

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**OF**

**THE ATACH FINANCING WORKING GROUP**  
**(FIN WG)**

**1. Mission**

With a specific focus on enabling access to finance for climate mitigation action in health system and building climate resilience and adaptation to present, emerging and future health impacts and threats of climate change, the ATACH WG on Financing (FIN) contributes to the attainment of the overall mission of the ATACH, namely “to realize the ambition set at COP26 to build climate resilient and sustainable health systems”, using the collective power of WHO Member States and key stakeholders to identify opportunities and understand and tackle barriers to accessing sustainable finance and resource mobilization, to scale-up investments in climate and health. Resource mobilization refers to both funding and technical assistance that may be required by countries to be able to develop the plans and assessments included in their commitments. Financing will also be needed for countries to implement those plans.

**2. Objectives of the FIN - WG**

Through coordination and collaboration, the ATACH FIN WG strives to supports Member States, including those that have signed the COP26 Health Programme commitments on sustainable low carbon health systems, to effectively access funding for projects and mobilize finance to implement plans for climate change and health objectives.

The FIN-WG will meet at least every six months.

Key objectives:

The key objectives of the ATACH FIN-WG support those of the overarching goal for ATACH through senior technical expert exchange and collaboration. They will focus on this by firstly reducing barriers to funding and secondly maximizing investments in health through a climate lens to ensure value for money:

- 1. Reducing barriers to funding by delivering a shift in the international financial architecture available for climate change and health:** This objective focuses on areas where a global shift can be delivered through the collective power of Member States and other key financial institutions and partners, as appropriate. It reflects collective interest of the ATACH FIN-WG as well as context specific themes which may be more applicable to smaller groupings of Member States.
- 2. Maximizing investments in health:** This objective would ensure value for money by applying a climate lens and integrating climate resilience and sustainability in health financing to ensure available funds are used as efficiently and equitably as possible.

**These objectives will be supported by the following levers**

- a. Monitoring:** Track progress and performance of domestic, donor and multilateral finance agencies in mobilising resources to meet country needs to build climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems country identify; identify and track progress in addressing the barriers to different finance types; and monitor evolutions in use of financial innovations for climate and health objectives and outcomes.
- b. Knowledge sharing and analytics:** This lever provides a forum for alliance participants to share expertise, knowledge and experience gained from analytics to inform access and use of finance for health and climate activities.
- c. Coordinating access to technical assistance:** This lever would include support for the design of programs for adaptation and mitigation and for developing funding proposals –

### 3. The Secretariat

Subject to the availability of sufficient human and financial resources, WHO serves as the Secretariat of the ATACH and each of its WGs. Further information on the role of the Secretariat is available in the TORs of the ATACH (available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).

### 4. Participants

The ATACH FIN-WG is open to the same participant categories as those of the ATACH. Once participants to the ATACH are confirmed (following the application process specified in the ATACH TORs), they will be requested to confirm the specific WG they are interested in joining by sending an email to [healthclimate@who.int](mailto:healthclimate@who.int). If participants confirm their interest to participate in the ATACH FIN-WG, they will be added to the specific group and automatically invited to relevant WG meetings. They will, at any time, have the possibility to leave the WG.

### 5. Responsibilities of Participants to the ATACH FIN WG

On joining ATACH FIN WG, Participants undertake to:

- Adhere to these Terms of Reference.
- Promote the work, vision, goals, and objectives of the ATACH FIN WG.
- Actively initiate and participate in the ATACH FIN WG on activities, discussions, and deliberations, and contribute to implementation of actions and priorities deriving from the agreed workplan and discussions.
- Participate, as appropriate, in the ATACH FIN WG meetings.
- Share knowledge and information (lessons learned, case studies, programme results, etc.) with other ATACH Participants as appropriate.

### 6. Chairs of the FIN-WG

Consistent with and building on from the ATACH ToRs, each ATACH WG will have two co-chairs, representing both government institutions with a mandate for climate change and health, and technical agencies/organizations, to provide leadership to the group and progress the WG agenda. The WHO, as ATACH Convener, co-convening countries and WG Chairs, will form a Steering Group to ensure coordination of the work across ATACH and to discuss emerging priorities.

The co-chairs of the Working Groups will be appointed by WHO in consultation with the ATACH co-convenors for an initial period of one (1 year).

*Criteria for the selection of WG chairs:*

- Government institutions with a mandate for climate change and health. Countries will be considered as co-chairs based on their proactivity, the priority they give to the specific WG topic, and their capacity to advance the WG objectives and goals.
- Technical agencies/organizations with proven technical experience and records on the subject matter. Motivation to, proactivity in, and capacity to advance the goals and objectives of the WG will also be considered by the Secretariat.

*Submission of interest to chair an ATACH WG:*

All participants to the ATACH are invited to submit their interest to chair any of the ATACH WGs by sending a message to the Secretariat ([healthclimate@who.int](mailto:healthclimate@who.int)). All submissions will be assessed by the WHO Secretariat, who will consult the co-convenors, and decisions will be reported to the Steering Group (SG) and communicated to applicants. The final proposal for Chairs will also take into consideration representation of all WHO Regions in the overall governance mechanism of the ATACH.

*Role of the co-chairs of the ATACH WGs:*

As included in the TORs of the ATACH, the co-chairs of the ATACH WGs are expected to:

- Support the secretariat in the agenda development and active participation in ATACH general meetings.
- Chair the discussions during the WG meetings (ensuring action-oriented focus and deliverables).
- Promote active involvement of the Working Group Participants in the development and implementation of its workplan.

- Work with the Secretariat to progress Working Group objectives and plans including in the development of the WG workplan.
- Support the Secretariat and Steering Group in the identification of priorities and/or challenges for the attainment of the objectives relating to the specific Working Group.
- Promote and ensure synergies with other Working Groups.
- Participate in Steering Group meetings, representing the work, issues, and views of the wider Working Group.
- Support the Secretariat in the agenda development and active participation in the ATACH WG meetings.

## **7. Amendments**

These Terms of Reference may be amended from time to time by the Secretariat in consultation with the Steering Group.