Background

The World Health Organization (WHO) selected experts to serve as members of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to guide the technical basis for the UHPR.

This global group of 21 technical experts convened for the first time on the 28th and 29th of October 2021 to formally launch the UHPR TAG to support the development of the methodology in assessing preparedness status, indicators and structure of supranational commissions among others, to be used by all Member States undergoing the review process.

Composition

The UHPR TAG is composed of 21 experts with a range of technical knowledge, skills, and experience relevant to health emergency preparedness, including scientists, technical experts, healthcare professionals and policy makers with expertise in the following areas:

- Peer-review mechanisms at the multilateral level
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC), health systems and healthier populations and their contribution to preparedness
- Pandemic preparedness and all-hazards risk management
- International Health Regulations (IHR) and health security
- Ethics, equity, human rights and gender in public health

Role and scope of work

To provide expert inputs on the technical content of the UHPR including draft processes for field piloting, and ensure that it is evidence-based, logical and appropriate to measure the status of health emergency preparedness in countries.
Scope of Work

Review the UHPR documents and provide recommendations to:

- Concept note
- Technical considerations
  - The health emergency preparedness components
  - The underlying logic model and theory of change
  - The set of common indicators
  - The methodology for measurement of preparedness status in countries.
- Pilot protocol

Provide feedback and outcomes from the UHPR pilot phase and refine technical contents of documents to be presented at the 75th World Health Assembly in 2022.

Duration

Two years from the first meeting in October 2021.

Role of nominees and TAG members

Co-Chairs
  Janneth Maridadi Mghamba
  Anne-Catherine Viso

Role:
- Chair the meetings of the TAG
- Liaise with the WHO Secretariat

Rapporteur of the UHPR TAG: Arthur Reingold

Role:
- Record key points and conclusions from the discussion and share with the Co-Chairs.
- Keep track of time during the meeting.
TAG members

Role:

• Participate in the TAG meetings.
• Provide expert inputs on the UHPR process, tools and technical documents.
• Advice on the methodology and support the implementation of UHPR pilot.

The TAG may form smaller subgroups to work on specific issues.

Mode of work

The UHPR Technical Advisory Group will be held through online consultations, email and virtual or physical meetings. WHO would provide secretariat support to the group of experts. The UHPR TAG group shall meet on a monthly basis unless communicated otherwise. The WHO may convene additional meetings.

UHPR TAG Indicative Timeline

- **Phase 1. October 2021 – January 2022**
  - 1st & 2nd TAG Meetings
  - 1st Review of documents
  - 1st Review of UHPR pilot and reports

- **Phase 2: January 2022 – May 2022**
  - 3rd & 4th TAG Meeting
  - 2nd Review of documents
  - 2nd Review of UHPR pilots and reports