1. **Background**

In the WHO South East Asian Region, 7 out of 11 countries have conducted Joint External Evaluation (JEE) till 2017 and two more countries are expected to complete JEE mission in 2018. The JEE mission has identified gaps and provided recommendations for strengthening IHR core capacities in respective country. The National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS) is an important step in the process of strengthening and further maintaining core capacities required for implementation of IHR (2005). The planning process enables the country to address actual gaps identified in the IHR monitoring framework including Joint External Evaluation (JEE) through a participatory approach involving all relevant stakeholders at the national, regional and global level. The NAPHS is essentially a Member States' owned health security plan that lists priority actions to accelerate the implementation of IHR core capacities for strengthening health security.

Maldives and Myanmar has already initiated development of their NAPHS with the support of WHO whereas Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Bangladesh are in the process of NAPHS development and requesting WHO technical assistance. There is a need to provide technical orientation for National IHR Focal Point (NFP) and IHR contact points from respective countries on the methodology to support the NAPHS development process. Moreover, the trained professionals can then be engaged in facilitating NAPHS development in other countries.

2. **Workshop Objectives**
   
   a. **Purpose and the general objective**

   The purpose of this workshop is to train the NFP and WHO professionals working at
country and regional levels to be able to provide support to and coordinate the NAPHS process in the Region. The orientation workshop is aimed at standardizing and streamlining the process of NAPHS development including costing tool.

The general objective is to familiarize NFP and WHO professionals on the NAPHS tools and procedures. This orientation workshop will enable them to provide adequate support to Member States to develop a 5-year NAPHS, based on the JEE recommendations and other complementary assessments.

b. Specific objectives

The specific objectives are to:

1. Elaborate on the NAPHS planning process including a step-by-step approach to prioritization of strategic activities, detailed activities, costing of the activities, linkage with other plans, facilitating the identification of indicators, milestones and targets;
2. Present and discuss the NAPHS planning guide, planning guide summary, benchmark activity document, planning matrix, and costing tool and NAPHS outline;
3. Discuss and plan future support to countries that have requested assistance in developing a NAPHS.

3. Expected Outcomes

Upon completion of the orientation, participants will be able to:

a. Technical Skills
   - Describe the NAPHS development process, step-by-step (planning workshop and validation and costing workshops);
   - Have a clear understanding and knowledge of the NAPHS tools and guide;
   - Outline the structure of NAPHS including key priorities, activities, milestone, targets and SMART indicators;
   - Describe the criteria for prioritization of strategic and detailed activities for costing:
   - Describe how to conduct NAPHS planning and validation workshops;
   - Deliver a NAPHS summary presentation to the national authorities and stakeholders

b. Management and Leadership Skills
   - Promote the multi-sectoral nature of the NAPHS, using the One-Health approach;
   - Use soft skills to enhance effectiveness in supporting and guiding countries;
- Elicit information in a collaborative and consensus-driven manner;
- Use critical cultural competencies and gender-based competencies in interactions with stakeholders, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral experts;
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of relevant international organizations involved in NAPHS activities

4. **Method of work**

1. Instructor led with string participant involvement based on adult learning principles and methodology
2. Sharing of experience from the countries that have already either started or finalized the NAPHS process

**Agenda**

a. Roles and responsibilities of national stakeholder involved in NAPHS
b. Country JEE Final report
c. NAPHS Process: 1. Pre-Planning, 2. Validation and Costing Workshop and 3. NAPHS Launch
d. NAPHS Tools and guidelines
e. NAPHS support team
f. Narrative report of NAPHS finalization

**Languages**

The working language will be English.

5. **Participants**

Around 45 participants, observers and facilitators are expected:

a. NFP, including the person responsible for the NAPHS development, from the 11 countries in the WHO South East Asia Region
b. IHR contact points from WHO Country Offices from the 11 countries in the WHO South East Asia Region
c. WHO Regional Office for South East Asia Region: CPI staffs responsible for IHR core capacities assessment, monitoring and evaluation
d. WHO Headquarters (Geneva, Switzerland) as principal facilitators: WHO staffs from the Country Health Emergency Preparedness and IHR programme area