

HTAi/ WHO

Collaboration Plan Template for 2014-2016

In accordance with the terms of the Principles governing relations between WHO and NGOs, the WHO Executive Board is considering admission of HTAi (Health Technology Assessment international) into official relations with WHO. The basis of an official relationship is a mutually agreed three year plan for collaboration, the results of which are reviewed by the WHO Executive Board once every three years.

This document outlines the plan for collaboration between HTAi and WHO as agreed by, respectively, their focal point(s) and Designated Technical Officers DTOs. They are responsible for the relations, including implementation of the agreed plan, on behalf of the NGO and WHO. Please note, participation in meetings of WHO's governing bodies is not considered to be a joint activity, it is thus not necessary to report it. In addition certain activities will be the subject of a separate agreement between WHO and the nongovernmental organization, for example a contract or Memorandum of Understanding. Nevertheless a brief outline of the activities should be submitted in this report.

The objectives of WHO's collaboration with NGOs is, inter alia, to promote, the policies and strategies derived from the decisions of the governing bodies of WHO. Unless otherwise indicated, the agreed activities are intended to contribute to the outcome targets in WHO General Programme of Work for 2014-19.

NGO/WHO Workplan for collaboration 2014-16

Category of Work: 4, HEALTH SYSTEMS

Programme Area: Access to medicines and health technologies and strengthening regulatory capacity

Output target(s): Output 4.3.1. Countries enabled to develop or update, implement, monitor and evaluate national policies on better access to health technologies; and to strengthen evidence-based selection and rational use of health technologies.

Output 4.3.2. Implementation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

Output 4.3.3. Strengthening national regulatory authorities facilitated; norms, standards, guidelines for medical products developed; and quality, safety and efficacy of health technologies ensured through prequalification

Introduction and brief description on how HTAi activities will contribute to the work of WHO:

HTAi, can provide WHO and all its Member States, as needed: knowledge on methodologies for health technology assessment, capacity building and training on health technology assessment, collaboration on publications and information to be disseminated on assessment of the different health products and support to decision-makers in utilizing health technology assessments for policy making.

HTAi also considers networks to enhance all levels of decision-making through effective and useful research and knowledge transfer focused on rationale and transparent processes on health technology assessment.

HTAi has a global perspective and can provide HTA capacity in low and middle income countries /emerging markets.

HTAi strives is willing to work closely with WHO to support governmental authorities to utilize HTA to enhance the quality, safety and effectiveness of health outcomes, from initial development of products to clinical application.

Specifically, HTAi can aid the WHO's 2014 Resolution: 'Health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage', WHA67.23 by supporting the WHO's requests:

- to assess the status of health intervention and technology assessment in Member States in terms of methodology, human resources and institutional capacity, governance, linkage between health intervention and technology assessment units and/or networks with policy authorities, utilization of assessment results, and interest in and impediments to strengthening capacity; and
- to support the exchange of information, sharing of experiences and capacity-building in health intervention and technology assessment through collaborative mechanisms and networks at global, regional and country levels, as well as ensuring that these partnerships are active, effective and sustainable;

HTAi's assistance in supporting this Resolution, among other WHO goals, is outlined below.

Description of the activity to be undertaken, expected deliverables, timeframe and budget. In describing the activity, please indicate how it contributes to the WHO Output targets and how the collaboration with WHO will take place.				
Expected deliverable (add as many as needed)	Activities	Timeframe	Budget	Status of implementation ¹
1. Publication or dissemination of information on health technology assessments (collaborate in WHO output 4.3.1 and to resolution WHA67.23))	<p>HTAi's Developing Countries Interest Sub-Group (DCISG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This community of practice supports the development of HTA professionals through the dissemination of relevant information <p>HTAi website and email blasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HTAi's is pleased to post or distribute via email any requests the WHO would like to distribute to HTAi's 1200 global members. 	On-going, with specific meetings and deliverables for each June at HTAi Annual Meetings	No WHO funds required. All activities on-line and all support paid for by HTAi	Workshops held at each HTAi Annual Meeting, email blasts,
2. Capacity building or workshop (collaborate in WHO output 4.3.1 and to resolution WHA67.23))	<p>HTAi Annual Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global conferences with up to 1200 participants sharing best practice in global HTA. Focusing on disseminating tools and practices for supporting decision-making evidence-based selection and rational use of health technologies. WHO meetings to be convened at each HTAi Annual Meeting. 	Washington DC, June 2014 Oslo, June 2015 Tokyo, May-June, 2016	No WHO funds required. Participants or HTAi for their travel and registration.	In progress

¹ To be filled out when the collaboration is reviewed.

NGO funds to WHO: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Amount: No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHO funds to NGO: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Amount: No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Geographical area²:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/> National (specify):	
If agreement for activity includes other parties (excluding the membership of the above-mentioned NGO) please provide their names:	
Intergovernmental organization(s): Not applicable	
National Government(s): Not applicable	
Not for profit NGO(s), foundations, trade associations:	
WHO Collaborating Centre(s): Not applicable	
Commercial entity(ies): Not applicable	
Others:	
WHO Designated Technical Officer (DTO): Adriana Velazquez Berumen	
If agreed with someone other than DTO, please provide the name of WHO staff and department with whom agreed:	

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² **International:** 1. it involves agreement to act at the country level in more than two WHO regions; or 2. the outcome is intended to be relevant to all countries (e.g. a joint publication); or 3. it is open to all countries (e.g. a co-sponsored conference with participants from more than two WHO regions).

Regional: as above, except that activity is restricted to a specific WHO region.

National: a product/activity/service that is relevant only to the country, for example a national workshop.

Dissemination: nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO agree to use the opportunities available to them through their normal work to disseminate information on WHO's policies and programmes. To that end they automatically receive various information documents and publications. Such dissemination does not require agreement. Please list in this section such occasions. Publications or events that were co-sponsored by WHO should be reported in an activity box.

Title of event/publication and periodicity	Subject of information disseminated	Date
HTAi's website, constant publication	HTAi's activities and any information that may be relevant to HTAi members	On-going
HTAi email bulletins/ quarterly	Information that may be relevant to HTAi members	Four times per year
HTAi email blasts/when required	Information that may be relevant to HTAi members	As required
WHO workshops on HTA/ when required	Information that may be relevant to WHO Member States	As required by WHO.