Date: Monday 3 April, 2017
Time: 13:30 – 17:00
Venue: Salle A, WHO HQ

Background:

Cochrane has been in official relations with the WHO since 2011. This collaboration includes the right to appoint a representative to participate, without vote, in WHO’s meetings, including at the World Health Assembly, the WHO’s decision-making body, allowing Cochrane to make expository statements on WHO health resolutions. This relationship gives Cochrane the opportunity to provide input on the way research evidence is identified, synthesized, assessed and used by WHO, and it allows WHO to input on research synthesis priorities. In addition, Cochrane provides reliable summaries of health information which can be used to inform recommendations and policies. The partnership promotes inter-sectoral collaboration and high-quality research between the two organizations to produce the necessary evidence to ensure policies in all sectors contribute to improving health and health equity.

Meeting objectives:

- To familiarize participants with the Cochrane-WHO plan of work.
- To familiarize Cochrane contributors with WHO’s strategic priorities, evidence needs and political processes;
- To consider how better to align Cochrane procedures to WHO’s processes and knowledge needs.

Expected outputs:

- Improved mutual understanding of institutional procedures and processes;
- Strategies for better aligning Cochrane’s work to WHO’s evidence needs.
**Meeting co-chairs:**
Nathan Ford (Chair, Guidelines Review Committee, WHO) and David Tovey (Editor in Chief, Cochrane)

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| 13:30 | **WHO’s strategic priorities, evidence needs and political processes** | **Opening remarks**  
Nathan Ford  
*Chair, Guidelines Review Committee, WHO*  
**WHO’s role (and related evidence needs) in addressing global health priorities.**  
Marie-Paule Kieny  
*Assistant Director-General, Health Systems and Innovation, WHO* |
| 14:00 | **Cochrane’s collaboration with WHO**               | **Achievements to date and future areas of work.**  
Susan Norris  
*Guidelines Review Committee Secretariat, WHO*  
Lisa Bero  
*co-chair, Cochrane Board*  
**Showcasing Cochrane-WHO collaborative experiences: Developing guidelines for health system questions.**  
Claire Glenton  
*Director, Cochrane Norway; Editor of Cochrane EPOC; Senior researcher at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health*  
Simon Lewin  
*Joint coordinating editor Cochrane EPOC; Senior Researcher, Cochrane Norway, Norwegian Institute of Public Health and South African Medical Research Council*  
Metin Gülmezoglu  
*Coordinator, Maternal and Perinatal Health and Preventing Unsafe Abortion Team, Department of Reproductive Health and Research WHO* |
| 15:00 | **Coffee break**                                   |                                                                                             |
**15:15** How can Cochrane support WHO in developing evidence-informed guidelines?  
*Small group discussions*

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**16:30** General Q&A and closure

**17:00 – 19:00** Drinks reception at the WHO Winter Garden