



Global Policy Group Meeting, 17 May 2017

Summary Report

The Global Policy Group held their pre-governing bodies meeting in WHO HQ on 17 May, chaired by the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General.

The meeting commenced with an update from RD AFRO and EXD WHE on the current Ebola outbreak in DR Congo and the response of WHO, the government and partners.

The following report summarizes the meeting discussions and the subsequent decisions of the Director-General.

1. The GPG discussed the agendas of the forthcoming meetings of the PBAC, World Health Assembly and Executive Board, discussing agenda items, and identifying issues of potential controversy or extended negotiations. RDs also shared information on specific issues of particular relevance to their Regions.
2. The GPG Working Group (WG) on Resource Mobilization presented a report on progress since the March GPG retreat. The WG has reviewed the recommendations of the 2013 Taskforce report and the 2017 SEEK report, and has consulted extensively with Category Networks and with the Global Coordinated Resource Mobilization Team (GRMCT). A sub group on resource mobilization at the country level has also been formed. The GPG appreciated the work of the WG, and welcomed the conclusions and recommendations, emphasising the importance of translating these recommendations into actions. The DG requested the WG to finalise their report, and the Global Resource Mobilization Coordination Team to develop an implementation plan, for discussion with the new DG.
3. The GPG was briefed on the procedures for the DG election in the World Health Assembly, and the facilities that will be offered to the DG elect during their transition period. The DG-elect will be offered the opportunity to meet with the GPG during the transition period.
4. The GPG reviewed the proposal for an ad hoc assessment and selection process, which would be a one-off exercise in Jul- Aug 2017, pending the outcome of the comprehensive review of the assessment, selection and appointment process for HWOs, to be presented to the GPG in March 2018.
