WHO Reform: Hosted Partnerships
WHO Governing Bodies

- WHA – World Health Assembly: 194 Member States
- EB – WHO Executive Board: 34 Member States
- PBAC- Programme Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board: 14 Member States
WHO Governing Body -1

2010: Partnerships Policy: WHA Resolution 63:10

a. Set the overall framework for engagement and hosting of partnerships
b. Requires overall mandate of a partnership be consistent with WHO mandate
c. Stresses that Partnership not add burdens to the organization
d. Minimizes transaction costs for WHO
e. Adds value to WHO’s work & adheres to its accountability framework
f. Requires partnership activities to be aligned & be synergistic with WHO norms and policies
g. Calls for ensuring “that the function of the partnership secretariat be, and be seen as, part of the functions of WHO”

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2012: EB 132/5: Report on WHO Arrangements for hosting health partnerships and proposals for harmonizing WHO’s work with Hosted Partnerships

- Provided overview of PA currently hosted by WHO
- Highlights contributions of PA to Global Public Health and to WHO’s work
- Describes what Hosting a PA entails
- Describes the challenges that arise from hosting PAs
  - Programmatic
  - Governance
  - Administrative
- Makes Proposals to improve Harmonization

Jan 2013: EB decision 132(10): Proposals approved by the EB
WHO – PBAC Review


EB requests PBAC to review arrangement for hosted partnerships in respect of 3 components:

1. Contributions to improved health outcomes:
   a. Review of PA documents, annual reports, performance reviews and independent evaluations

2. Harmonization of their work with that of WHO:
   a. Added value to WHO of partnership mechanisms
   b. Synergies, complementarities and/or overlaps with WHO work
   c. Use made of WHO’s convening power & institutional structures
   d. Suitability of partnership platforms for advocacy & resource mobilization
   e. Consistency of messaging between WHO & partnership
   f. Extent of complementarity or competition with WHO resource mobilization activities
   g. Coordination of partnership work with that of WHO at country and regional levels
3. WHO’s interaction with each hosted partnership focusing on compliance with WHO rules, policies, procedures and administrative practices.

- WHO Secretariat to prepare a report to the PBAC on the PA designated for review and include a DG recommendation on continuation of hosting arrangement.

- Partnerships invited to present their management response to the recommendations made

- Timeline: First reviews in respect of 1 or 2 partnerships due at the Jan 2015 PBAC.

- DG not yet decided which partnerships to undergo first round of PBAC review
Progress Update on other Hosted Partnership matters

1. Cost recovery

2. Joint Committee of WHO and Hosted Partnership Secretariats
   - Convened and met twice already

3. Generic Hosting Terms
   - Will take time to develop due to internal consultations
   - List of subjects to be addressed in Hosting Terms will be presented at the April meeting

4. Liabilities
   - Examining possible indemnification and / or insurance mechanisms

5. Non-State Actors Policy Framework (EB)
   - Will apply to Hosted Partnerships