

IHP+ Scaling-up Reference Group - Terms of Reference

The IHP+ inter-agency Scaling-up Reference Group will be responsible for setting overall strategic direction and information sharing. Its terms of reference can be summarized as:

ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- Provide strategic information and experience to shape IHP+ directions and activities.
- Make significant strategy and policy decisions.
- Communicate decisions to relevant stakeholders and serve as a broad information sharing platform.
- Discuss and endorse terms of reference for and recommendations from working groups.
- Represent respective organizations or constituencies concerning strategy and policy adoption and ensure views of all constituents are represented.
- Effect change in respective organizations to adopt IHP+ principles and recommendations, with requisite high seniority of representatives.
- Provide a forum for mutual accountability of IHP+ members and other stakeholders.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

- Each member organization or country of the IHP+ is requested to nominate one representative to the Scaling-up Reference Group and one alternate.
- One Southern and one Northern Civil Society constituency representative (and alternates) are selected through a transparent process.
- Nominees will be of sufficient seniority to be able to represent the organization or Civil Society constituency concerning policy choices and influence the organization's or constituency's internal dialogue related to IHP+ recommendations. Consistent participation of representatives will enhance effectiveness of SuRG decision making.
- Non-IHP+ signatories may participate as observers.
- The SuRG will meet twice per year of which one will be face-to-face. Additional sessions will be organized if issues arise that require discussion by all partners.
- Meetings will be co-chaired by WHO and the World Bank. Decisions will be taken by consensus.
- Meetings will have clear objectives and points for decision. Materials will be distributed 3 weeks in advance. Comments and suggestions may be submitted by email before the meeting, during or after the meeting.
- Actions and next steps will be communicated within 2 weeks of each meeting.