GLOBAL INNOV8 TRAINING AND ORIENTATION –
An approach to reviewing national health programmes to better address equity, gender, human rights and social determinants of health

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Scope and purpose of the meeting

WHO is in the process of finalizing the Innov8 Approach for Reviewing National Health Programmes to strengthen action on equity, gender, human rights and social determinants of health. A Technical Handbook and a Training Facilitators Manual will be released publicly as “living documents” in mid-2016. Planning is now underway for the global adaptation and roll-out of Innov8 in different regional and country settings.

In that context, the Global Innov8 Training and Orientation meeting aims to orient WHO regional representatives and participants from selected regional institutes on Innov8. The specific objectives of the meeting are:

▪ To review how the Innov8 Approach for Reviewing National Health Programmes handbook and training facilitators manual is organized and intended to be used and adapted to different contexts;

▪ To begin working with relevant global and regional partners to advance plans for Innov8’s application in specific regional and national initiatives in 2016-17; and

▪ To contribute to WHO’s strategic thinking on how to best advance the roll out and scale up of Innov8 at a global, regional and national level and the establishment of a global community of practice linked to this work.

Innov8 approach

The Innov8 approach aims at ensuring that “no one is left behind” in health programmes. Through a series of guided activities organized in 8 steps, the approach enables the generation and application of knowledge, programmatic action and mechanisms for a sustained approach to tackling inequities, gender, human rights and social determinants of health.

Innov8 supports efforts to reduce inequities in health service access and health status, including through reforms towards universal health coverage (UHC), enhanced intersectoral action, stronger social participation, and health inequality monitoring. The approach draws on existing approaches and has been tested in 13 country contexts in the Americas, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe and South East Asia.

The Innov8 Approach is a joint initiative of the WHO Social Determinants of Health and Gender, Equity and Human Rights units.

Participation

Focal points from WHO’s regional and headquarter offices will attend the meeting. In addition, each of WHO’s six regions has nominated a regional representative from an academic or research institute or as an expert consultant. The regional partners will support Innov8’s application in regional and national contexts in 2016-17 and beyond, and will be engaged in a related global community of practice to encourage exchange on adaptations and applications. The institutions participating are: Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand; Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences; School of Public Health, University of Chile; School of Public Health, Rwanda; Social Research Centre, American University of Cairo, Egypt; and; Kosice Institute for Society and Health, Slovak Republic.