

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### OF

## THE ATACH SUPPLY CHAIN WORKING GROUP (SC WG)

### 1. Mission

Recognizing that supply chains contribute the majority of greenhouse gas emissions from health systems, this ATACH WG will specifically focus on emission reduction in the supply chain and seek and promote solutions and collaborative action in order to ensure clean, green and sustainable health systems. The ATACH Supply Chain WG 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 other stakeholders to drive this agenda forward at pace and scale; and promote the integration for climate change and health nexus into respective national, regional and global plans”.

### 2. Objectives and functions of the Supply Chain WG

Through coordination and collaboration, the ATACH Supply Chain WG strives to support Member States and other stakeholders, including those that have signed the COP26 Health Programme commitments on building low carbon and sustainable health systems, to address specific challenges in the supply chain and procurement, to progress and drive the climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems agenda forward and to promote accountability.

The Supply Chain WG will meet at least every six months.

#### Key objectives of the Supply Chain WG are:

- Identify existing technical knowledge products and tools for building low carbon and sustainable supply chains and making them available to Member States and ATACH partners.
- Identify, disseminate, strengthen, and advocate for evidence and knowledge on key topics related to low carbon and sustainable supply chains (e.g., measuring and reducing carbon emissions from supply chain, sustainable criteria and standard for products and services, life cycle assessment, creating collective demand for sustainable products and supplies).
- Identify and disseminate lessons and best practice from country and partner experiences in reducing the emissions from supply chain, and support learning.
- Identify country needs to implement their commitments on low carbon sustainable health systems as they relate to supply chain and facilitate access to technical support.
- Facilitate access by the health sector to climate change funding for health and ensure health sector’s capacity to develop project proposals on climate change and health is effectively strengthened.
- Identify opportunities for collective action to contribute to and drive transformation in behaviour, principles and standards with a broad range of actors.

#### Functions

The key functions of the ATACH Supply Chain WG are the same as those of the ATACH but through senior technical expert exchange and collaboration, focused on identifying actions for reducing emissions and sustainable in supply chains, namely:

- **Delivering international shift to build sustainable and low carbon supply chain:** This function focuses on areas where a global shift can be delivered through the collective power of Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders, as appropriate. It reflects collective interest of the ATACH WG on supply chain as well as context specific themes which may be more applicable to smaller groupings of Member States.
- **Monitoring:** Collaborate with WHO and partners, to collect data and measure emissions from procurement and supply chain on country level progress against the COP26 sustainable and low carbon health systems commitments made by countries. In addition to process indicators, a monitoring system that provides

information on e.g. barriers at country level, comprehensiveness of response plans and potential barriers for low carbon sustainable supply chain will be promoted.

- **Quality Assurance:** Collaborate with WHO in developing quality assurance mechanisms designed to help ensure that assessments, plans and implementation are of the quality required to deliver on commitments made thereby facilitating a common understanding of such commitments and measures of progress. The core aim is to help identify where support is required and to identify best practice.
- **Financing:** This focuses on identifying financing needs, and support Member State access to finance, including climate finance, in a timely and sustainable way. This information also feeds into the monitoring function, tracking the performance of both domestic as well as donor/ development finance agencies in making funding available to meet Member State commitment needs.
- **Knowledge sharing and coordinating access to technical assistance:** This function provides a forum for Alliance participants to share expertise, knowledge, tools and resources and experience on the assessment, planning implementation, financing and monitoring of commitments towards low carbon supply chains. This supports exchange among participants and access to information to support evidence based and cost-effective delivery of commitments. This may include a function to advise WHO on the coordination of access to technical assistance, either directly (subject to funding availability) or through participant capacity.

### 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 Supply Chain 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 Supply Chain 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 Supply Chain WG

On joining ATACH Supply Chain WG, Participants undertake to:

- Adhere to these Terms of Reference;
- Promote the work, vision, goals and objectives of the ATACH Supply Chain WG;
- Actively initiate and participate in the ATACH Supply Chain WG 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 Supply Chain WG meetings;
- Share knowledge and information (lessons learned, case studies, programme results, etc.) with other ATACH participants as appropriate.

### 6. Chairs of the Supply Chain 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). All submissions will be assessed by the WHO Secretariat, who will consult the co-conveners, 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:

- Chair the discussions during the WG meetings (ensuring action-oriented focus and deliverables);
- Promote active involvement of the WG participants in the development and implementation of its workplan;
- Work with the Secretariat to progress WG 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 WG;
- Promote and ensure synergies with other WGs;
- Participate in Steering Group meetings, representing the work, issues and views of the wider WG;
- Support the Secretariat in the agenda development and active participation in the ATACH WG meeting.

## **7. Amendments**

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