

Terms of Reference for the Global Diabetes Compact Forum

The Global Diabetes Compact Forum (the Forum) is being created by the WHO to share and disseminate ideas, information and views that help advocate for the vision the Global Diabetes Compact, namely: a world where the risk of diabetes is reduced and where all people who are diagnosed with diabetes have access to equitable, comprehensive, affordable and quality treatment and care; and encourage demand and additional resources for diabetes care, including through major advocacy events. Collaboration and cooperation between Forum members and the WHO are key purposes of the Forum.

Within the Forum, ideas, information, and views can be exchanged between the WHO and members, as well between members. By joining the Forum, members agree to advocate for and work towards the vision of the Global Diabetes Compact.

The Global Diabetes Compact is itself based on the views and aspirations of WHO Member States, as expressed in Resolution WHA74.4

https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA74/A74_R4-en.pdf

The WHO Secretariat will seek interest from, and will convene, a group of stakeholders to comprise the membership of the Forum.

1. Vision and goals of the Global Diabetes Compact

The Global Diabetes Compact has the vision of reducing the risk of diabetes and ensuring that all people who are diagnosed with diabetes have access to equitable, comprehensive, affordable and quality treatment and care. It seeks to reduce inequity in access to diagnosis and treatment, ensuring that everyone can access care in primary health settings. It will also support the prevention of type 2 diabetes. It does this by addressing obesity, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity.

The Forum will also help support the goals of the Global Diabetes Compact.



2. Objectives and proposed activities of the Forum

Objective 1: Undertake advocacy efforts for galvanizing support for, and raise awareness of, the Vision and Goals of the WHO Global Diabetes Compact.

To do this, members will:

- A** Help to foster political commitment with Member States and non-State actors.
- B** Undertake advocacy through the World Diabetes Day on 14 November each year. This also includes advising WHO on its annual theme and proposing ways to strengthen this initiative.
- C** Support WHO's in its efforts to raise awareness of diabetes risk, primary and secondary prevention, and elements of high-quality diabetes care.
- D** Promote and disseminate WHO tools relevant for diabetes care and prevention.
- E** Support, as appropriate, WHO advocacy events at global /regional levels relating to diabetes care and prevention.
- F** Help provide a common narrative that can unite patients, healthcare providers, policymakers, and other stakeholders involved in diabetes care and prevention.

Objective 2: Promote networking for knowledge sharing

To do this, members will:

- A** Assist and disseminate knowledge regarding efforts to expand access to insulin and associated health technologies.
- B** Share best practices with regards to diabetes prevention, health promotion and health literacy.
- C** Disseminate research and innovation being done by their organization or stakeholders they represent.



3. Nature of the Forum, its Secretariat and structure

The Forum acts as an informal mechanism for information exchange and advocacy activities undertaken by its members. The Forum strives to achieve its mission through advocacy, collaborative and network efforts of its members and is not a separate legal entity. Subject to the availability of sufficient human and financial resources for this purpose, the secretariat (the “Secretariat”) for the Forum will be provided by WHO.

4. Members

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Members in the Forum must:

- Be an entity and not an individual.
- Work actively in the field of diabetes and align to the objectives, vision and goals of the Forum.
- Have an organized structure.
- Demonstrate support for the resolution WHA74/A74 through actions and public communications.
- Commit to actively engage in the work of the Forum.
- Provide information on their organization and sign the WHO tobacco-arms disclosure statement.

Responsibilities of Members:

- Promote the work, vision, goals and objectives of the Forum.
- Actively initiate and participate in Forum activities, discussions and deliberations.
- Share knowledge and information (lessons learned, case studies, programme results, etc.) with other members.
- Support and enhance, without compromising, the scientific and evidence-based approach that underpins WHO's work.



5. Meetings

The Forum will hold at least one meeting of its membership each calendar year. The Membership Assembly comprises a maximum of two delegates nominated by each Member.

The Forum may also hold additional ad hoc meetings, as necessary and as appropriate.

To the extent possible and appropriate, meetings of the Forum may be combined with meetings of other relevant bodies or events.

6. Responsibilities of the WHO Secretariat

- Provide the overall strategic direction in consultation with membership for the work of the Forum.
- Review membership applications.
- Organize the Meetings and its agenda.

7. Secretariat support

The main responsibilities of the Secretariat are to provide administrative and operational support to the Forum as necessary and appropriate subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with WHO rules, procedures and policies.

This includes:

- Operate day to day administrative business of the Forum;
- Coordinate the organization of the Membership Assembly;
- Conduct assessment and due diligence on membership applications, correspond with Members, and confirm admission of new Members;
- Facilitate engagement of all Members and the development of the forum strategy thereby ensuring the effective functioning of collaborative work;
- Conduct periodic reviews of the role, functioning, and impact of the Forum and initiate or consider amendments to these Terms of references, as appropriate, with a view to improving the functioning of the Forum;
- Prepare and distribute documentation for the Membership Assembly (such as agendas, meeting reports, list of participants);
- Establish a central repository of information and documents relevant to the Forum.

