

Proposed modalities for the OEWG on ICN2

1. In line with guidance provided by the 38th session of the FAO Conference, the 148th session of the FAO Council and WHO Executive Board decision EB134(2), the FAO/WHO Joint Secretariat has facilitated an intergovernmental process to develop an outcome document for ICN2.
2. The decision of the WHO Executive Board further "... requested the Director-General to work with the Director-General of FAO, to explore jointly the possibility of convening, within the available resources, one meeting of an open-ended working group of Member States for the finalization of the outcome document".
3. A Joint Working Group (JWG) including representatives of the seven FAO Regional Groups and the six WHO Regional Groups has been established. In its mandate and arrangements the JWG also agreed that it would "... advise the Directors-General of FAO and WHO on convening an open-ended working group meeting (OEWG) providing speaking rights to, and full participation of, the membership of FAO and WHO, to complete the preparation of the draft political outcome document developed by the JWG and the draft technical framework for action before the ICN2. The OEWG shall proceed on the basis of the outcome of the work developed by the JWG. The OEWG shall endeavour to arrive at decisions by consensus."
4. The JWG discussed the convening of an OEWG meeting at its meetings of 27 June and 7 July and recommended that an OEWG meeting be held on 22-23 September 2014 in Geneva.
5. The OEWG meeting will be convened with the following modalities:
 - a. Dates: 22-23 September 2014;
Venue: Geneva;
The proceedings of the OEWG will be broadcasted, by means of a one-way webcasting, to Rome and capitals, as well as registered non-State actors which have actively participated in the preparatory process so far;
 - b. Interpretation in the six official UN languages provided;
 - c. Timetable: 9:30-12:30, 14:00-17:00 and 18:30-21:30;
 - d. Provisional Agenda: complete the preparation of the draft political declaration and the draft framework for action; a tentative timetable will be prepared;
 - e. Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs: it is proposed that the Co-Chairs and the Co-Vice-Chairs serve as the Co-Chairs and Co-Vice-Chairs of the OEWG;

- f. Participation: full participation of the membership¹ of FAO and WHO; representatives of intergovernmental agencies, UN organizations are invited as observers; Non-State Actors in existing relations with FAO and official relations with WHO will participate as observers;
 - g. Financial support: Member States of FAO and WHO classified as least developed countries shall be eligible for financial support covering an economy class air ticket of one delegate each; Funding for one representative from other countries will be considered in order to ensure full participation.
 - h. Outcome: complete the preparations of the draft outcome documents, to be considered and adopted at ICN2; The meeting outcome will be outlined in a summary of the Co-Chairs.
6. Member States² will be expected to take into account the agreements reached by the JWG on the draft Declaration and draft Framework for Action.

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