**SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

The World Health Organization (WHO) follows a guideline development process, described in detail in the *WHO Handbook for Guideline Development (2nd edition)*, overseen by the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) established by the Director-General in 2007. The WHO Guidelines Review Committee ensures that WHO guidelines are of a high methodological quality, developed using a transparent and explicit process, and are informed on high quality systematic reviews of the evidence using state-of-the-art systematic search strategies, synthesis, quality assessments and methods.

The WHO Department of Nutrition for Health and Development has worked with the Cochrane editorial office and various groups within the Cochrane to produce systematic reviews for WHO nutrition guidelines since 2010. This allows for faster and prioritized completion of systematic reviews on the effects of interventions that contribute towards guideline development.

*Cochrane* is an international network of more than 28 000 people from over 120 countries working together to help health-care providers, policy-makers, and patients, their advocates and carers, make well-informed decisions about health care. This collaboration hosts the Cochrane Library and CENTRAL, the largest collection of records of randomized controlled trials in the world. On 24 January 2011, WHO awarded Cochrane a seat on the World Health Assembly, allowing the collaboration to provide input on WHO health resolutions.

In order to further increase capacity in systematic review methodology among nutrition scientists and practitioners, the WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on implementation research in nutrition and global policy, in collaboration with Cochrane has convened the *Summer Institute for systematic reviews in nutrition for global policy-making* in Ithaca, NY, United States of America since 2014. The 4th Annual Summer Institute will be held on 24 July to 4 August 2017.

This unique institute will bring together experts from WHO, PAHO, Cochrane, and Cornell University to train participants in the development of systematic reviews of nutrition interventions in public health following the Cochrane methodology. Participants will use the *Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE)* tool to assess the overall quality of evidence.
The WHO/Cochrane/Cornell University Summer Institute for systematic reviews in nutrition for global policy-making is intended for nutrition scientists and practitioners from various fields with interest in the application of scientific evidence in policy making. Applications from women and from nationals of low- and middle-income countries are particularly encouraged. Partial financial support is available for limited number of accepted participants.

The objectives of this programme are:

1. To update and develop technical skills and knowledge in systematic reviews of nutrition and nutrition-sensitive interventions;
2. To build understanding of the process for global policy making in nutrition, and evidence assessment and its challenges;
3. To complete hands-on training in the development of Cochrane systematic reviews on a topic of immediate global health relevance in nutrition and public health.

For additional information, please see the Summer Institute website (here). To apply, please submit your application materials to DNSDirector@cornell.edu at your earliest convenience. The Institute will process applications as they are received, therefore on a rolling basis, and will close the class when the limit of participants is reached. Once accepted, participants will receive a link with additional information for registration.

For further information and specific application instructions, visit this link: http://who-cochrane-cornell-summer-institute.nutrition.cornell.edu/