

**EG on SIHLWA  
9th Meeting  
Copenhagen, Denmark  
at WHO-EURO and Nordic Council of Ministers  
24 – 26 March 2010**



**To: NDPHS Contact Persons and SIHLWA Expert Group members**

**Subject:**

**Invitation to the 9th Meeting of the NDPHS SIHLWA Expert Group  
("Social Inclusion, Healthy Lifestyles & Work Ability")  
Copenhagen, Denmark, at WHO-EURO and Nordic Council of  
Ministers, 24 – 26 March 2010**

**Meeting venues:**

**24<sup>th</sup> March (1<sup>st</sup> day) all together at WHO-EURO, Scherfigsvej 8  
25<sup>th</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> day) ADO, ALC & OSH subgroups at WHO-EURO,  
25<sup>th</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> day) IMHAP at NCM Storestrandstræde 18  
26<sup>th</sup> March (3<sup>rd</sup> day) all together at WHO-EURO, Scherfigsvej 8**

**Dear Colleagues,**

With the agreement of World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (EURO) and Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Group "**Social Inclusion, Healthy Lifestyles and Work Ability**" (SIHLWA-9) will be held as announced already earlier in Copenhagen, Denmark Wed 24 – Fri 26 March. It is planned that we will start the SIHLWA-9 meeting at WHO-EURO premises, Scherfigsvej 8, with a joint plenary session on Wednesday afternoon 24 March. We will split into 4 sub-groups all day on Thursday 25 March (ADO, ALC and OSH sub-groups continue their meetings in WHO-EURO but IMHAP sub-group will hold its meeting at NCM premises Store Strandstræde 18). We will finish with a joint concluding plenary session on Friday 26 March at WHO-EURO again. This arrangement will give us some more time in the sub-groups allowing better opportunity for discussion and elaboration of plans.

Scope and purpose of the meeting, provisional program and on-line registration form are available on [http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,sihlwa\\_9\\_copenhagen](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,sihlwa_9_copenhagen) .

The Expert Group SIHLWA presently consists of four subgroups (see below). All four subgroups work partly simultaneously (parallel).

- Subgroup on Adolescent health and Socially-rewarding Lifestyles
- Subgroup on Alcohol
- Sub-group on Indigenous Mental Health, Addiction and Parenting (IMHAP)
- Sub-group on Occupational Safety and Health

Partner Countries and Partner Organizations have been invited to nominate their members/representatives to each SIHLWA sub-group<sup>1</sup>. However, understandably the newly established IMHAP-sub-group would primarily interest partner countries with indigenous population groups such as e.g. Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Russian Federation. Yet, all sub-groups are open to all partnership countries and organizations.

For the newly revised guidelines for nominations to participate in Expert Group meetings and work in general, see ANNEX 1. The on-going writing of new SIHLWA Terms-of-Reference may later bring changes to this SIHLWA structure, but the Copenhagen SIHLWA-9 meeting will still be structured the old way. It is precisely this new phase created by approved NDPHS Work Plan for 2010 and NDPHS goals, operational targets and indicators until 2013 which makes the SIHLWA-9 meeting especially important for our future work.

This information is sent to previously nominated members of the SIHLWA Expert Group, and temporary advisers and observers who previously have attended. The latest update of SIHLWA members is attached for your easy reference (ANNEX 2). The list of participants at previous SIHLWA-8 meeting is provided in ANNEX 3. The list of NDPHS national counterparts (Committee of Senior representatives) is available on <http://www.ndphs.org/?partners>. Their role is to oversee the nominations and to discuss the right representation from their respective countries and organizations. SIHLWA members are advised to be in close contact with them on the topics they want to bring to SIHLWA meetings and should there be any questions as to practical terms considering their participation (travel expenses, reporting, etc.)

Following the practice adopted by the NDPHS, the members and participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation, hopefully with the kind support of their respective ministries and/or institutions (see ANNEX 1). The lunches and coffees during the meeting are offered by hosting organizations free of charge. The conference reception will kindly be hosted by WHO-EURO on Wednesday 24 March and conference dinner by Nordic Council of Ministers on Thursday 25 March.

The meeting is planned to start on Wednesday 24 March at 13 o'clock (registration and lunch at 12-13) and will close on Friday 26 March at about 12:30. Therefore, most participants should be able to arrive even from abroad on Wednesday morning and leave on Friday afternoon, if they wish.

The sub-groups' and SIHLWA secretariat (Chairs and Co-Chairs and SIHLWA Coordinating Chair and International Technical Adviser and Lead-Partners' and Co-Lead Partners' possible representatives) will have an administrative meeting on Wed 24 March at 10:00 – 12:00 in WHO-EURO prior to the official start of SIHLWA-9.

The meeting will focus on strategic challenges to the SIHLWA Expert Group provided by the newly adopted NDPHS work plan and strategy. The new SIHLWA work plan for 2010 and beyond has not yet been prepared, as we all need to review new NDPHS goals, operational

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<sup>1</sup> However, sending representatives for one or two or three sub-groups only is also possible.

targets and indicators and how they will be put into practice in our respective field of work. Furthermore, we will review the tasks put in front of us at SIHLWA-7 and SIHLWA-8 meetings in 2009, the Partnership Annual Conference in November 2009 and the Declaration on Principles of Cooperation between Prison Health and Public Health Services and Development of a Safer Society.

The sub-group meeting agendas and programmes (ADO, ALC, IMHAP and OSH) will be available separately on [http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.sihlwa\\_9\\_copenhagen](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.sihlwa_9_copenhagen) after the secretariat has received necessary feed-back from the subgroup chairs.

On Fri 26 March afternoon after the official closing of SIHLWA-9 meeting we will try to organize an opportunity for SIHLWA-9 participants to have an informal programme to learn more about relevant WHO-EURO programmes linking with our own work through NDPHS/SIHLWA. Detailed suggestions will be sent to those registered to SIHLWA-9 meeting. You may also contact our ITA Hanna Koppelomäki ([hanna.koppelomaki@ttl.fi](mailto:hanna.koppelomaki@ttl.fi)), if you want to discuss about your personal wishes and interests for Fri afternoon programme in EURO, and we will try to accommodate your needs together with WHO-EURO colleagues.

## Welcome to Copenhagen in March!

Yours sincerely,

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Meeting background documentation in due course of time to be found on  
[http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.sihlwa\\_9\\_copenhagen](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.sihlwa_9_copenhagen)

**ANNEXES:**

ANNEX 1: General Representation and Participation to NDPHS Expert Group meetings  
(attached after this invitation letter)

Available on [http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,sihlwa\\_9\\_copenhagen](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,sihlwa_9_copenhagen) :

ANNEX 2: SIHLWA table of nominated members and alternates 2009

ANNEX 3: List of participants in previous SIHLWA-8 meeting (Riga/Latvia)

Available on <http://www.ndphs.org/?partners> :

ANNEX 4: List of contact persons for NDPHS 2009

## **ANNEX 1: General Representation and Participation to NDPHS Expert Group meetings**

### **(text from new provisional NDPHS Expert Groups' Terms-of-Reference draft)**

General representation within the Expert Group shall consist of high-level experts in the field, including from the administrative sector, from the research community as well as from relevant NGOs. These high-level experts shall be appointed to the Expert Group by the interested Partner Countries and Partner Organisations.

In appointing representatives to the Group, the Partner Countries and Organisations will be guided by the following requirements for nomination of experts:

- High level expertise in health/social well-being/social inclusion issues and activities in the field covered by the Expert Group;
- Experience in networking and reaching out to individuals and groups of scientists familiar with the regional aspects;
- Experience in project facilitation and assessment;
- Ability to actively take part in and contribute to the Expert Group work towards the set Goals and Operational Targets (both during meetings and in-between them);
- Participation in relevant governmental or non-governmental scientific and technical committees at national, regional and international levels would be an additional asset.

The Expert Group will include one representative from each interested Partner Country and Organisation. In order to facilitate continuity and active participation, the Partner Countries and Organisations should consider nominating 1-2 alternates for each representative in the Expert Group who will step in for the main representative when necessary. The main representative and his/her alternate(s) should work as one team and keep each other informed of all activities and meetings of the Expert Group.

Before nominating its representative(s) to the Expert Group, the nominating Partner Country or Partner Organisation will ensure that the nominated expert will have covered his/her travel and other expenses related to the participation in the Expert Group meetings.

If a Partner Country or Partner Organisation changes their appointed representative, it should inform the Expert Group Chair, ITA and the NDPHS Secretariat immediately.

In addition to the appointed Partner Country and Partner Organisation representatives, the Expert Group is entitled to invite external actors, i.e. other "eligible participants" and "interested parties" as defined in the Oslo Declaration, to be involved in the work of the Expert Group.