DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Global Affairs: Stakeholder Listening Session for the G7 Health Ministers’ Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public listening session; request for comments.

DATES: The listening session will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Place: The session will be held virtually, with online and dial-in information shared with registered participants.

Status: This meeting is open to the public but requires RSVP to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov by April 28, 2023. See RSVP section below for details.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is charged with leading U.S. participation in the Working Group on the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and will convene a Stakeholder Listening Session.

The World Health Assembly (WHA) originally adopted the International Health Regulations (IHR) in 1969. The regulations were amended multiple times, resulting in the current IHR (2005). The purpose of IHR (2005) is to prevent, protect against, control, and provide public health response to the international spread of disease. In May 2021, Member States set up a Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies (WGPR) with the intent of strengthening WHO’s capacities and ability to support Member States in the prevention and response of public health emergencies. The WGPR produced a report with key findings and recommendations that included amending the IHR. The United States submitted a package of targeted amendments to the IHR for consideration. These amendments seek to improve early warnings and alerts, transparency, and accountability in a manner that does not compromise national security or sovereignty. Other countries have also submitted proposals that the United States seek feedback from stakeholders on the proposed amendments. The Stakeholder Listening Session is designed to seek input from stakeholders and subject-matter experts on these proposals and to help inform and prepare the U.S. government for engagement with the Working Group on the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005).

Matters to be Discussed: The listening session will discuss potential amendments to the IHR (2005). Topics will include those amendments currently under consideration by the Working Group. An Article-by-Article Compilation of Proposed Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) can be found here: https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihr/pdf_files/wgihr1/WGIHRCompilation-en.pdf.

EXPECTED Agenda Items for the G7 Health Ministers’ Meeting

1. Develop and strengthen global health architecture for public health emergencies;
2. Contribute to achieving more resilient, equitable and sustainable universal health coverage through strengthening health systems; and
3. Promote health innovation to address various health challenges.

More information on the 2023 G7 Health Ministers’ Meeting can be found at: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/hokabunya/kokusai/g8/g7health2023_en.html.

1. Participation is welcome from all stakeholder communities.

RSVP: Persons seeking to speak at the listening session must register by Friday, April 28, 2023. Persons seeking to attend the listening session in a listen-only capacity must register by Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Registrants must include their full name, email address, and organization, if any, and indicate whether they are registering as a listen-only attendee or as a speaker participant to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov.

Requests to participate as a speaker must include all of the following:
1. The name and email address of the person desiring to participate
2. The organization(s) that person represents, if any
3. Identification of the primary topic of interest

Other Information: Written comments should be emailed to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov with the subject line “Written Comment Re: Stakeholder Listening Session for the G7 Health Ministers Meeting” by Friday, May 5, 2023.

We look forward to your comments on the G7 Health Ministers’ Meeting.

Susan Kim,
Chief of Staff, Office of Global Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Global Affairs: Stakeholder Listening Session on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

ACTION: Notice of public listening session; request for comments.

DATES: The listening session will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Place: The session will be held virtually, with online and dial-in information shared with registered participants.

Status: This meeting is open to the public but requires RSVP to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov by Friday, June 9, 2023. See RSVP section below for details.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is charged with leading U.S. participation in the Working Group on the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and will convene a Stakeholder Listening Session.

The World Health Assembly (WHA) originally adopted the International Health Regulations (IHR) in 1969. The regulations were amended multiple times, resulting in the current IHR (2005). The purpose of IHR (2005) is to prevent, protect against, control, and provide public health response to the international spread of disease. In May 2021, Member States set up a Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies (WGPR) with the intent of strengthening WHO’s capacities and ability to support Member States in the prevention and response of public health emergencies. The WGPR produced a report with key findings and recommendations that included amending the IHR. The United States submitted a package of targeted amendments to the IHR for consideration. These amendments seek to improve early warnings and alerts, transparency, and accountability in a manner that does not compromise national security or sovereignty. Other countries have also submitted proposals that the United States seek feedback from stakeholders on the proposed amendments. The Stakeholder Listening Session is designed to seek input from stakeholders and subject-matter experts on these proposals and to help inform and prepare the U.S. government for engagement with the Working Group on the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005).

Matters to be Discussed: The listening session will discuss potential amendments to the IHR (2005). Topics will include those amendments currently under consideration by the Working Group. An Article-by-Article Compilation of Proposed Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) can be found here: https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihr/pdf_files/wgihr1/WGIHRCompilation-en.pdf.
Participation is welcome from stakeholder communities.

RSVP: Persons seeking to speak at the listening session must register by Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Persons seeking to attend the listening session in a listen-only capacity must RSVP by Thursday, June 13, 2023.

Registrants must include their full name, email address, and organization, if any, and indicate whether they are registering as a *listen-only attendee* or as a *speaker participant* to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov.

Requests to participate as a speaker must include all of the following:
1. The name and email address of the person desiring to participate
2. The organization(s) that person represents, if any
3. Identification of the primary topic of interest

Other Information: This listening session will be recorded for the benefit of the members of the US Working Group on Amendments to the IHR (2005).

Written comments should be emailed to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov with the subject line “Written Comment Re: Stakeholder Listening Session 2 for the IHR” by Friday, June 30, 2023.

We look forward to your comments on proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005).

Susan Kim,
Chief of Staff, Office of Global Affairs.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of State are charged with co-leading the U.S. delegation to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and will convene an informal Stakeholder Listening Session.

The Stakeholder Listening Session is designed to seek input from stakeholders and subject matter experts to help inform and prepare for U.S. government engagement with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body.

**Matters to be Discussed:** The listening session will discuss potential areas that could be included in a pandemic accord to promote pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. Topics will include those found in the current draft of the Pandemic Accord. More information can be found at: https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/index.html. Participation is welcome from all stakeholder communities.

RSVP: Persons seeking to speak at the listening session must register by Friday, June 23, 2023. Persons seeking to attend the listening session in a listen-only capacity must register by Monday, June 26, 2023.

Registrants must include their full name, email address, and organization, if any, and indicate whether they are registering as a *listen-only attendee* or as a *speaker participant* to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov.

Requests to participate as a speaker must include all of the following:
1. The name and email address of the person desiring to participate
2. The organization(s) that person represents, if any
3. Identification of the primary topic of interest

Other Information: This listening session will be recorded for the benefit of the members of the US Government who participate in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body.

Written comments should be emailed to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov with the subject line “Written Comment Re: Stakeholder Listening Session 2 for the INB” by Friday, July 7, 2023.

We look forward to your comments on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) and Draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Susan Kim,
Chief of Staff, Office of Global Affairs.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of Global Affairs: Stakeholder Listening Session for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) To Draft and Negotiate a WHO Convention, Agreement or Other International Instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

**ACTION:** Notice of public listening session; request for comments.

**DATES:** The listening session will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**Place:** The session will be held virtually, with online and dial-in information shared with registered participants.

**Status:** This meeting is open to the public but requires RSVP to OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov by Friday, June 23, 2023. See RSVP section below for details.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Council of Councils.

The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting and will be open to the public as indicated below. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The open session will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website (http://videocast.nih.gov).

A portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** Council of Councils.

**Date:** May 11, 2023.

**Open:** 10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** Call to Order and Introductions; Announcements; NIH Program Updates; Strategic Plans; and Other Business of the Committee.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Building 1, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

**Closed:** 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** Review of Grant Applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Building 1, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

**Contact Person:** Franziska Grieder, D.V.M., Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Council of Councils, Director, Office of Research Infrastructure Programs, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Director, NIH, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Room 948, Bethesda, MD 20892. GriederF@mail.nih.gov, 301–435–0744.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding...