Alliance for HPSR Board Member
Call for expression of interest

Background
The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research was established in 1999 and is hosted as an international partnership within the World Health Organization (WHO).

Alliance Objectives
The Alliance’s mission is to promote the generation and use of health policy and systems research as a means to strengthen the health systems in low- and middle-income countries.

The four main objectives of the Alliance are to:

1. Provide a unique forum for the health policy and systems research community;
2. Support institutional capacity for the conduct and uptake of health policy and systems research;
3. Stimulate the generation of knowledge and innovations to nurture learning and resilience in health systems;
4. Increase the demand for and use of knowledge for strengthening health systems.

Governance of the Alliance
The Alliance Board is managed and governed by 9-10 members. The Alliance Board is self-governed – it elects its members and its Chair. Members of the Alliance board will be selected in an individual capacity and not as representatives of their institution or country, for a three-year term, renewable once.

The Alliance board meets once a year in Geneva (usually in the fall). In addition, one or two audio conference calls are scheduled during the year. The working language of the meeting and documentation is English. No stipend is paid to members, however, full travel costs are covered and a per diem is provided.

The Alliance HPSR Board has the following functions:

1. review and decide upon strategic direction and focus;
2. approve the Alliance workplan and budget;
3. review technical and financial progress reports;
4. select the members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and its Chair;
5. contribute to resource mobilization efforts on behalf of the Alliance;
(6) periodically monitor and evaluate progress of both the administration and the Alliance more broadly, including the commissioning and oversight of external reviews;
(7) play a lead role in ensuring that the Alliance and its work enhances the contributions of complementary health policy and systems research initiatives, at both national and international levels;
(8) ensure that gaps in the translation of research to policy are addressed;
(9) elect the Chair of the Board;
(10) establish sub-committees for specific purposes, as required;
(11) advise WHO on the appointment of the Executive Director of the Alliance.

**Selection criteria**
Board members will be selected based on their expertise, experience, and knowledge in the field of Health Policy and Systems Research and Health Systems.

**Applications**
A motivation letter reflecting interest of the nominee in the Alliance work and contribution to the Alliance board (maximum 1 page), plus a curriculum vitae, should be submitted by email to alliancehpsr@who.int. **Deadline for applications is 22 October 2018.**

We are encouraging applications from the Asia-Pacific, especially from women.

**Note:** Current Alliance HPSR grantees are not eligible for Board membership.