

International Health Partnership and Related Initiatives (IHP+)
Business Scaling-up Reference Group (SuRG) Meeting
 December 15, 16.00-17.00 Geneva time

Participants included representatives of:

The Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria	WHO
UNAIDS	World Bank
UNFPA	Civil Society
UNICEF	

Action Points

- The Core Team will send draft text on the Ministerial Review SuRG members for follow up with their respective country level colleagues.
- Business SuRG members will provide comments on the draft agenda and background note of the Ministerial Review to Kate by December 22.
- The Core Team will circulate a revised agenda and background note to the Business and Steering SuRGs by the end of December
- The Core Team will consider invitation of Responsible Action to present the findings of the External Review.
- The Core Team will circulate the report on the High Level Taskforce meeting in Doha by the end of December
- Core Team to circulate TORs of the Taskforce working groups once finalized.
- The Business SuRG members will provide Justine with actionable inputs to the SuRG response to the short-term review.
- The follow-up to the Ethiopia mission will be on the agenda for the January business SuRG.
- The next Business SuRG meeting is January 15, 2009.

1. Preparations for the Ministerial Review Meeting

Kate Krackenberg (World Bank) briefly presented the draft agenda for the Ministerial Meeting.

- 4 February - The first half-day, the work will focus on the progress of the IHP+, new signatories and Country Compacts, behavior change, and on the High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems.
- 5 February - Four sessions are proposed on the following topics; 1) development and implementation Country Compacts; 2) alignment and harmonization of all partners; 3) supporting Country Compacts; and 4) mutual accountability.
- One of the outcomes of the meeting will be a Communiqué, which will serve to reaffirm commitments of the Global Compact and outline new commitments and actions for behavior change among partners.

Comments/Discussion:

- UNFPA suggested that Thoraya Obaid chair the session on Alignment and Harmonization (5 February) and suggested that all sessions of the Ministerial Review be considered and discussed in the context of the financial crisis. It was requested that the Core Team share draft text for SuRG members to follow up with country level colleagues regarding receipt of invitations by respective ministers.
 - UNAIDS proposed that the topic of financial crisis be linked with the session on commitments and that the country ministers could be asked to talk about the impact of the crisis. Global Fund added that title should be changed for the afternoon session.
- Civil Society suggested that Responsible Action be invited to present the findings of the external review, as it may be inappropriate for a member of the SuRG to take the lead on this.
- Global Fund suggested reordering of the day's sessions.
- The World Bank noted the importance in working with bilateral partners to ensure participation of their respective ministers.

2. Update on the High-Level taskforce

Nicole Klingen (World Bank) gave a brief overview of the progress of the High Level Taskforce on Innovative Financing.

- Working Group II (WGII), chaired by Anders Nordstrom, has been established - the first conference call was on December 14, in which the TORs and timeline were discussed; the first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2009.

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- Working Group I (WGI), jointly chaired by Julio Frenk and Anne Mills, will have its first conference call on Thursday, December 18, to discuss TOR.s and timeline for actions. The first face-to-face meeting of WGII is scheduled for the end of January.
- Both working groups are scheduled to deliver initial drafts of their reports by March 10.
- The next Taskforce meeting will likely take place at the margins of the G20 meeting (London, April 2009). WGs I and II will present the first draft recommendations to the Taskforce at this time.
- Final recommendations will be presented to the G8 in July and to the UN General Assembly in September.
- The report on the first TF meeting that was held in Doha on December 2 is expected to be released this week.

Comments/Discussion:

- Global Fund asked if selection process for working Groups members have been finalized. WB noted that the list of WG members will be circulated by the end of month once the TORs are completed.
- CS noted its displeasure regarding transparency in selection of WG members, particularly the representative of CS. The Core Team reminded that all SurG members had been asked to nominate candidates for consideration in the Taskforce Working Groups.

3. SurG response to the Short-term Review and Update on North-South Consortium

Justine Hsu (WHO) noted that the SurG response to the short-term review has been finalized and that the Core Team will consider how this response will be presented at the Ministerial Meeting.

- A North-South Consortium, including Responsible Action, Oxfam, LSHTM, and Miz-Hasab Research Centre, has been selected to lead the annual reviews of the IHP+. Annual reports will be delivered and presented each September for the next three years. Initially they will Consortium will review initial IHP+ countries, and health outcomes and impacts at the later stage.

Comments/Discussion:

- UNFPA noted that only three proposals were submitted for the North-South Consortium (one was disqualified). The two proposals that were considered both had strengths and weaknesses and UNFPA urged SurG to ensure that weaknesses in the winning proposal are identified and addressed.
- The World Bank noted that the SurG response to the short-term review was too vague and did not commit partners to anything substantive and stated that more concrete actions are needed to provide a basis for development of the Communiqué for the Ministerial Review. The Bank also suggested a change in the format of the document and an accompanying timeline for actions.
- It was suggested that the SurG representatives provide comments to Justine regarding ways to make the response to the short-term review more actionable by January 9, 2009.

4. AOB

- UNFPA raised the issue of coordination of the missions to the IHP+ countries as they were not aware of a mission to Nepal.
 - WB noted that there is a need for a better coordination at the country level and proposed that Core Team draft and circulates a calendar of events and missions for IHP+ countries by January 9, 2009.
 - UNICEF explained that the Bank, WHO and UNICEF were invited to the Joint Annual Review in Nepal and that was important to seize the opportunities in the country to move forward the IHP+.
 - Global Fund agreed that the timetable for the future missions would be useful and suggested expected outcomes accompany the timetable.
 - WHO proposed that requests/invitations for high level meetings be circulated as soon as they are received.
- CS informed the SurG that selection process for CS SurG representatives has been completed.
 - Northern Civil Society: Sue Perez of Treatment Action Group (TAG) will serve as primary representative; Elaine Ireland of Action for Global Health will serve as alternate.
 - Southern Civil Society: Lola Dare of enter for Health Sciences Training, Research and Development (CHESTRAD), will serve as primary representative; Mayowa Joel of Communication for Development Center will serve as alternate.
- WHO noted that the follow-up report to the Ethiopia mission is due in January and proposed to this on the agenda of the next SurG.