



Agenda Cochrane-WHO Strategic Partnership Meeting

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)

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 Kiény

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

Showcasing Cochrane-WHO collaborative experiences: Systematic reviews to inform complex interventions in nutrition, the importance of good reporting and context in guideline development processes.

Juan Pablo Peña Rosas

Coordinator, Evidence and Programme Guidance Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO

Geraldine Macdonald

Co-ordinating Editor, Cochrane Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems Group; Professor of Social Work, University of Bristol

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 **How can Cochrane support WHO in developing evidence-informed guidelines?**
Small group discussions

Topic:

1. Standard guidelines development.

Facilitated by:

Marguerite Koster
Olufemi Oladapo

2. Rapid advice and ultra-fast guidelines in public health emergencies.

Gerald Garthlener
Susan Norris

3. Ensuring applicability of systematic reviews in low and middle income countries contexts.

Charles Shey Wiysonge
Prathap Tharyan

4. Facilitating use of various types of evidence (qualitative and quantitative) in guideline development.

Özge Tuncalp
Jane Noyes

5. International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP) and results reporting

Vasee Moorthy
Lotty Hooft

6. Open Space: For any other topic people would like to discuss

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

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