

**EG on SIHLWA
Sixth Meeting
Oslo, Norway
30 September – 01 October 2008**



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Submitted by	SIHLWA Coordinating Chairman & ITA
Summary / Note	-
Requested action	Sent to SIHLWA members (invitees to Oslo SIHLWA-6 meeting) for responses to be analyzed and reported to at the SIHLWA-6 meeting for basis to further discussion

Introduction

Dear Invitee to the SIHLWA-6 Expert Group meeting to be held in Oslo 30 September – 1 October 2008

As you have noted from the announcements sent to you and the information available in http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,sihlwa_6_oslo, an important theme of this meeting will be discussion about SIHLWA collaboration with other EGs under the NDPHS.

This meeting will be exceptional from the point of view that all NDPHS Experts Groups [1) HIV/AIDS, 2) Primary Health Care, 3) Prison Health, and 4) Social Inclusion, Healthy Lifestyles & Work Ability/"SIHLWA"] will have their meetings at the same time at the same place. Also the NDPHS Associated Expert Groups [5) CBSS Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk (WGCC) and 6) Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety (BSN)] have been invited to participate. It is primarily foreseen that the Expert Groups should have their own ordinary meetings as usual, but being together allows for some joint activities. The purpose is to meet and to get a better picture of the Partnership as a whole, to learn from each other's experiences, and to discuss ongoing and future activities. It is also foreseen that experts will explore possibilities and commitment for collaboration on crosscutting themes in order to achieve further cross-fertilization and strengthening of collaboration

It is expected that the joint plenaries with all Expert Groups together will aim to increase our understanding of each other and the overall aims of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing as a whole. The existing EG fact-sheets (available at: http://www.ndphs.org/?folder_and_factsheets) provide in English (and also in Russian) good **general information which we recommend you to read before responding to this questionnaire**. Additional information about Expert Groups plans and work (EGs Terms of Reference, Annual Reports, Annual Action Plans etc) you can also find on their respective NDPHS web pages :

- Expert Group on HIV/AIDS: http://www.ndphs.org/?hiv-aids_eg
 - Expert Group on Prison Health: http://www.ndphs.org/?ph_eg
 - Expert Group on Primary Health Care: http://www.ndphs.org/?phc_eg
- (the corresponding site for SIHLWA EG can be found at http://www.ndphs.org/?sihlwa_eg)

Each group is expected to provide a short commentary on:

- **“What could my EG (SIHLWA in our case) do/ offer to the other Expert Groups”, and**
- **“What would my EG (SIHLWA in our case) wish from other Expert Groups”**

This questionnaire has been sent to you in order to collect your views on collaboration with other Expert Groups so as to be able to speak on behalf of as many SIHLWA members as possible.

Based on these answers, the SIHLWA Coordinating Chairperson and the International Technical Advisor together with SIHLWA sub-group (ADO, ALC and OSH) Chairpersons, and Co-Chairpersons will prepare a short commentary which SIHLWA will present at the joint plenary with all participants representing all NDPHS Expert Groups. In the same way we will hear about the views of other Expert Groups.

Taking note from these presentations, SIHLWA Expert Group would eventually discuss collaboration possibilities and challenges at our own SIHLWA-specific plenary combining the ADO, ALC and OSH sub-groups. The meeting would provide thoughts to be raised on our part at the second joint plenary of all Expert Groups, where the feed-back would take place in the form of a round table discussion in “tour-de-table” format. It would be followed by a facilitated general discussion where all participants including the audience will be encouraged to take part.

After this second joint plenary of all Expert Groups, time allowing there could still be opportunity to organize informal “ad hoc” meetings with groups who have identified some common ground for further collaboration and indicated their willingness to explore and elaborate the ideas further.

We hope that this short introduction will motivate you to spend a few minutes of your time thinking of strengthened collaboration with our partners and how it could improve YOUR work to enhance social inclusion, healthy lifestyles and work ability of people in your own country and in the Northern Dimension area as a whole, which is our core mission in SIHLWA.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

FOR SIHLWA EXPERT GROUP INVITEES TO SIHLWA-6 MEETING IN OSLO (30/9 – 1/10/2008)

(Please return your response **before 5 September 2008** to hanna.koppelomaki@ktl.fi)

1 Name:

2 Country:

3 SIHLWA sub-group (mark relevant sub-group):

ADO Sub-group on adolescent health and socially rewarding lifestyles	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALC Sub-group on alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>
OSH Sub-group on occupational safety and health	<input type="checkbox"/>

4 What is your institutional background? (please tick where appropriate)

A national government institution (like a ministry or ministerial agency)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A university or a research institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
An international organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

If other, please specify:

5 When did you join your EG? (specify year)

6 In your PERSONAL opinion, what could SIHLWA (the sub-group in which you are participating – please specify which one: ADO, ALC or OSH) do/ offer for the other Expert Groups?

Please mark in the table the expert groups for whom a closer cooperation with SIHLWA could, in your view, produce an added value (judging by the general title of the EG and the information provided through Fact-sheets and other NDPHS documentation available on the NDPHS website).

HIV/AIDS EG	
Primary Health Care EG	
Prison Health EG	
CBSS Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk (Ass. EG)	
Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety (Ass. EG)	

If you marked any expert group(s), please specify for each of them what SIHLWA could offer:

If you wish to mention any obstacles for SIHLWA EG might face to offering its support to other EGs, please specify:

7 In your PERSONAL opinion, what would SIHLWA (the sub-group where you are participating ADO, ALC or OSH?) wish to get from other NDPHS Expert Groups

Please mark in the table the expert groups from whom you think SIHLWA (the sub-group where you are participating ADO, ALC or OSH?) could get added value:

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Primary Health Care EG	
Prison Health EG	
CBSS Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk (Ass. EG)	
Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety (Ass. EG)	

If you marked any expert group(s), please specify each of them what would you like to get from them:

If you wish to mention any obstacles for other EG might have to offer its support to SIHLWA EGs, please specify::

8 Which forms of collaboration you see as most suitable/relevant in practice?

Joint meetings with other EGs	
Joint thematic conferences on cross-cutting topics	
Information sharing through www.ndphs.org	
Joint projects	
Other forms of collaboration	

If you marked "Other forms of collaboration", please specify

Specify any details you wish to mention on forms of collaboration

9 Please elaborate shortly on any other remark you want to make about the EG's work or the NDPHS in total, which might not be covered above in this questionnaire