

Sustainable financing

The Executive Board, having considered the report on sustainable financing,¹ decided:

- (1) to establish a time-bound and results-oriented Working Group on Sustainable Financing, open to all Member States, in order to enable WHO to have the robust structures and capacities needed to fulfil its core functions as defined in the Constitution:
 - (a) to develop a high-level, systemic approach to identify the essential functions of WHO that should be funded in a sustainable manner;
 - (b) to assess the level of costing of the essential functions identified in (a);
 - (c) to identify and recommend the appropriate sources for their funding and options to improve sustainable financing and alignment in support of the essential functions, including possibilities for cost saving and efficiencies; and
 - (d) undertake any additional work, as appropriate, to enable sustainable financing;
- (2) that the Working Group shall take into account relevant work of WHO and other relevant bodies and organizations on sustainable financing;
- (3) that following regional consultations to be finalized by 15 February 2021, the Working Group shall have six officers (a Chair and five Vice-Chairs), one from each WHO region;
- (4) that the Chair and the Vice-Chairs shall facilitate the work of the Working Group in close dialogue with its membership;
- (5) that the Working Group shall convene its first meeting by March 2021;
- (6) that meetings of the Working Group shall be held either in person, virtually or in hybrid format, depending on the epidemiological situation;
- (7) that the Working Group shall submit an interim report on its work to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, through the thirty-fourth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board, as well as to the regional committees in 2021, and shall submit its final report with its recommendations and other findings for consideration by the Executive Board at its 150th session, through the thirty-fifth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee;

¹ Document EB148/26.

- (8) to request the Director-General to:
 - (a) support the convening of the Working Group, as frequently as necessary, prior to the 150th session of the Executive Board;
 - (b) provide complete, relevant and timely information to the Working Group for its discussions; and
 - (c) allocate the necessary resources for the Working Group to carry out its mandate.

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