

# International Health Partnership and Related Initiatives (IHP+)

## **Management Structure**

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This note intends to clarify lines of communication and management between existing components of the IHP+ process, namely the inter-agency Country Health Sector Teams, the inter-agency Core Team, the business and steering Scaling-up Reference Groups (SuRG), the various thematic working groups, and the Civil Society (CS) Consultative Group. A transparent, effective, and accessible arrangement resulting in an open and free-flowing mechanism for information, feedback, and action is proposed. The IHP+ includes partner countries, H-8 agencies, bilateral donors, and civil society, private sector partners, and other key stakeholders.

**Inter-agency Country Health Sector Teams** are the key component of the IHP+ process. These teams vary by country, but are led by representatives of the national government (Ministry of Health), and consist of development partners, including the H8 country-team members, bilaterals, local civil society, private sector, or other implementing bodies at the country level.

**The inter-agency Core Team**, based in Geneva, Washington DC, and Brazzaville, is responsible for day-to-day coordination with all IHP+ development partners (for more, see Core Team TORs, Annex 1 of the IHP+ Workplan). The Core Team provides technical and administrative support to the needs and demands of inter-agency country health sector teams, with the Harmonization for Health in Africa initiative serving as the mechanism of coordination of technical support and capacity building in Africa.

The Core Team is responsible for communicating directly with the Civil Society focal points. Currently, a process for increased meaningful engagement of civil society is being taken forward (for more, see “the Way Forward” of the 23 May 2008 CS Forum).

**The Scaling Up Reference Group (SuRG)** is jointly chaired by WHO and the World Bank and is responsible for providing oversight and strategic direction to the IHP+ process and the Core Team (for more, see SuRG TORs, Annex 2 of the IHP+ Workplan). The SuRG is responsible for advising the Core Team on implementation of the IHP+ process and identifying and fixing existing and/or potential bottlenecks.

### **The SuRG has two components: business and steering:**

1. The **business SuRG** consists of two representatives of each of the H8 agencies and Civil Society (one northern, one southern) and oversees the regular business of the IHP+ and meets once a month by videoconference.
2. The **steering SuRG** and consists of the H8 representatives, representatives from bilateral and multilateral institutions, and Civil Society (one northern, one southern), meeting every two months and providing oversight and feedback from a broader group.

The monthly and bimonthly videoconferences serve as a forum to discuss mutual accountability, bottlenecks to implementation, and progress towards the signing of the country compact and as a forum to discuss political support of the IHP+ process and improved harmonization among key stakeholders.

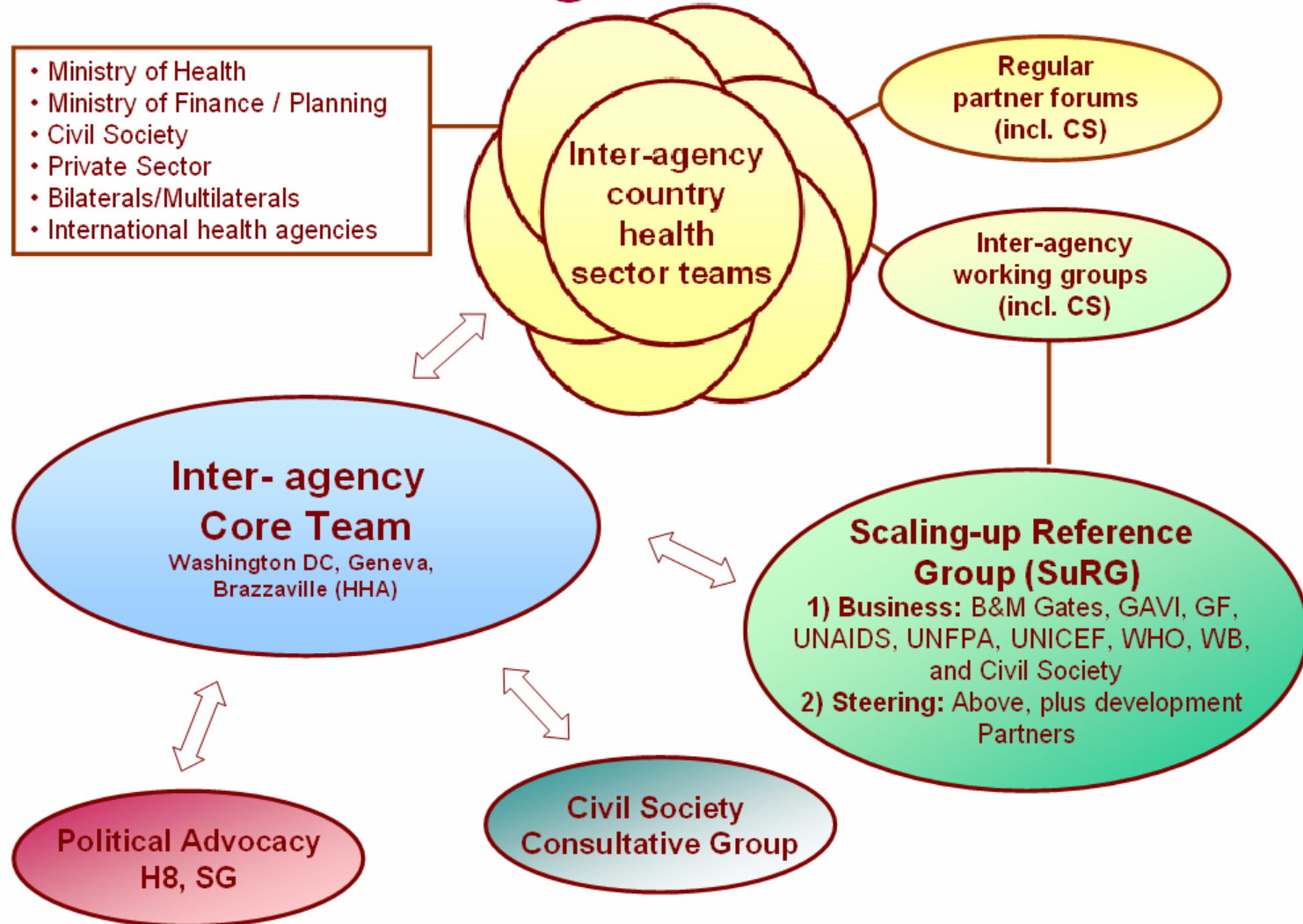
**Inter-agency thematic working groups** have been temporarily established on six strategic areas of the IHP+ process:

- National Plans, Strategies – A. Cassels ([casselsa@who.int](mailto:casselsa@who.int)): Work in progress
- Monitoring and Evaluation – T. Boerma ([boermat@who.int](mailto:boermat@who.int)), E. Bos ([Ebos@worldbank.org](mailto:Ebos@worldbank.org)): Work in progress
- Aid Effectiveness and Health – A. Cassels ([casselsa@who.int](mailto:casselsa@who.int)): Work in progress
- Results-Based Financing – A. Batson ([abatson@worldbank.org](mailto:abatson@worldbank.org)): Work in progress
- Health Services Delivery: Work not yet started
- Health Financing and Social Protection: Work not yet started. This work will be taken forward as part of the Providing for Health (P4H) work-plan, which is under development.

These temporary working groups are responsible for generating necessary and relevant knowledge work to facilitate increased harmonization and alignment between development partners and national stakeholders (including civil society and the private sector). They will exist only so long as the work produced is necessary and relevant to the IHP+ objectives, with an emphasis on the *value added to the countries*. Civil Society will participate in each of the thematic working groups.

**The Civil Society Consultative Group** is being developed based on a transparent process of self-selection. The Consultative Group will work in conjunction with the Core Team and other CS representatives on the SuRG and thematic working groups in supporting the implementation of the IHP+ at the global and country levels. Terms of reference, mandate, and representation are currently being developed by members of Civil Society. For more information, please contact Sue Perez of Treatment Action Group ([sue.perez@treatmentactiongroup.org](mailto:sue.perez@treatmentactiongroup.org)), Elaine Ireland of Action for Global Health ([eireland@aidsalliance.org](mailto:eireland@aidsalliance.org)), or Kate Krackenberg of the World Bank ([kkrackenberg@worldbank.org](mailto:kkrackenberg@worldbank.org)).

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# The Country Compact

