

Taskforce on Innovative International Health Financing for Health Systems
Working Group II
Conference call 15th December 2008

Note for the record

Participants: Anders Nordstrom (SIDA) chair, Alice Albright (GAVI Alliance), Ismael Serageldin (Alexandria Library), David Evans (WHO), Susan McAdam (World Bank), Christopher Edgerton-Warburton (Lion's Head Global Partners), Anne Mills (LSHTM) and co-chair of Working Group I.

Absent: Rajat Gupta (Ex-Management Director Mckinsy, Chair Global Fund), Jay Naidoo (Secretary General, Congress of South African Trade Unions)

Working Group Secretariat: Anders Molin (SIDA), Bob Fryatt, Justine Hsu (WHO), Nicole Klingen (WB)

Background to Taskforce: After a short update, points requiring action:

- Need ensure close interaction between Working Groups (WGs) and be clearer about what WG2 expects from WG1

Working Group II TORs: Suggestions for amendment:

- Overall need to be more focused, with more specific deliverables
- The WG outcome will be a menu of approaches (some existing, some new) linked to different financing needs;
- Add in an assessment of the political realities of what might be feasible, and what is definitely not acceptable,
- Be clearer on where risks should be managed in-countries (WG1) and/or internationally (WG2)
- Clarify that main focus of work is international sources of finances, although for their effective use they should be linked to domestic sources

Composition of WG2:

- Following up on MoFEP representative from Botswana or Ghana.
- Consider including a representative from Asia

Commissioned work:

- Review of some existing experience already completed by Mark Pearson
- Conceptual framework for innovative financing drafted by Susan McAdam.
- Political mapping of what is feasible: Person identified; draft TORs completed
- Editorial support for WG2 Report: person identified.

Timelines: Main dates discussed for WG2 meetings, for consultations and for completing reports (First by early March, and Final by late May). First face to face meeting to be in London on 12th January. Secretariat to circulate a matrix with timelines.

Consultations: Proposed that each WG member take on responsibility for a consultation - secretariat to draft a matrix to be completed. WG2 to have a conference call with Focal Points after 1st face to face meeting on 12th January.