



WHO Infection Prevention and Control

Launch event

Development and implementation of national action plans for infection prevention and control: a practical guide

23 June 2025, 13:00-14:30 pm CEST

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The [Global action plan and monitoring framework for infection prevention and control \(IPC\) for 2024–2030](#) (GAPMF) was approved at the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in 2024. The plan provides clear actions, indicators, and targets to support Member States in improving national- and facility-level IPC actions. It was developed through extensive consultations at global and regional levels with Member States, international experts and across the three levels of the WHO secretariat.

At the event, **a practical guide will be launched** which provides stepwise guidance for development and implementation of national action plans (NAPs) for IPC, that are aligned with the WHO GAPMF. The guide includes inspirational country stories and directs users towards tools and resources to help countries prioritize, cost, implement, monitor and evaluate their national action plan activities. The guide was developed in collaboration with national leads for IPC, international and national technical experts, IPC leads at the 3 levels of WHO and the WHO Global IPC Network.

It is critical to secure engagement and practical action now to ensure countries achieve the targets set out within the WHO GAPMF. The target audiences for this event are; IPC professionals, IPC focal points, planners and policy makers at facility and national level.

Objectives of the event:

- **To introduce** the guide which provides practical and adaptable advice to countries for developing and implementing NAPs for IPC that are in alignment with the GAPMF.
- **To promote uptake and use** by national IPC focal points and health leaders globally of both the WHO GAPMF and the practical guide.
- **To share** key tools, resources, and inspirational country stories to motivate action.
- **To inspire political and leadership commitment** for development and implementation of NAPs for IPC that contain GAPMF aligned targets.
- **To facilitate networking and peer learning** from hearing regional and national experiences.

Final agenda

Chair: Dr. Benedetta Allegranzi, Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office

Time (CEST)	Topic	Speaker
13.00-13.10	Welcome and opening remarks	H.E. the Minister, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt
13.10-13.20	Where are we starting from and what could we gain?	Dr. Benedetta Allegranzi, Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
13.20-13.35	Introducing the practical guide to implementation	Julie Storr, Consultant, IPC Unit, WHO Headquarters
13.35-14.00	Inspiration from the field – success stories	<p>Dr. Virya Koy, IPC Focal Point, Deputy Director, Department of Hospital Services, Ministry of Health, Cambodia</p> <p>Dr. Magda Machado, IPC Expert, National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA), Brazil</p> <p>Dr. Upuli Wijemanne, Director, Healthcare Quality and Safety, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Questions from participants</p>
14.00-14.20	The need for leadership and policy dialogue – interviews led by Dr. Claire Kilpatrick, Consultant, IPC Unit, WHO Headquarters	<p>Dr. An Caluwaerts, National IPC Focal Point, Federal Public Health Department, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Dr. Amal Saif Al-Maani, Director, Oman CDC, Ministry of Health, Oman</p>
14.20-14.25	Summary of key points for the way forward	Dr. Landry Cihambanya, IPC Focal Point, WHO African Regional Office
14.25-14.30	Closing remarks	Dr. Rudi Eggers, Director, Department of Integrated Health Services, Division of Universal Health Coverage, WHO Headquarters

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