

Overview of the PIP Framework 2016 Review

Background

In May 2011, the World Health Assembly adopted the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness ('PIP') Framework. The Framework seeks to better prepare the world to respond to pandemic influenza by pursuing two objectives "on an equal footing": (1) improving the sharing of influenza viruses with the potential to cause a human pandemic and (2) establishing more predictable, efficient and equitable access to benefits resulting from virus sharing (such as vaccines and antiviral medicines).

The PIP Framework requires that it be reviewed "with a view to proposing revisions reflecting developments as appropriate" (PIP Framework, Sec. 7.4.2). The PIP Framework Advisory Group met in a Special Session on 13-14 October 2015 to seek views from Member States, industry and other stakeholders on the review. The outcome of that meeting was an Advisory Group recommendation that a small, independent group of experts be established to review implementation of the PIP Framework using a transparent and inclusive approach.

In response, the Director-General convened the PIP Framework Review Group, consisting of eight experts from every WHO region and with wide-ranging expertise. The Review Group has held two meetings via teleconference, on 7 January and 19 February 2016. This meeting of 30 March-1 April is the Review Group's first in-person meeting.

Method and Scope of Work

The Review Group's work is divided into four focus areas: (1) virus sharing, including genetic sequence data, (2) benefit sharing, (3) governance, and (4) linkages with other instruments. The Review Group has established the following three Working Groups to consider these areas of work: (1) virus sharing, (2) benefit sharing and (3) governance and linkages with other instruments.

The PIP Framework Review will focus on the following questions:

- What are the achievements since the PIP Framework was adopted?
- Has implementation of the PIP Framework improved global pandemic influenza preparedness, including interpandemic surveillance, and capacity to respond?
- What are the challenges, and possible ways of addressing them?

In order to address these questions, the Review Group will review background documents prepared by key experts and the Secretariat, consult broadly with Member States and stakeholders, and hear testimony from individuals representing all relevant stakeholders. The Review Group is supported in its work by the WHO Review Group Secretariat.

The Review Group has agreed to the following tentative meeting schedule:

<i>30 Mar - 1 Apr 2016</i>	Third meeting of the Review Group in Geneva. The meeting will include open sessions for consultations with Member States and stakeholders, as well as closed sessions for Review Group only.
<i>9 - 11 May 2016</i>	Fourth meeting of the Review Group in Geneva. Closed meeting.
<i>27 - 29 June 2016</i>	Fifth meeting of the Review Group in Geneva. Closed meeting.
<i>September 2016 Date TBD</i>	Sixth meeting of the Review Group (in Geneva if required, otherwise by teleconference). The meeting will include open sessions for consultations with Member States and stakeholders, as well as closed sessions for Review Group only.
<i>31 October 2016</i>	Director-General receives Review Group final Report for submission to Executive Board
<i>Jan 2017</i>	140 th Executive Board considers report
<i>May 2017</i>	70 th World Health Assembly

Further details on the scope of work and terms of reference for the 2016 Review may be found in paragraphs 14-19 of the *Report of the Special Session of the PIP Advisory Group*, available at http://www.who.int/entity/influenza/pip/advisory_group/ag_spec_session_report.pdf.

Additional Resources

Complete information on the review group including meeting reports, member biographies, archived videos, background documents and more can be found at the PIP Framework Review website: <http://www.who.int/influenza/pip/2016-review/en/>. The PIP Framework Review Group welcomes written submissions at any time to the following email address: PIPpreviewcomments@workspace.who.int.

*Dr Christine Mwelwa Kaseba-Sata (Former First Lady, Chairperson of Ubutala ubwa Bumi)
Chair, PIP Framework Review Group*

Dr Christine Mwelwa Kaseba-Sata, is a renowned Zambian specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology. She has practiced as a physician at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka for more than 25 years, and lectured for the past 15 years at the University of Zambia, School of Medicine.

Dr Kaseba-Sata has broad experience in the area of sexual and reproductive health, from sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS, to family planning, comprehensive abortion care, and malaria in pregnancy, reproductive health cancers, emergency obstetrics and newborn care.

Dr Kaseba-Sata is a committed advocate to improving maternal and newborn health and addressing issues around gender-based violence, and was appointed WHO's Goodwill Ambassador against Gender-based Violence from October 2012 to October 2014.

*Prof William Kwabena Ampofo, Head of Virology Department, Noguchi Memorial Institute
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Prof William Ampofo holds the position of Associate Professor and Head of the Virology Department of the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR) at the University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana.

Prof Ampofo has held research fellowships at the NMIMR and headed its Department of Electron Microscopy and Histopathology. His work has focused on molecular and serological investigations of viral infections and anti-viral interventions.

Prof Ampofo is a member of the Academic Board at the University of Ghana's College of Health Sciences and of the Ghana Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program Steering Committee of the School of Public Health. He also participates in the National Steering Committee for International Health Regulations (IHR) at Ghana's Ministry of Health and in the Ministry's National Technical Coordinating Committee for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). He is a member of Ghana's National Ebola Emergency Operations Center.

Prof Ampofo has been a temporary advisor and consultant to WHO, including in support of the Ebola response, and is a former member of WHO's Strategic Advisory Group (SAGE) of Experts Working Group on Influenza Vaccines and Immunization. He recently chaired WHO's Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework Advisory Group. He is a member of the WHO Global Action Plan for Influenza Vaccines Advisory Group and an advisor to WHO IHR Emergency Committee for EVD.

*Dr Frances McGrath, Chief Advisor, Clinical Leadership, Protection and Regulation,
Ministry of Health, New Zealand*

Dr McGrath is a specialist public health physician, currently serving as the Chief Advisor, Clinical Leadership, Protection and Regulation in the Ministry of Health, New Zealand. In this capacity, Dr McGrath advises ministers and colleagues on public health strategy and issues, and as required, serves as a key advisor on emergencies such as infectious disease outbreaks, notably the 2009 Influenza Pandemic, and the health impacts of contaminated environmental sites.

Dr McGrath has comprehensive experience in public health, public policy and senior management in many different parts of the health sector including as senior health advisor to a number of Ministers of Health, and has represented New Zealand at a number of meetings of the World Health Assembly, and at Regional Committee Meetings of the Western Pacific Region of WHO. She has worked in developing countries including Central America, Thailand, and worked for a year in the Cook Islands Ministry of Health.

Dr McGrath previously worked as a GP in rural and high need areas in New Zealand.

*Dr Talat Mokhtari-Azad, Director of the Iranian National Influenza Center, Head of Virology
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Dr Mokhtari-Azad has a degree in Veterinary Medicine from Tehran University, a Master of Public Health (MPH) and Ph.D. degree in Virology (1982) from Tehran University of Medical Sciences, and specialization degree in Clinical Medical Laboratory Sciences (1991) from the Iran University of Medical Sciences.

Dr Mokhtari-Azad is professor of virology and head of the virology department in school of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Since 1985, she has been the Director of the National Influenza Centre and head of the National Measles/Rubella laboratory since 2006. She has wide-ranging experience in the research and higher education and has supervised MSc and Ph.D. students in different virology fields especially in sero-epidemiology, isolation and molecular diagnostics. She is currently a member of the National Influenza Committee and National Vaccination Committee in Iran. She serves as a temporary advisor with WHO on influenza vaccine composition.

Ms Johanne Newstead, Head of Food Policy, Public Health Directorate, Department of Health, United Kingdom

Ms Newstead is a UK civil servant with broad experience in public health and internationally. She currently heads the food policy work in the Department of Health in London, leading the work with the food industry, in particular on reducing obesity.

Prior to that she spent six years on pandemic flu preparedness and health security for the UK, much of that on the global issues both in the EU, within the WHO European Region, and more widely with WHO and other global partners. She led the UK delegation throughout the PIP Framework negotiations, and chaired the WHO European Region in the later stages of negotiations.

Ms Newstead has also led the Department of Health biotechnology policy development for England. She has worked at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and for five years represented the UK interests there on health, science and technology.

Dr Theresa Tam, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer of the Public Health Agency of Canada

Dr Theresa Tam is the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer of the Public Health Agency of Canada (the Agency). In this role, she provides support to Canada's Chief Public Health Officer in day-to-day activities and responding to public health issues of high importance to Canadians.

She is also the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Branch at the Agency. In this role Dr Tam oversees Agency activities aimed at making Canadians less vulnerable to impacts of infectious diseases. This includes surveillance, laboratory diagnostics, science research, policy development and national leadership for a wide range of infectious disease threats. Dr Tam has previously provided senior leadership on key Agency initiatives and programs on immunization, respiratory infections, health emergency preparedness and response; public health at Canada's borders and on public conveyances; laboratory biosecurity; public health workforce, surveillance and other infrastructure capacities; and implementation of the International Health Regulations.

Dr Tam is a paediatric infectious disease specialist and field epidemiologist with extensive experience in the management of outbreaks and complex health emergency situations, including the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak; H1N1 Influenza Pandemic; and Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in West Africa. She has served as an international expert on a number of World Health Organization (WHO) committees and international missions, including the first WHO Influenza Pandemic Task Force. She has also served as a WHO consultant on multiple international missions related to influenza and Polio eradication in Bangladesh.

Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien Senior Adviser, International Health Policy Program, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien is a senior expert in Health Economics at the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, and advisor to its International Health Policy Program, where he also heads the research hub for the Asia Pacific Observatory. He supports the implementation of universal health coverage in a number of countries. Trained in medicine, he served for nine years in rural district hospitals in a poor province of Thailand and received the ‘Best Rural Doctor’ award in 1986 from the Thai Medical Association.

In 1990 he received a PhD in health planning and financing at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He won the Woodruff Medal in 1991 for his PhD thesis on community health financing and the Edwin Chadwick Medal in 2011 for his contributions to improve health systems in the interests of the poor. He has published 155 scientific articles.

Dr Tangcharoensathien chaired the negotiations of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, adopted by the Sixty-third World Health Assembly.

Prof Makarim Wibisono, United Nation Special Rapporteur on Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967

Prof Makarim Wibisono is a former Indonesian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and Geneva. He served as Director-General for Foreign Affairs Economic Relations (2000-2002), and Director for Multilateral Economic Cooperation (1993-1994) of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As Director-General for Asia Pacific and Africa (2002-2004), he helped finalize the Bali Concord II which created ASEAN. He led the Indonesian Delegation to the Senior Officials Meetings of ASEAN, ASEAN+3, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and APEC. He has been the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territory Since 1967, and General Coordinator of Eurolia Indonesia, Ministry of Education and Culture Republic of Indonesia.

He is the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Indonesian Council on World Affairs, Advisor to the National Commission of Human Rights, and Senior Advisor on International Affairs to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia.

Prior to his post as Executive Director at the ASEAN Foundation, Prof Wibisono was Senior Advisor on International Cooperation to the Minister of Health of Indonesia. He also served as President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In addition, Prof Wibisono has served as a member and advisor to various UN Task Forces.

Prof Wibisono is a lecturer at the National Defense Institute, Paramadina University, Atma Jaya Catholic University, the University of Al Azhar, Indonesia and Gadjah Mada University. Prof Wibisono holds a Master's degree in International Political Economy and a PhD in Political Science from Ohio State University, USA. He also has an M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University, USA.