



# WHO Reform: Hosted Partnerships

# WHO Governing Bodies

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- **WHA – World Health Assembly: 194 Member States**
- **EB – WHO Executive Board: 34 Member States**
- **PBAC- Programme Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board: 14 Member States**

# WHO Governing Body -1

- 2010: Partnerships Policy: WHA Resolution 63:10
  - a. Set the overall framework for engagement and hosting of partnerships
  - b. Requires overall mandate of a partnership be consistent with WHO mandate
  - c. Stresses that Partnership not add burdens to the organization
  - d. Minimizes transaction costs for WHO
  - e. Adds value to WHO's work & adheres to its accountability framework
  - f. Requires partnership activities to be aligned & be synergistic with WHO norms and policies
  - g. Calls for ensuring *“that the function of the partnership secretariat be, and be seen as, part of the functions of WHO”*

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# WHO Governing Body -2

- 2012: EB 132/5: Report on WHO Arrangements for hosting health partnerships and proposals for harmonizing WHO's work with Hosted Partnerships
  - ❖ Provided overview of PA currently hosted by WHO
  - ❖ Highlights contributions of PA to Global Public Health and to WHO's work
  - ❖ Describes what Hosting a PA entails
  - ❖ Describes the challenges that arise from hosting PAs
    - Programmatic
    - Governance
    - Administrative
  - ❖ Makes Proposals to improve Harmonization
- Jan 2013: EB decision 132(10): Proposals approved by the EB

# WHO – PBAC Review

- Jan 2014: PBAC: Report on periodic review of WHO Hosted Partnerships

EB requests PBAC to review arrangement for hosted partnerships in respect of 3 components:

1. Contributions to improved health outcomes:
  - a. Review of PA documents, annual reports, performance reviews and independent evaluations
2. Harmonization of their work with that of WHO:
  - a. Added value to WHO of partnership mechanisms
  - b. Synergies, complementarities and/or overlaps with WHO work
  - c. Use made of WHO's convening power & institutional structures
  - d. Suitability of partnership platforms for advocacy & resource mobilization
  - e. Consistency of messaging between WHO & partnership
  - f. Extent of complementarity or competition with WHO resource mobilization activities
  - g. Coordination of partnership work with that of WHO at country and regional levels

# WHO –PBAC Review

3. WHO's interaction with each hosted partnership focusing on compliance with WHO rules, policies, procedures and administrative practices.
- WHO Secretariat to prepare a report to the PBAC on the PA designated for review and include a DG recommendation on continuation of hosting arrangement.
  - Partnerships invited to present their management response to the recommendations made
  - Timeline: First reviews in respect of 1 or 2 partnerships due at the Jan 2015 PBAC.
  - DG not yet decided which partnerships to undergo first round of PBAC review

# Progress Update on other Hosted Partnership matters

1. Cost recovery
2. Joint Committee of WHO and Hosted Partnership Secretariats
  - Convened and met twice already
3. Generic Hosting Terms
  - Will take time to develop due to internal consultations
  - List of subjects to be addressed in Hosting Terms will be presented at the April meeting
4. Liabilities
  - Examining possible indemnification and / or insurance mechanisms
5. Non-State Actors Policy Framework (EB )
  - Will apply to Hosted Partnerships