

Reports of advisory bodies

Expert committees and study groups

Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Report by the Director-General¹

ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. The panel on malaria was disestablished in May 2017.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 43 expert advisory panels totalled 554 in November 2017, compared with 568 in December 2016. In terms of regional distribution, 12% come from the African Region, 24% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from the South-East Asia Region, 29% from the European Region, 10% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 15% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total of all members of all panels, 34% are women.
3. The list of all panels annexed to the present report includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as of November 2017. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2017:

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (Twenty-first meeting)
Geneva, 27–31 March 2017 (14 members: seven men, seven women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Eighty-fourth meeting)
Rome, 6–15 June 2017 (7 members: four men, three 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 Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (Fifty-second meeting)
Geneva, 16–20 October 2017 (12 members: six men, six women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (Sixty-eighth meeting)
Geneva, 17–20 October 2017 (12 members: six men, six women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (Eighty-fifth meeting)
Geneva, 17–26 October 2017 (eight members: seven men, one woman)

Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (Thirty-ninth meeting)
Geneva, 6–10 November 2017 (eight members: three men, five women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 63 panel members from 29 different countries, drawn from seven expert advisory panels. Three members were not able to attend.

ANNEX

MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION¹

Expert Advisory Panels	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	2	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	1	10	4	40
Blood transfusion medicine	6	3	3	2	5	3	5	1	6	3	6	4	31	16	52
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	33
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	4	4	9	4	5	3	2	1	3	2	6	2	29	16	55
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	4	2	3	1	4	1	2	0	8	1	22	5	23
Drug evaluation	9	3	14	4	9	7	16	3	7	2	7	3	62	22	35
Drug policies and management	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	12	7	58
Food safety	1	0	17	6	1	1	9	2	1	0	6	1	35	10	29
Health laboratory services	0	0	4	2	0	0	4	1	5	2	1	1	14	6	43
Health promotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	100

¹ Number of panel members as of November 2017, where *N* equals the total number of panel members, *W* equals the number of women members and % equals the percentage of women panel members by panel and region.

Expert Advisory Panels	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>	%
Health science and technology policy	1	1	6	4	1	0	5	1	1	0	1	1	15	7	47
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	10	3	30
Human genetics	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Immunology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	3	33
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	9	2	15	11	2	0	32	13	5	1	11	2	74	29	39
Leprosy	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	11	1	9
Management of noncommunicable diseases	5	3	2	1	3	1	7	1	1	1	4	1	22	8	36
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	6	2	33
Mental health	1	0	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	11	2	18
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	18	6	2	0	7	3	5	2	8	1	40	12	30
Oral health	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	7	2	29
Parasitic diseases – filarial infections	3	1	3	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	3	25
Parasitic diseases – general parasitology	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	12	3	25
Parasitic diseases – leishmaniasis	0	0	3	2	4	1	6	1	2	1	0	0	15	5	33
Parasitic diseases – schistosomiasis	3	1	6	0	0	0	5	2	2	0	5	0	21	3	14
Parasitic diseases – trypanosomiasis	4	0	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	13	3	23
Prevention of blindness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
Rabies	1	0	3	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	10	2	20
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Traditional and complementary medicine	3	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	7	0	18	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	2	1	9	2	1	0	1	1	13	4	31
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	64	22 (34%)	133	54 (41%)	58	28 (48%)	159	42 (26%)	54	17 (31%)	86	23 (27%)	554	186	34