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Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR)

**Member States consultation on the draft working methods for the
global peer review phase**

3 July 2023

| Agenda

1. **Welcome** - Dr Samira Asma, Assistant Director-General, Data Analytics and Delivery for Impact, WHO
2. **Opening remarks** - Dr Mike Ryan, Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme
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Opening remarks

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Presentation on the draft working methods for the global peer review phase

Dr Stella Chungong, Director Health Security Preparedness, WHO Health Emergencies Programme

What is the UHPR?

a **Member State-led** mechanism whereby countries agree to a **voluntary** and **regular peer review** of their comprehensive national health emergency preparedness capacities



UHPR aims to promote dialogue between Member States and strengthen national health emergency preparedness capacities

Background

- The [UHPR concept note](#) foresees two phases:
 1. a National review phase
 2. a Global peer review phase
- Between 2020 and 2023, 5 countries piloted the national review phase and expressed their wish to complete the first piloting cycle.
- During the last Information Session in April 2023, Member States requested more information on next steps regarding the global peer review phase.
- Rationale for piloting the global peer review phase:
 - The global peer review phase is a central element of the value proposition of the UHPR process
 - Gather concrete experience that will inform the continuous development of the UHPR
 - Inform ongoing discussions as part of the INB and IHR Working Group

Draft working methods for the conduct of the global peer review phase

- To facilitate the piloting of the global peer review phase
- In line with the UHPR concept note
- Outlines a manageable process based on the voluntary participation of UHPR pilot countries
- Ensuring clear roles and responsibilities of all parties involved
- A pragmatic approach leveraging existing resources

Consultation with Member States to make sure proposal is in line with your expectations and ensuring the full involvement of all Member States in the design-phase

Draft working methods for the conduct of the global peer review phase

Outline of the document

1. Objectives of the global peer review phase
2. Principles
3. Draft working methods
4. Annexes
 - Summary of roles and responsibilities
 - Sample agenda for the peer review meeting
 - Guidelines for written submissions
 - Template outcome report

The current draft reflects:

- Feedback received from Member States
- Recommendations from the UHPR Technical Advisory Group
- Inputs from UHPR pilot countries
- Inputs from WHO regional offices
- Feedback from stakeholders, incl. civil society organizations
- Best practices from existing peer review mechanisms at the multilateral level

Global Peer Review Phase - general objectives

- Support Member States in strengthening their national capacities for health emergency preparedness;
- Increase global understanding of Member States' policies and challenges;
- Support Member States in fulfilling relevant international obligations and commitments;
- Promote cooperation and solidarity between Member States;
- Provide opportunities to exchange views, innovations and good practices;

Global Peer Review Phase - specific objectives in the context of the ongoing UHPR pilot phase

- Design an effective and manageable process for the review of the national reports by Member States
- Ensure active and equal participation and contributions from all stakeholders involved
- Generate valuable insights and lessons through practical implementation
- Document and share experiences with all Member States to foster continuous improvement of the process

Global Peer Review Phase - Key Principles

- Intergovernmental and cooperative process, based on the equality of treatment of all Member States
- Respects Member States' sovereignty and focuses on technical issues
- Involves all Member States in the design and conduct of the review
- Ensures the involvement of the Member State undertaking the review throughout the entire process
- Based on clear and transparent working methods
- Complements existing mechanisms
- Adopts a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach

Working methods: key features

- Based on the interactive dialogue between Member States representatives
- All WHO Member States will be able to participate: (1) by providing written submissions (questions, observations, recommendations) and (2) observing the conduct of the peer review meeting virtually
- Physical peer review meeting: 1 Member State undertaking the review and 3 Member States as part of the peer review panel
- Role of the peer review panel:
 - act as conduit and facilitators for the Member States dialogue
 - highlight Member States' questions, observations and recommendations received in writing
 - ensuring a manageable, objective and inclusive process
- Public information sharing: all inputs and outputs of the peer review will be made available on the WHO UHPR website

Step-by-step sequence of the global peer review phase

1. National report published



National report of the Member State undertaking the review published on WHO UHPR website

4 months before the global peer review meeting



2. Stakeholders' written submissions



Civil Society Organizations
UN agencies
Regional organizations

1 month to provide submissions

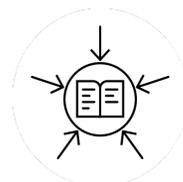
Following guidelines on format, style, language and content (see annex)

WHO to publish summary report

A resource to inform Member State's written submissions



3. Member States' written submissions



All Member States can provide written submissions

questions, observations, recommendations to the Member State undertaking the review

1 month to provide submissions

Following guidelines

WHO to publish summary report at least 1 month before the peer review meeting



4. Peer review meeting



Interactive dialogue

1 Member State undertaking the review

3 Member States on the peer review panel

Meeting to be chaired by 1 member of the peer review panel

With support by WHO

Virtual participation for all MS and stakeholders



5. Outcome report



Summary of the dialogue

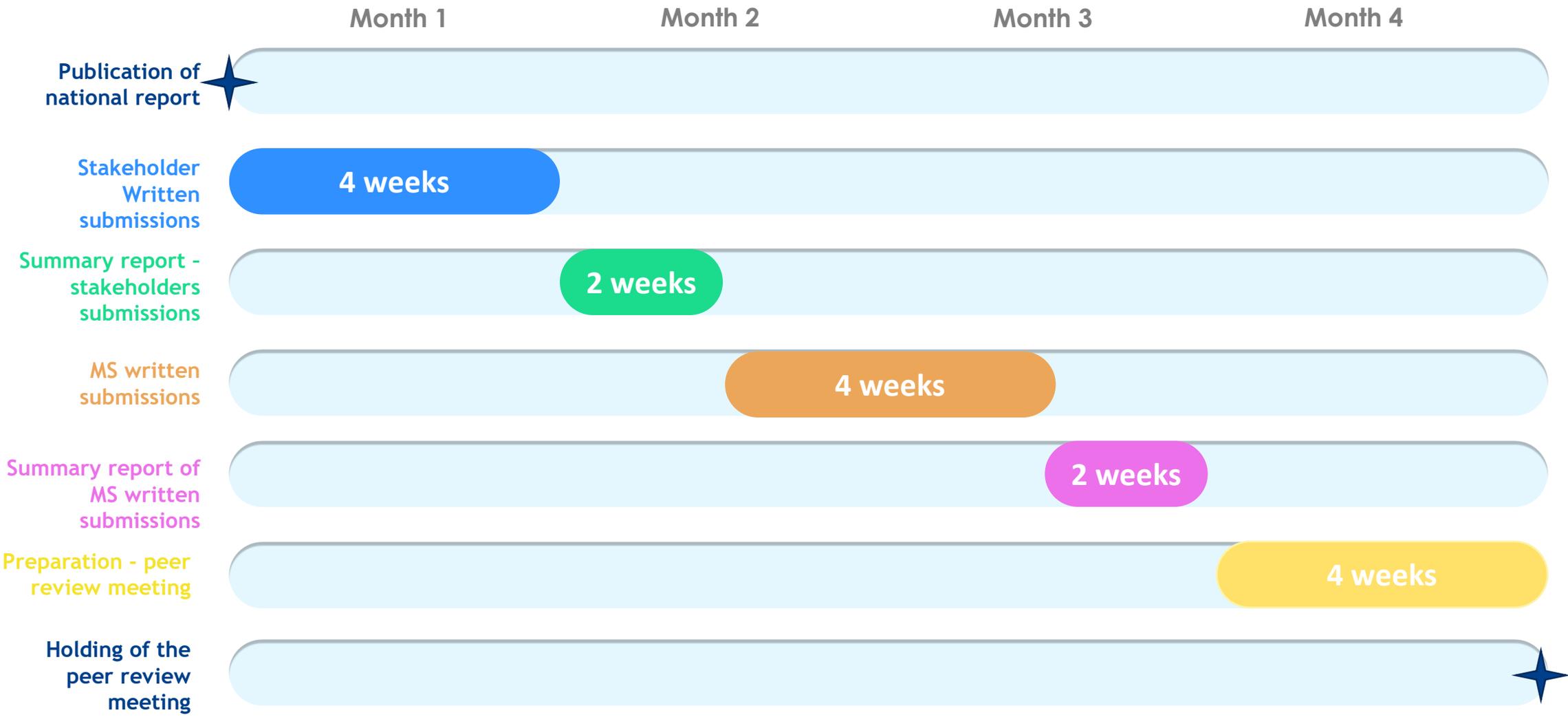
Highlights recommendations noted by the MS undertaking the review

Developed by the peer review panel, with the full involvement of the MS undertaking the review

1 month to validate outcome report

WHO DG to send letter to the HoS/HoG to highlight outcomes

Tentative operational timeline of the peer review phase



Highlights of comments received on the current draft

- Focus on the Member State-to-Member State component - Expert Advisory Commission not included in the proposal.
- Need for sufficient time for logistical and technical preparations for all parties
- Sequencing of written submissions will offer additional resources to Member States
- All written submissions should follow strict admissibility criteria on language, format and content to make sure the peer review remains a cooperative mechanism
- Allocate sufficient time for the validation of the outcome report, noting that this will provide additional opportunities for consultations at the national level
- Post-review phase and mechanism to ensure that UHPR recommendations are implemented

Next steps

1. Member States are invited to provide their written feedback on the proposal by 7 July with email to gutierrezbe@who.int and uhpr@who.int
2. WHO will share a new iteration of the document with all Member States
3. WHO will initiate discussions with pilot countries on logistical preparation of the first testing of the global peer review phase in fall 2023
4. All relevant information will be shared with Member States in the coming weeks



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Facilitated discussion with Member States

Guiding questions shared with Member States

Overall process and timelines

- Is the overall timeline realistic and the workload manageable from a Member States perspective?
- Are the various timelines allocated to the preparation, finalization, and validation of the outcome report of the peer review phase realistic?
- What additional guidance should the WHO Secretariat provide to Member States involved in this process?

Roles of other stakeholders in the global peer review phase

- Is the proposal to allow other stakeholders to provide written submissions in the run-up to the peer review meeting agreeable?
- Is the proposal for the peer review meeting to be chaired by a Member State (one member of the peer review panel), supported by the WHO Secretariat, agreeable?
- Who should represent the Member State undertaking the review at the global peer review meeting?
- How large should a Member State delegation to the peer review phase be and what profiles should delegation member have?

Content and outcomes of the global peer review phase

- Are the proposed process and outcomes of in line with Member States' vision for the UHPR?
- What should be included to better achieve Member States' vision of the UHPR?



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Closing remarks

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