



Statutes

Global Health Hub Germany

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Introductory Clause

The following statutes of the Global Health Hub Germany (GHHG) have been drawn up by the members of the Interim Steering Committee in cooperation with the GHHG Secretariat. It represents a preliminary basic document for the cooperation in the GHHG and is valid until a legal form for the GHHG is found. Members of the GHHG had the opportunity to comment on and amend the statutes until 31.12.2019. The comments and amendments were then discussed and voted on in the Interim Steering Committee.

I. General provisions

1. Name

The name of the platform is "Global Health Hub Germany".

The official abbreviation of the platform is "GHHG".

The Global Health Hub Germany is not politically or denominationally bound.

2. Purpose and overall objectives

2.1. Purpose

The Global Health Hub Germany improves the flow of information, the coordination and cooperation among stakeholders in the field of global health and thus contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda (SDGs) with a particular focus on the implementation of SDG3 (health) and SDG17 (partnerships). This way, the Global Health Hub Germany makes an intersectoral and interdisciplinary contribution to global health promotion worldwide.

2.2. Overall objectives

- a) The Global Health Hub Germany is an independent network that brings together stakeholders from different areas of society (academia, private sector, civil society, politics, etc.) and sectors (health, environment, climate, nutrition agriculture, education, research, development cooperation, security, defense, etc.) who engage in the area of global health or related fields. This enables the initiation of new partnerships and projects.
- b) The Global Health Hub Germany complements and accompanies the Federal Government's engagement in the field of global health.
- c) By specifically addressing global health issues, especially through intersectoral cooperation, the Global Health Hub Germany can help to ensure that global health is taken up and considered in other fields of action in order to find (new) solutions to global health challenges.
- d) The Global Health Hub Germany uses the existing expertise of the stakeholders in Germany and contributes to the development of innovative approaches. It is used as a resource in the field of global health.

- e) The Global Health Hub Germany is committed to the best possible promotion of global health as overarching goal of cooperation within the GHHG. Individual interests of the actors stand back behind this goal. This comprises that all projects/innovations initiated within the framework of the GHHG should serve the benefit of the general public and be used in the public's interest. The Global Health Hub Germany further commits itself to the SDG principle "Leave No One Behind" and therefore places a special focus on the most vulnerable and weakest populations within society. The GHHG pledges to ensure best possible accessibility to all results produced in the Hub.
- f) The Global Health Hub Germany promotes societal dialogue at national and international level. Through public relations and external communication, it strengthens public interest and contributes to intersectoral and interdisciplinary understanding, to foster knowledge and perception of global health.

3. Principles of cooperation

All involved actors agree to the following principles of cooperation of the Global Health Hub Germany:

- a) We commit ourselves to the fact that the cooperation of the actors in the GHHG serves the overarching goal of achieving the best possible results for the promotion of global health. We affirm that this goal always takes precedence over any individual interests within the framework of the GHHG.
- b) We are open to the participation of all actors and institutions interested in and committed to the topic of global health. We strive for the greatest possible diversity of actors. The Hub should be characterized by both a broad and diverse membership and easy accessibility.
- c) The principle of the Hub is to consider and promote cross-actor and cross-sector collaboration in all Hub activities. The Hub connects different stakeholder groups and sectors and provides space to work on a wide range of global health issues.
- d) We work in partnership and in a transparent and trusting dialogue within the Global Health Hub Germany.
- e) We work together with respect, participation, appreciation, and at eye level.
- f) We work in cooperation, use synergies and seek active exchange with existing structures, organisations, platforms, initiatives and networks to avoid duplication of structures.
- g) We bring together German and international actors for constructive dialogue and cooperation.
- h) We pursue a values-based approach that includes respect for human rights, especially the human right to health, the principles of the rule of law, and the promotion of political participation of all population groups.

II. Participating stakeholders

The Global Health Hub Germany works exclusively with actors who are committed to the



goal of improving health care worldwide and whose activities are in line with achieving the SDGs, especially SDG 3 (Health) and SDG 17 (Partnerships).

4. Membership

1. Membership criteria

- a) Individuals and non-governmental organisations working or being involved in the field of global health.
- b) Agreement with the goals and principles of the Global Health Hub Germany. Members of the Global Health Hub Germany work across different actors and sectors, in partnership and based on values, following the principle of “Leave no One Behind”, as well as the principle of non-profit, work at level playing field, with respect and appreciation, in constructive dialogue, using synergies, with national and international actors.

2. Admission procedure for new members

- a) Members register online via a membership application form available on the Global Health Hub’s website.
- b) By completing the online membership application, members agree (1) to be included in the Global Health Hub Germany’s database and (2) give their consent to the use of their data. Further information can be found in the privacy statement.
- c) The Secretariat examines and confirms the membership admissions. In the case of membership applications that do not fully comply with the Hub's principles of cooperation, the Secretariat will engage the Steering Committee in the membership admission process.

3. Rights of the members

- d) Members are admitted to the database of the GHHG.
- e) Members receive access to the member database of the Global Health Hub Germany.
- f) Members receive the newsletter and invitations to the events and activities of the Global Health Hub Germany.
- g) Members may participate in Communities of Practice and discussions both online via the "Virtual Collaboration Space" as well as via face-to-face meetings.
- h) Members have the possibility to initiate and to shape the content of their own Communities of Practice.
- i) Members are entitled to participate in voting on topics and elections of representatives of the Steering Committee - in particular in the context of the annual general member meetings of the Global Health Hub Germany to be convened in accordance with § 7.
- j) The members have the possibility to carry out joint activities with the Global Health



Hub Germany. The initiative, organisation and implementation will be shaped by the members.

4. Duties of the members

- a) The members commit themselves to uphold the objectives and principles of the Global Health Hub Germany.

5. Termination of membership

- a) Membership of the Global Health Hub Germany may be terminated by written notice to the Secretariat at the end of the following month.
- b) Membership shall be terminated by resignation or exclusion, death in the case of natural persons, loss of legal capacity in the case of legal persons or dissolution in the case of other organisations.
- c) The exclusion from membership may be decided by the Steering Committee if the member does not fulfil the statutory obligations. The member concerned must be heard before the decision is taken. Discussions on the exclusion of members take place during face-to-face meetings of the Steering Committee. An electronic decision item shall be submitted in the follow-up to the meeting. An absolute majority is required to expel a member of the Hub. Text form is sufficient.

5. Mode of operation

- a) The Global Health Hub Germany does not act as an umbrella organisation of the members and/or partners. It does not claim to reflect uniform and common interests of the members. Rather, the Global Health Hub Germany consists of a network of different actors and stakeholders who recognise the principles and goals of the Global Health Hub Germany.
- b) The Hub contributes to the communication between stakeholder groups. In doing so, the members of the GHHG are open to controversial discussions and exchanges of opinions, in mutual respect and appreciation.
- c) To be able to address specific issues, raised by the Steering Committee or members, across actors and sectors, thematic working groups i.e. Communities of Practice may be established. These may be temporary, according to the task. The Secretariat shall provide support in this regard.
- d) The Communities of Practice are only effective internally and do not appear externally. At least one member shall be appointed to coordinate the Community of Practice.
- e) All members are free to participate in the Communities of Practice.
- f) The Communities of Practice may meet in person as well as use the virtual space on the website of the Global Health Hub Germany for coordination and cooperation. The Communities of Practice are responsible for both the virtual and the physical meetings. Budget for covering hotel and travel costs is not available.

- g) Each Community of Practice should develop a work/operational plan, which will be made available to the Steering Committee and the Secretariat. The work plan should outline which goals and milestones the Community of Practice sets for itself, and how and in which manner Communities of Practice intend to report on the progress and results thereof.
- h) Furthermore, each Community of Practice should define a clear objective for its work. The Communities of Practice may report in writing to the Steering Committee on their progress and results.
- i) When a topic has been conclusively dealt with or the agreed work result has been achieved, the Community of Practice may be dissolved with the agreement of the active members.
- j) The results of the Communities of Practice may be published as part of the events or publications of the Global Health Hub Germany. The Communities of Practice are responsible for the results and contents. The results of the Communities of Practice do not represent a position of the Global Health Hub Germany, as the Hub itself, in its role as a network, does not represent any positions.

The Global Health Hub Germany does not have a budget for the Communities of Practice.

III. Official bodies

6. Steering Committee

1. Structure

- a) The Steering Committee consists of up to 16 voting members and is composed as shown below. Members of the Steering Committee must be members of the Global Health Hub Germany.
 - 2 representatives of academia
 - 2 representatives of the private sector
 - 2 representatives of civil society
 - 2 representatives of foundations
 - 2 representatives of youth
 - 2 representatives of think tanks
 - 2 representatives of the parliamentary chamber
 - 2 representatives of international organisations or experts
- b) The President of the World Health Summit (WHS) and the Head of the BMBF-funded networking platform "German Alliance for Global Health Research" shall be members of the Steering Committee as associates.
- c) In addition, representatives of the Federal Government (one representative each from the BMG, BMBF, BMZ, AA and other ministries) may belong to the Steering Committee as associates. Associates shall attend the meetings of the Steering Committee and may contribute to the discussion but shall not be entitled to vote.

- d) The Steering Committee is chaired by two co-chairs representing different stakeholder groups. The co-chairs are elected by the voting members of the Steering Committee. Each Steering Committee member has two votes and can give these to two candidates from different stakeholder groups. The man and woman with the most votes will be elected as co-chairs.
- e) The Steering Committee meets up to three times per year in regular closed sessions.
- f) The Steering Committee has a quorum when at least two thirds of its voting members are represented. Representation from within the Steering Committee shall be permissible.
- g) In addition to the Steering Committee, there is an Advisory Group which supports the work of the Secretariat as required. It consists of the co-chairs of the Steering Committee, representatives of the core funders of the GHHG, and the management of the Secretariat. The Advisory Group advises the work of the Secretariat on the implementation of the GHHG strategy, the annual work programme and the setting of priorities during the year. It may make an initial assessment of new ideas and provide short-term feedback on operational concepts. The results of the Advisory Group are recorded and shared with the Steering Committee.

2. Election of the Steering Committee

- a) The representatives of the Steering Committee are elected by the members of the respective stakeholder group.
- b) The members of the Steering Committee are elected for two years.
- c) All registered members of the Hub are eligible to elect the representative of their respective stakeholder group. Individuals and the registered contact persons for the organisations are eligible to vote.
- d) To be eligible to vote, the candidate must be registered as a member of the Hub and assigned to a stakeholder group.
- e) Members of the stakeholder groups 'Federal Government' and 'Subordinate Authorities' are not eligible to vote, as the government representatives in the Steering Committee only have associate status.
- f) Each member has two votes and can use the available votes to elect two of the nominated representatives from his/her respective stakeholder group online via the Global Health Hub Germany's platform. It is not possible to give two votes to one person. However, it is possible to cast only one of the two votes.
- g) Each stakeholder group has two seats in the Steering Committee, which are filled gender equally. The male and female candidate with the most votes per stakeholder group will be elected to the Steering Committee.
- h) A different election procedure applies only to the parliamentary representatives. The members of the Subcommittee on Global Health will nominate the representatives

of the parliamentary space within a Subcommittee meeting in the Bundestag.

- i) The election via the Hub's online platform is secret. The Secretariat may only see the final result of the election and will not be able to see how individual members voted.
- j) All members who stand for election will be presented on the interactive platform of the Global Health Hub Germany with a short profile.
- k) The newly appointed Steering Committee will be presented to the members on the interactive platform after the election.

3. Tasks

- a) The Steering Committee is responsible for the strategic planning, further development and orientation of the Hub. It is responsible for setting themes and priorities for the work of the Hub. It approves both the Hub's work programme for the following year and the reporting on the implementation of the previous year's work programme.

7. General meeting Global Health Hub Germany

- a) General meetings take place in the form of a physical meeting, with the possibility of virtual participation. Invitations are sent to members by email at least one month before the date of the meeting and announced via the internal area of the Global Health Hub Germany's platform.
- b) The Secretariat and the Steering Committee report to the members on the activities of the past year and the planned activities for the coming year.
- c) The General Assembly can make recommendations to the Steering Committee (topics and/or strategic tasks, prioritisation). Topics to be discussed may be submitted in advance to the Secretariat and/or on the platform of the GHHG. The discussions and results of the General Assembly are recorded by the Secretariat of the Global Health Hub Germany.

8. Secretariat

1. Structure

- a) The Secretariat of the Global Health Hub Germany is provided by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and is located in Berlin, Germany.

2. Tasks of the Secretariat

- a) The overall task of the Secretariat is the operational and administrative planning and implementation of the objectives of the Global Health Hub Germany as well as the external representation of the Global Health Hub Germany, together with the members of the Steering Committee.
- b) The Secretariat implements the work plan and activities of the Global Health Hub



Germany and makes operational decisions within this framework.

- c) The Secretariat is responsible for communication and public relations, website maintenance and the implementation of event formats.
- d) The Secretariat prepares the content and organisation of the Steering Committee meetings in cooperation with the co-chairs.

IV. Final provisions

9. Entry into force

The Statutes shall enter into force after approval by the Steering Committee.

10. Amendments to the Statutes

A majority of two thirds of all Steering Committee members entitled to vote is required for a resolution containing an amendment to the Statutes. This can also be done in writing.

11. Dissolution

The Global Health Hub Germany may be dissolved by a resolution of the Steering Committee.

The dissolution resolution requires the approval of three quarters of the votes cast by the Steering Committee.