



2nd STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WORKING FOR HEALTH PROGRAMME

**Friday 23 November 2018
OECD, Paris**

MINUTES

Participants:

OECD:

1. Stefano Scarpetta Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (Chair)
2. Nick Tomlinson, Global Health Advisor, Health Division

WHO:

1. Naoko Yamamoto Assistant-Director General, UHC & Health Systems (via WebEx)
2. Jim Campbell Director, Health Workforce Department, UHC & Health Systems
3. Paul Marsden Technical Officer, Health Workforce Department, UHC & Health Systems
4. Tana Wuliji Technical Officer, Health Workforce Department, UHC & Health Systems (WebEx)

ILO:

1. Alette Van Leur Director, Sectoral Policies Department (via WebEx)
2. Oliver Liang Head of Private and Public Sectors Unit, Sectoral Policies Department
3. Christiane Wiskow Health Sector Specialist, Sectoral Policies Department

UN MPTF Office (via WebEx)

1. Mari Matsumoto, Portfolio Manager, MPTF Office
2. Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office

NORAD (via WebEx):

1. Ingvar Olsen Policy Director, NORAD
2. Priya Lerberg Senior Advisor, NORAD

Meeting Minutes

1. In opening the meeting the chair noted two of the targets from the Working for Health programme [interagency data exchange, labour mobility platform] have been achieved, although there is a lot of work to do in the remaining three years to meet the remaining four. All three organisations reputations are at risk if the targets are not met. Securing the necessary financial resources is essential.

Item 1: Work Plan for 2019

2. WHO introduced the work plan, explaining that the funds available have been apportioned across each work area, although noting a funding gap of \$1.9m. Responding to comments

the OECD explained the importance of the Global Public Goods (GPGs) work and how this provides support countries, bringing evidence to the table. The WHO also noted how information from this area will inform and generate value to major events next year, including the global compact on migration, the EB discussion on the Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel, and preparations for the UNGA UHC high level event.

Decision points:

- a. The Work Plan for 2019, with an explicit focus on country level work and regional support, was agreed.

Item 2: Fund raising

3. ILO introduced the paper which summarised main developments on resource mobilisation, with funds being needed urgently. All supported the idea of writing to the Juncker and Merkel as a matter of urgency. The ILO emphasised the need to step up resource mobilisation efforts and asked that if the letters are successful that we send similar letters to other priority donor countries such as Japan, Sweden and the UK. The meeting agreed the importance of aligning the proposition with donor priorities, and the need to show the MPTF complements and does not compete with other funds such as the GFF. There was agreement on the idea of a donor meeting hosted by Norway and China to encourage further donations. NORAD was thanked for their contribution.

Decision points:

- a. The critical need to promote the work programme and scale up resource mobilisation was agreed by all. It was proposed, subject to discussions with the WHO DG, that ILO, OECD and WHO under WHO leadership to consider the preparation of a joint letter to Juncker and Merkel as soon as possible, no later than the end of the year.
- b. The Secretariat will develop a proposal on a donor meeting hosted by Norway and potentially China.
- c. The Secretariat agreed to promote the MPTF and further refine the resource mobilisation strategy by mapping the working for health offer to donor priorities. The strategy will also describe who will do what in terms of each IO approaching donors, recognising the need to promote the MPTF at the highest level within each organisation.

Item 3: Risk strategy review

4. OECD introduced the review of the risk strategy. As the trajectory for fund raising was less than originally anticipated the level of risk on fund raising was increased and additional mitigation measures added, notably the need for full support from senior management in each IO for resource mobilisation. NORAD welcomed the addition of country level project risks and agreed to provide comments in the following week. The work programme has generated a lot of expectations at country level. There is a need to manage risks and be proactive, particularly in supporting countries. There is a need to seize opportunities, but it is important to recognise and manage the risks that this brings underlining the importance of managing the ability of the IOs to deliver.

Decision points:

- a. NORAD will provide comments on the risk management strategy by 30 November 2018
- b. The risk strategy and matrix will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis.

- c. Finalize and approve the risk management strategy.

Item 4: Operation manual

5. ILO introduced the rationale behind the revisions to the MPTF operations manual and the Terms of Reference document.

Decision points:

- a. Final comments will be provided by 30 November 2018