Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA)
What is FENSA?

- The Framework endeavours to strengthen WHO engagement with non-State actors i.e. NGOs, private sector entities, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions while protecting its work from potential risks such as reputational risks, conflicts of interest and undue influence from external actor.

- FENSA has been approved by resolution WHA 69.10 with immediate implementation (June 2016)

- FENSA facilitates and enhances the level of transparency and accountability in WHO’s engagement with non-State actors recognising increasing important role of non-State actors
Framework

- Overarching framework for all non-State actors

- Specific policy and operational procedures for the four entities
  - NGOs,
  - private sector entities,
  - philanthropic foundations and
  - academic institutions
Types of interaction

There are five categories of interaction in which WHO engages with non-State actors. Each type of interaction can take different forms, be subject to different levels of risk and can involve different levels and types of engagement by the Organization.

- **Participation**: Meetings of the governing bodies, Consultations, Hearings, Other meetings.

- **Resources**: financial or in-kind donations

- **Evidence**: refers to inputs based on up-to-date information knowledge on technical issues, and consideration of scientific facts

- **Advocacy**: action to increase awareness of health issues, to change behaviours in the interest of public health and to foster collaboration and greater coherence between non-State actors where joint action is required.

- **Technical collaboration**: refers to other collaboration with non-State actors, as appropriate, in activities that fall within the General Programme of Work (product development, capacity building, operational collaboration in emergencies, contributing to the implementation of WHO's policies)
How does FENSA apply to UNRSC?

- "the frameworks applies to other hosted entities which are subject to the Organizations Rules and Regulations".

- Relook at the UNRSC ToR to bring in line with FENSA
  - Will be suggested by Secretariat
  - ToR modifications require approval through Member consensus

- Also opportunity to reflect in ToRs customary procedures, i.e. those which have become standard over the years, but not in current ToR