

Future of Global Health Initiatives

Civil Society Representatives

Terms of Reference

Three Civil Society Representatives will join the Steering Group, which acts as a sounding board, guides the work, and ensures buy-in to the Future of Global Health Initiatives process. Desta Lakew (Amref) has been directly appointed to the Committee and this call for nominations will identify 2 additional representatives.

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The Future of Global Health Initiatives process convenes a diverse group of stakeholders from across high-, middle- and low-income country governments, global and regional health organisations, research institutions and civil society, to review the roles and responsibilities of the global health initiatives (GHIs). It is led by two Co-Chairs, Mercy Mwangangi, Chief Administrative Secretary of the Kenyan Ministry of Health, and John-Arne Røttingen, Ambassador for Global Health of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and supported by a Secretariat hosted by the Wellcome Trust. The process aims to provide specific recommendations for more efficient, effective and equitable arrangements, and catalyse collective action to shape a global GHI ecosystem that is fit purpose through to 2030 and beyond.

The process will seek to ensure the most effective use of available resources in line with the SDG Agenda in a re-shaped global GHI ecosystem that is responding to countries' needs. In doing so it will ensure Global Health Initiatives realise their potential to improve health quality and equity and maximise overall health impacts through stronger and more resilient health systems, whilst creating a more joined-up, synchronised and open landscape for mobilising and delivering funds. It will not focus on mobilising new financial pledges, establishing new 'vertical' funds or mechanisms, or duplicating existing mechanisms for national level coordination like the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Wellbeing for All.

It is anticipated that a process of research and evidence gathering will begin in the final quarter of 2022, leading into a dialogue process to refine options and recommendations that is expected to run through 2023.. The process will utilise key platforms such as the World Health Assembly, Japan's G7 Presidency, and the UN High Level Meeting on UHC to share recommendations and build a coalition around identified reforms.

Global Health Initiatives is a term used to refer to organisations that integrate the efforts of stakeholders around the world to mobilise and disburse funds to address health challenges. They do so by supporting implementation of health programmes in low- and middle-income countries.

This process will look at GHIs outside of the UN system. This includes institutions like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, and Gavi the Vaccine Alliance which are based on a partnership model and may provide funding to UN agencies. It also includes specific mechanisms and funds (i.e. trust funds and FIFs) hosted by International Financial Institutions (IFIs) or the UN, where those mechanisms have specific governance arrangements and are distinct from core institutional functions, such as the Global Financing Facility. It does not include International Financial or UN Institutions themselves.

Steering Committee

Role

- Drive the process forward, meeting on a regular basis to act as a sounding board and provide oversight
- Ensure timely discussion of choices and priorities as needed, through a consensus-based approach, and in discussion with the secretariat
- Endorse secretariat and task team plans
- Identify timely moments to convene the Reference Group, and liaise with the Secretariat to identify Reference Group members on a case-by-case basis
- Act as champions of this process in internal and bilateral conversations, and through engagement in other key fora e.g. GHI Board and related discussions, and ultimately help secure buy-in around recommendations

The Committee will be a small representative group consisting of selected senior leaders, incorporating:

- 2 x Co-chairs
- 5 x international financing partners
- 5 x domestic financing partners
- 2-3 x CSO representatives
- Wellcome Trust as Secretariat host and research task team lead

Members will be identified and invited by the Co-Chairs – supported by the Secretariat – based on:

- Clearly expressed interest and willingness to act as a champion for this process
- Capacity to actively engage in meetings and discussions
- Geographical diversity
- Gender balance

Individual representatives should be at a similar level of seniority to the two co-chairs, and should:

- Hold responsibility for a broad health portfolio
- Have decision-making authority
- Be senior to – or at the same level as – colleagues who hold GHI Board seats
- Be able to communicate in English

In addition to the members outlined above, up to three global or regional health organisations will be invited to act as Observers to the Steering Group. As Observers they will be welcome to join meetings and participate in discussions at the Co-Chairs discretion, but will not hold full membership.

Civil Society Representatives - Candidate selection process and criteria

Civil Society Representatives will collectively bring the following skills, experience and attributes to the Steering Committee. In order to be considered for the role, applicants are asked to indicate in the application form examples of how they meet the following requirements:

- A person affiliated to an NGO or Community-based organisation, group or network in Asia Pacific or Latin America and Caribbean regions (Those based outside of these regions will not be considered)
- Hold a senior level role within their organisation (with decision making authority and be senior to – or at the same level as – colleagues who hold GHI Board seats)

- Direct experience/expertise engaging in global health initiatives (as advocates and/or programme implementers)
- Experience and expertise of global health issues, policies and programmes (working with national governments, multilateral organisations and/ or donors)
- Fluency in written and spoken English

Steering Group members will participate in an individual and organisational capacity.

It is foreseen that the CSO Steering Group representatives will engage with a broader group of interested CSOs via a stakeholder group, supported by the FGHI Secretariat. The level and nature of engagement will depend on what the Steering Group representatives decide / Secretariat capacity, but could include : a Google group (or other mailing list) that CSOs can opt in to in order to stay up to date with the process and opportunities to input, and other ad hoc engagement moments to discuss and explore issues arising through the process.

Additional Information

The time commitment for the Steering Group representatives is likely to be about 1 virtual meeting per month and occasional face-to-face meetings.

The FGHI Secretariat will cover the costs of attendance at face-to-face Steering Group meetings, or any other travel to events on behalf of the Steering Group. For a community representative who takes up the role outside of a formal CSO employment, additional compensation will be available.

The Steering Group meetings will be conducted in English.

Duration of term and cessation of appointment

The length of term is for the whole duration of the process, estimated to be 12-18 months from October 2022.

Cessation of Appointment

The appointment of the Civil Society & Communities Representative will cease if:

- They consistently do not attend or participate in meetings of the Initiative and the Steering Committee Chairs indicate to the Civil Society Selection Committee that they are not representing civil society as required;
- They no longer have links to an NGO or Community-based organisation(s) or group;
- If a conflict of interest is declared and it is not possible to work around this;

Candidate selection process

Civil Society Representatives will be selected through the following application process:

- A call for nominations will be circulated widely through civil society and community mailing lists and social media channels by [Via Libre](#), [Global Fund Advocates Network Asia Pacific](#) and the [Platform for ACT-A Civil Society and Community Representatives](#)
- A panel of NGO & Community members will select the representatives
- The selection panel will score applications against the criteria above. The selection panel will take into account geographic diversity (representation from both Asia Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean regions) as well as gender balance. At least 1 representative will be a Community representative with lived experience of any of the issues that the GHIs work on