

Duration:

Member terms will initially be either for three years, with flexibility for early termination or renewability for a second three-year term, on agreement of the co-chairs. To provide for continuity of the Group's work and ensure that the complete membership does not turn over at any one point, the terms of the members not serving as ex-officio will be staggered with half of the members being offered an initial 2-year term and half a 3-year term. If a Head of State or Minister who is a member of the Council ceases to hold office during his/her term, then a vacancy will be created to be filled with another government representative not necessarily from the same country.

Selection criteria:

- Council members shall be at the level of Head of State or Government. They could be the chairs of regional political entities.
- Representatives of the private sector and civil society will be at the head of organisation level with a high public profile and a track record of working on relevant issues.
- Priority will be given to ensuring gender and age balance in selection of both government and non-governmental council members.

Relationships:

The Council will engage with key relevant partners of the international system for pandemic preparedness and response including the World Health Organisation, the United Nations, the International Financial Institutions (including the regional development banks), civil society and private sector.

The UN Secretary-General, the Director-General of WHO, the Executive Director of IMF and the President of the World Bank Group will be strategic and key leaders for the Council to interact with.

Ways of working:

- The Council shall meet monthly during the current pandemic with the ability to call additional meetings on an ad hoc basis as required.
- When feasible, the Council will shift to a focus on ensuring continued work with less frequent meetings of the Council and regular sessions of surrogates as determined by the Council.
- In times without a crisis the work shall focus on preparedness and monitoring progress.
- Strive for inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement with Member States, UN agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations and regional entities, civil society, the private sector, researchers and other key stakeholders.