other stakeholders, as decided by the Working Group, invited to provide inputs to the Working Group (via an electronic portal, an open "hearing", and/or a segment of a session)

1. Other United Nations system organizations

1. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
2. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
3. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
4. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
6. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

2. Other intergovernmental organizations and arrangements

1. African Development Bank
2. Asian Development Bank
3. Commission of the African Union
4. Commonwealth Secretariat
5. Council of Europe
6. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
7. Health Ministers' Council for Gulf Cooperation Council States
8. Inter-American Development Bank

9. Organization of American States
10. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
11. Organisation of Islamic Cooperation

3. Non-State actors not in official relations with WHO

To be determined and agreed, if and as appropriate. Such entities could include, without limitation, academic institutions, civil society organizations, manufacturers and industry associations, and individual experts (such as academic figures or independent technical experts).

4. Additional entities proposed by the Working Group at its second meeting (20–24 February 2023)

1. Butantan Institute, Brazil
2. Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency
3. Central Research Institute of Epidemiology of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor), Russian Federation
4. Evandro Chagas Institute (IEC), Brazil
5. Institute for Health Policy Studies (IEPS), Brazil
6. Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, United States of America
7. Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil
8. Russian Anti-Plague Research Institute "Microbe" of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor), Russian Federation
9. State Research Centre for Virology and Biotechnology (VECTOR), Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor), Russian Federation
10. Third World Network
11. Todos pela Saúde Institute (All for Health Institute), Brazil
12. Working Group on the Pandemic Accord and IHR Reform (University of São Paulo and Oswaldo Cruz Foundation), Brazil

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