



GLOBAL NETWORK FOR HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

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Introduction

The Global Network for Health in All Policies (GNHiAP) was launched as a side event within the World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly (WHA) on May 24 2017. The first meeting of the Network was convened soon after the launch at the WHA. A Transitional Steering Committee (TSC) was formed for those regions in attendance at the launch, including the following countries: Sudan, Finland, Thailand, Tunisia, South Australia (within Australia), Saudi Arabia, Botswana, Chad and Somalia.

To support the Network, an Executive Committee (EXCOM) has been formed from the TSC to plan the first months of activities.

This paper provides an overview of the discussions to date regarding Network aims and objectives, membership, governance arrangements, potential communications and the proposed Network face-to-face meeting in October 2017.

1. Network aim and objectives

The aim of GNHiAP is to *“work with countries to strengthen the HiAP approach with the aim of speeding up movement towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and hence universal health coverage”*.

There are seven Network objectives, focused on *“leading, providing and facilitating HiAP implementation in countries on a national, regional and local level”*. There is a focus on supporting the implementation of the SDG agenda and building capacity and skills to enable implementation of HiAP.

2. Membership

Network membership: is open to all countries, different levels of government within countries, networks, philanthropic organizations, not-for-profit business associations, academic institutions, and civil society organizations.

New members are to be consolidated through invitations, including high influencing countries with the capacity to provide political commitment and allocate resources for the network.

An Executive Committee (EXCOM) acts as a functioning Secretariat for the Network, and consists of founding members who are part of the TSC, such as the WHO, Global Health Centre, Thailand and South Australia. EXCOM has met several times to discuss the working mechanisms of the Network, the role of TSC members and EXCOM members and possible recruitment processes for the Network. Up to 25 members are part of the TSC and Terms of Reference (ToR) have been drafted.



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3. Governance arrangements

EXCOM is developing a ***Governance Options Paper*** for discussion and approval at the proposed October 2017 face to face meeting. The Paper will outline options for the functioning of the Network including structure, the roles and responsibilities of members, and requirements/criteria for membership.

4. Progress to date

The EXCOM has discussed preliminary strategies and activities required to kick start functioning of the network. Materials currently under development or in the planning stages include:

- ❖ **Flyer:** A preliminary flyer to promote the Network has been drafted.
- ❖ **Brochure:** A detailed brochure that includes information about members and there HiAP approach will be developed when the membership is consolidated and information from each member is obtained.
- ❖ **Slogan:** A slogan is being developed to clearly articulate the strong links between HiAP and SDGS and to help communicate the purpose and value of the Network.
- ❖ **Action Plan:** A *Four year plan of Activities for the GNHiAP 2017 – 2021* has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by EXCOM members. This will be presented to members at the October 2017 meeting.
- ❖ **Website:** Currently under development to support communication sharing between members: <http://actionsdg.ctb.ku.edu/gn-hiap/about-gn-hiap/>
- ❖ **Calendar:** The calendar of upcoming events is being developed for advocacy purposes and as a mechanism for inviting further members.

5. October 2017 meeting

To maintain enthusiasm and momentum, a face-to-face meeting is proposed - potentially in Thailand - in October 2017. This meeting will review Network actions to date, including finalising communications documents and implementation of activities designed to grow the Network.

6. Contact details

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