



**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY  
COMMITTEE OF ECOWAS, MAURITANIA AND CHAD ON  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUAGADOUGOU  
DECLARATION ON ADEQUATE HEALTH FINANCING,  
DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND AND POPULATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT POLICIES Benin, 17 - 19 December,  
2018**

**Terms of References**

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## Background and Rationale

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) and the National Assembly of Burkina Faso organised in July 2017, with the support of their partners, including USAID, Agir/PF, UCPO, HP+/Palladium, the World Bank, AfD, KfW, the European Union, WHO and UNFPA, a high-level regional meeting to strengthen political commitment to the issues of health financing, Population Dividend and Population and Development Policies in view of the challenges that they represent in the region.

This meeting, which brought together parliamentarians from ECOWAS, Mauritania and Chad, resulted in strong commitments, set out in a final declaration, entitled: **“Statement by Parliamentarians of ECOWAS, Mauritania and Chad on Adequate Health Financing, Demographic Dividend and Population Policy”**. The Parliamentarians Committed, amongst other things to:

- Work to make trade-offs consistent with States' draft budgets, in order to obtain successive annual increases of at least 2% in national budgets allocated to the health sector, with a view to achieving the minimum target of 15% of the Abuja Declaration by 2025;
- pay a special attention in considering all issues relating to national population, development and health policies with a view to contributing to the success of the demographic transition in our States in the perspective of capturing the demographic dividend to fast-track economic growth;
- To work to increase by, at least, 5% the budgets allocated to the implementation of national plans for family planning repositioning, annually with a view to:
  - o a drastic reduction in maternal and neonatal mortality in our countries
  - o the creation of an environment conducive to family planning,
  - o fighting early marriage of young girls,
  - o fighting teenage pregnancy amongst girls,
  - o fighting harmful traditional practices / female genital mutilations

In order to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the commitments made, a meeting was held on 9 and 10 January 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, to develop a roadmap to make the declaration the operational.

A recommendation of the said workshop aims at the validation of the said roadmap by all the actors (Inter-Parliamentary Committee, RCPFAS, technical and financial partners).

It is within this framework that this meeting will be held in Porto-Novo, Benin, and will also provide an opportunity to review the actions undertaken in terms of health financing, the demographic dividend and population policies since the Ouagadougou declaration.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **○ Overarching Objective:**

Review the actions undertaken by ECOWAS countries, Mauritania and Chad and validate the roadmap for the operationalisation of the ECOWAS, Mauritania and Chad Parliamentarians' Declaration on adequate health financing, demographic dividend and population policies.

### **○ Specific Objectives**

- Inaugurate the inter-parliamentary Committee (IPC);
- Take stock of the implementation of the Abuja Declaration on Health Financing in the Region;
- Present and discuss country actions in health financing, the demographic dividend and population policies;
- Undertake a detailed review of the proposed roadmap and validate it, including the mechanisms and funding provisions of the roadmap;
- Define the framework and practical arrangements for reporting, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the roadmap;
- Determine the next steps.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

- The Inter-parliamentary Committee (IPC) is in place;
- Stock is taken of the implementation of the Abuja Declaration on Health Financing in the Region;
- Country actions on health financing, the demographic dividend and population policies are discussed;
- The roadmap including the mechanisms and provisions for financing its implementation are validated;
- The framework and practical arrangements for reporting, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the roadmap are determined;
- Next steps are determined.

## **DATE AND VENUE**

The meeting will last three days and will be held in Porto-Novo, Benin from 17 to 19 December 2018.

## **Methodology**

The methodology to be used will include thematic presentations, group work followed by plenary feedback, discussion and synthesis.

The 170 participants expected will be from the following institutions:

- National Assembly (NA) (2 per country: Chairs of the finance and health committees 34 + 2 Speakers of National Assemblies ;
- Community parliamentary representatives (AU, ECOWAS and UEMOA): 3
- Representatives of the Ministries of Health and Finance: 34
- Representatives of youth parliaments: 42
- NCAHF/DD: 15
- WAHO: 09
- USAID : 02
- AmpIPF 02
- UCPO: 01
- HP+/Palladium : 01
- WHO: 02
- UNFPA (3) 02
- World Bank : 02
- European Union 02
- KFW: 02,
- AFD : 02,
- Kingdom of the Netherlands 02
- BMGF: 02
- Local Participants (04 MPs and two aids): 6
- Resource Persons 3

## Budget

Funding for this activity will be provided by WAHO through ECOWAS and the SWEDD, DEMSAN, SRHAY, RPRH and BMGF projects.

## Agenda

Days	Time	Activities	To be carried out by
DAY 1	<b>Opening session</b>		
	8:00 -9:00	Participants arrive and get seated	LOC LOC
	09:00-09:40	Opening <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductory remarks by the MC</li> <li>2. Remarks by the LOC Chair</li> <li>3. Remarks by WAHO DG</li> <li>4. Remarks by the Speaker-BF NA.</li> <li>5. - Opening Address by the Speaker Benin NA</li> </ol>	LOC LOC
	09:40-09:45	Selection of Meeting Officers	LOC Session Chair
		Designation and official inauguration of the IPC Members	
	09:45 – 10:00	Presentation and adoption of agenda	LOC LOC
	10:00-10:30	Coffee break and Group Photos	LOC LOC
	<b>Inaugural Presentations</b>		
	10:30 – 10:45	Parliamentarians are aware of the situation of maternal, newborn, child, adolescent and youth health and demographic dividend in the region.	WAHO
		Population policies and development: reaping the demographic dividend	WAHO/Resource Person
11:00-11:30	Review the status of implementation of the Abuja Declaration on Health Financing in the Region;	WAHO	

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<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>Opening session</b>		
		Reminder of the Ouagadougou Declaration	WAHO/Resource Person
	<b>Review of achievements</b>		
	11:30 – 13:30	Presentation of action taken (6 countries) Discussion (30mn)	Country (NA+NCAHF) Session chair
	13:00-14:30	Lunch Break	Organisers
	14:30 – 16:00	Presentation of action taken (6 countries) Discussion (30mn)	Countries (NA+NCAHF)
	16h00-16h30	Tea Break	Organisers
	16:30-17:45	Presentation of action taken (5 countries) Discussion (30mn)	Countries (NA+NCAHF)
<b>DAY 2</b>	9:00-9:30	Reading and amendments to report of D1	Rapporteurs D1
	09:30-10:00	Presentation of the roadmap and draft framework as well as practical arrangements for reporting, monitoring and evaluating its implementation	WAHO/Resource Persons :
	10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	Organisers
	<b>Discussion on the roadmap and M&amp;E Modalities</b>		
	10:15 – 13:00	Discussion on roadmap	Participants
	13:00 -14:30	Lunch Break	Organisers
	14:30 pm – 17:00	Discussion on the framework and practical arrangements for reporting, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the roadmap;	Chairperson
	19:00- 21:00	Cocktail	Organisers
<b>Day 3</b>	9:00-9:30	Reading and amendments to report of D2	Rapporteurs D1
	<b>Reporting back and general summary</b>		
	09:30-10:00	General summary	Participants
	10:30-11:00	Next steps D2	Organisers
	11:00 – 11:30	Closing ceremony:	Participants
	11:30 – 12:00	Press briefing	Participants
	12.00 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break	Organisers