

- **expert round tables** that allowed the Panel to learn from and listen to a wide range of resource persons who are knowledgeable and experienced on different aspects of the **Program of Work**.
Topics included:
 1. A future international system
 2. WHO Financing
 3. Essential Supplies
 4. From Science to policy
 5. Access to Vaccines
 6. Socioeconomic impact – regional dimensions
 7. Socioeconomic impact – global perspectives
 8. Private sector roundtable
 9. National Responses
 10. Therapeutics and Diagnostics
 11. Mobilizing Across Generations to Realize Health and Social System Reforms
 12. Human Rights
 13. Communication and Community Engagement
 14. Sustaining and Strengthening Cities During a Pandemic: A Roundtable Discussion with Mayors
 15. Digital solutions
- papers on key topics relevant to each of the sections, commissioned by the Panel;
- a public call for contributions: Member States, academics, civil society and front-line workers were invited to contribute their experiences and ideas through the Panel’s website, both on the Program of Work and on the chronology; more than 90 submissions had been made at time of publication of the present report;
- open webinars EXCHANGE inviting specific groups and themes to talk about their experiences, lessons and ideas for future with Panel members; these attracted hundreds of participants from around the world, including speakers from remote areas; recordings and reports from these meetings are available on the Panel’s website:
 1. Learning from nurses on the front line of COVID-19
 2. COVID 19: delivering sexual and reproductive health and rights services in crisis settings
 3. Youth on the front lines of COVID-19
 4. Learning from midwives at work during a pandemic
 5. The gendered impact of COVID-19
 6. Noncommunicable diseases: affecting and affected by COVID-19

Reporting to WHO’s governing bodies

The Independent Panel reported to the WHO Executive Board Special Session on 5–6 October 2020, to the resumed 73rd World Health Assembly in November 2020, to the WHO Executive Board in January 2021; it will present this report to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in May 2021.