

Implementation of Decision WHA70(10)8b)

Guide to Consultations

15-16 October 2018

1. Background

In May 2017, the 70th World Health Assembly received the extensive Report of the 2016 PIP Review. Taking stock of the report, Member States requested that the Director-General conduct a thorough and deliberative analysis of issues related to seasonal influenza and genetic sequence data (GSD), including the implications of pursuing or not pursuing possible approaches under the Framework. The Director-General was requested to rely on the 2016 PIP Framework Review and the expertise of the PIP Advisory Group, and transparent consultation of Member States and relevant stakeholders, including GISRS.¹

At the Seventy-first Health Assembly in May 2018, Member States requested that the final text of the analysis be submitted to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 144th session.²

2. Consultation

a. Objective of the Consultation

The purpose of the Consultation is to discuss the draft Analysis.

b. Documentation

All documentation, including the draft Analysis, is available in the six WHO official languages at <http://www.who.int/influenza/pip/ConsultWHA70108b-Oct18/en/>.

c. Date and Place

The Consultation will be held 15-16 October 2018 in the Executive Board room of the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The address is: Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva 27 Switzerland. Participants unable to join in Geneva will be able to follow the discussions by WebEx (see below).

d. Participants

Member States, Advisory Group members, GISRS representatives, international organizations, industry, civil society organizations, databases and initiatives, and other relevant stakeholders are invited to participate in sessions as indicated in the draft Agenda found at Annex 1.

e. Conduct of Discussion during Consultations

Discussions will be interactive and guided by a Facilitator who will use the discussion tool found in Annex 2.

Interpretation will be provided in all WHO official languages.

The Secretariat will do its best to relay to the Facilitator, questions or comments received through the WebEx “chat” function in the course of the consultation, subject to time constraints and technological limitations.

f. Written Submissions

Participants may provide written submissions in advance of the Consultations to pipanalysis@who.int. Submissions will be posted on the WHO website at http://www.who.int/influenza/pip/8b_submissions/en/ in accordance with WHO practice.

¹ See decision WHA70(10), Review of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, 29 May 2017, available at [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70\(10\)-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70(10)-en.pdf)

² [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71\(11\)-en.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA71/A71(11)-en.pdf?ua=1)

3. Practical information

a. Registration

Registration is required in advance for both in-person and online participants. Participants should register at the following link no later than 8 October 2018: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/25796/>

b. Online participation

Participants who are unable to attend in person will be able to join via WebEx. Those who wish to participate via WebEx must register online (see above). The link to WebEx will be sent to registrants in advance of the Consultation.

Participants who connect via WebEx will be muted throughout the Consultations. However, remote participants may interact through WebEx's online "chat" function. Instructions for using this function are available at: http://try.webex.com/meet/pdfs/2ds_mc-sfq-attendee_3.pdf.

c. Procedure upon arrival

Upon arrival to WHO, participants should present themselves at the main reception to collect their meeting badge. Government-issued photo identification (e.g. a national passport) is required.

d. Contact information

For further information, contact pipanalysis@who.int. For urgent issues, contact Esther Awit at +41 22 791 2616.

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Executive Board Room, WHO Headquarters, Geneva

Provisional Agenda

15 October 2018

Time	Agenda item	Participants
9:30 – 10:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Overview and background 	Member States & Stakeholders ¹
10:00-12:30	Session I: Discussion of <i>Analysis</i> Part 1- Seasonal influenza under the PIP Framework	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 - 15:15	Session I Continued	Member States & Stakeholders ¹
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee</i>	
15:30 – 17:00	Session II: Further discussion: Part 1 - Seasonal influenza under the PIP Framework	Member States, PIP Advisory Group and GISRS representatives

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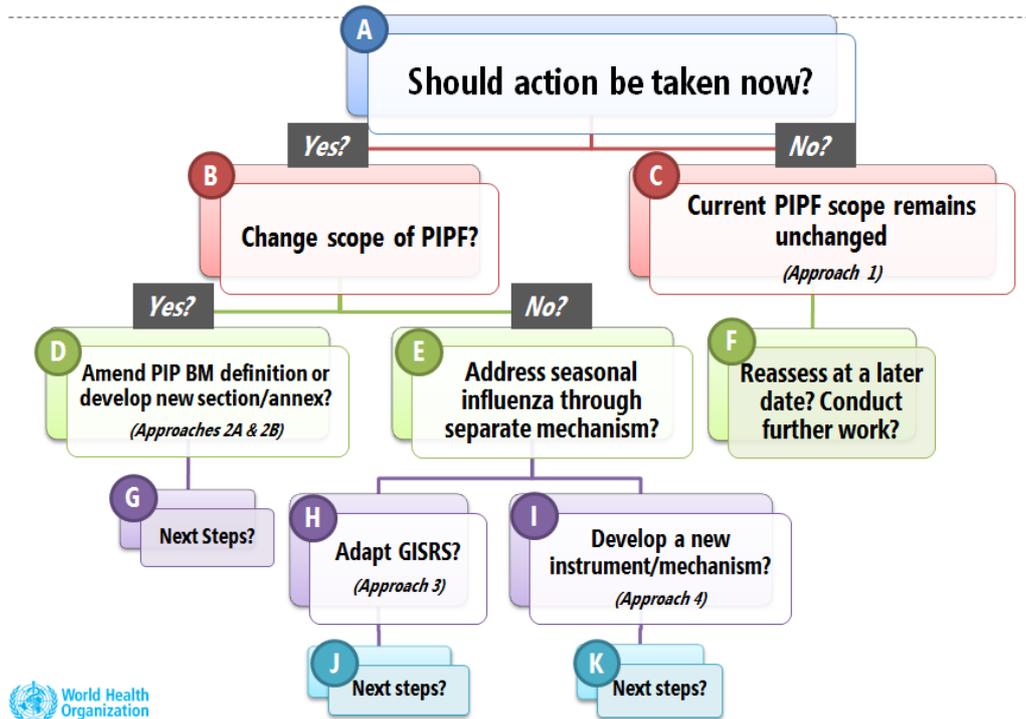
Time	Agenda item	Participants
9:30 – 10:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and background 	Member States & Stakeholders ¹
10:00 – 12:30	Session III: Discussion of <i>Analysis</i> Part 2 - Genetic sequence data under the PIP Framework	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 - 15:15	Session III Continued	Member States & Stakeholders ¹
15:15-15:30	<i>Coffee</i>	
15:30 – 17:00	Session IV: Further discussion Part 2 - Genetic sequence data under the PIP Framework	Member States, PIP Advisory Group and GISRS representatives

¹ Stakeholders includes PIP Advisory Group, WHO GISRS, relevant international organizations, databases and initiatives, and relevant stakeholders.

WHO Consultation on Implementation of Decision WHA70(10)8(b) Discussion tool

The infographics below have been developed to guide and facilitate discussions during the 15-16 October Consultation.

Seasonal influenza - What is in the best interest of public health?



GSD - What is in the best interest of public health?

