

## Health Impact Investment Platform Inaugural Steering Committee Meeting

### Meeting Summary

17 March 2025, 14:00-15:00

Online

#### Key Decisions

- Appointment of the EIB as Steering Committee Chair for the next 12 months.
- Approval of the HIIP Secretariat Budget for 2024 in accordance with the HIIP Governance Framework articles 5.9 and 6.25.
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- Approval of the HIIP Operations Manual in accordance with the HIIP Governance Framework article 5.9 / 5.30.
- Approval of the Proposal for Action submitted by Ethiopia in accordance with the HIIP Governance Framework article 5.9(f).
- Agreement to hold the next Steering Committee meeting in person during the 78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, pending confirmation of members' availability.

#### Follow-up Actions

- **HIIP Secretariat** to submit Burundi's Proposal for Action to the Steering Committee for approval via email once it receives clearance from the Coordination Committee.
- **HIIP Secretariat** to update on the progress of the Ethiopia Proposal for Action and offer further clarity on the assessment approach at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### 1. Chairmanship Appointment

- EIB appointed as **Steering Committee Chair** for the next 12 months, with full support from WHO and IsDB.

### 2. Progress Review

- **AfDB to join HIIP as a donor** in May 2025, pending board approval.
- Concept Notes for **Gambia & Guinea Bissau conditionally cleared**, awaiting AfDB membership.
- **Country pipeline update:** Ethiopia's Proposal for Action up for approval; other countries (Burundi, Maldives, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Senegal, Tunisia) in various stages of Concept Note and Proposal for Action development.

### 3. Budget & Operational Approvals

- **HIIP Secretariat Budget (2024-2025) approved**, with a push for cost efficiency and leveraging WHO in-kind contributions.
- **Operations Manual approved**, reinforcing streamlined reporting and efficiency.

#### 4. Ethiopia Proposal for Action Approval

- **Ethiopia Proposal for Action approved.**
- Discussions on **resource mapping, impact assessment, and government buy-in.**
- Framing impact assessment as **prioritization based on expected outcomes** rather than full-scale evaluation.
- Update on progress to be provided at the next meeting.

#### 5. Future Strategy & Partnerships

- Agreement on a **lean, cost-effective** model for **efficient delivery.**
- **AfDB & ADB onboarding as donors/ funding members prioritized** before expanding further, including to the private donors/ philanthropies.
- Parallel engagement with **AIIB, the European Commission, and the Arab Coordination Group.**
- Expansion shall be considered up to the **platform's maximum capacity to intervene,** with additional contributions aimed as direct grants to support proposed investment plans and actions.

#### 6. Risk Management & Impact Measurement

- Proposal to allocate a budget for **impact narrative development** to attract future funding.
- HIIP's data teams are working on **institutional and output-based indicators** for impact measurement, with an update scheduled for the next meeting.

#### 7. Next Steps

- **Next Steering Committee Meeting to be held in person** around the World Health Assembly (May 19-27), pending participants' availability check.
- **EIB VP Östros to attend,** and partners urged to coordinate logistics and ensure designated representatives.
- **Subsequent meeting to be hosted by IsDB.**
- **HIIP officially declared operational,** with enthusiasm for continued collaboration.

#### Endorsement on behalf of the Steering Committee

[Signature]

Felicitas Riedl, Chair of the HIIP Steering Committee (Acting)



27 March 2025

## **ANNEX: List of Attendees**

### **HIIP Steering Committee**

Felicitas RIEDL	Director of Innovation and Competitiveness Department in the Projects Directorate at EIB
Issa FAYE	Director General of Global Practice and Partnerships at IsDB
Catharina BOEHME	ADG External Relations & Governance at WHO

### **HIIP Coordination Committee**

Dana BURDUJA	Head of Life Sciences Department at EIB
Ammar ABDO AHMED	Manager of Human Development at IsDB
Tania CERNUSCHI	Head of HIIP Secretariat & Innovative Finance at WHO
Ogo CHUKWUJEKWU	Director UHC/Life Course at WHO AFRO (Acting)

### **HIIP Secretariat**

Eleanor NETTLESHIP	Technical Officer at WHO HQ
Thomas HARTLEY	Technical Officer at WHO HQ
Journey PRADHAN	Administrative Assistant at WHO HQ

### **WHO Regional Leads**

Sophie FAYE	Technical Officer at WHO AFRO
Faisal SHAIKH	HIIP Regional Coordinator at WHO AFRO
Awad MATARIA	Director Universal Health Coverage / Health Systems (UHS) at WHO EMRO

### **Observers**

Idrissa DIA	Director, Economic and Social Infrastructure Department at IsDB
Gerard SCHMETS	Deputy Director PHC - alternate SC member at WHO HQ
Alessandra BADELLINO	EIB
Maria LUNDQVIST	EIB
Shengpeng CHEN	WHO HQ
Letizia FERHATI	WHO HQ
Mira Kristina IHALAINEN	WHO EMRO
Toby ECCLES	Social Finance
Bethan PHILLIPS	Social Finance
Silvana LIMNI	Social Finance

### **Apologies**

Rami M. S. AHMAD	Vice President (Operations) at IsDB
Thomas ÖSTROS	Vice-President at EIB
Christian ELIAS	East and Southern Africa Operations at EIB