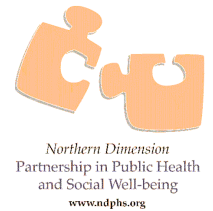


**Partnership Annual Conference (PAC)  
Eighth Conference  
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### **1. Opening of the Conference and welcome**

The conference will be opened and chaired by the NDPHS Chair, H.E. Tatyana Golikova, the Minister of Health and Social Development.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The Conference will be invited to **adopt** the revised provisional agenda (cf. document PAC 8/2/1/Rev 1).

### **3. Establishment of the NDPHS Secretariat with its own legal capacity**

After introductory remarks by the Chair, the representatives of the NDPHS Partner Countries intending to sign the Agreement on the Establishment of the NDPHS Secretariat will be invited to **sign** the Agreement.

Further, the Conference will be invited to discuss next steps to establish the NDPHS Secretariat with its own legal capacity and **conclude**, as appropriate.

### **4. Healthy lifestyles – the cornerstone of public health: Roundtable discussion and approval of the NDPHS Action Statement**

The NDPHS decided that one main topic for the 8th PAC side-event would be “Healthy lifestyle – the cornerstone of public health.” The NDPHS Non-Communicable Diseases related to Lifestyles and Social and Work Environments (NCD) Expert Group took the main responsibility within the NDPHS for providing the substantive input to the PAC side-event. To that end, it drafted a “NDPHS Action Statement for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in Northern Dimension Partnership area in 2012-2016” and consulted it with the respective parties (countries, organizations and the NDPHS Expert Groups and Task Groups). The Action Statement will be discussed at the PAC side-event “Healthy lifestyle – the cornerstone of public health” to be held the day before the PAC 8.

The NCD Expert Group Chair will present the outcome of the above-mentioned PAC side-event and introduce the NDPHS Action Statement (cf. document PAC 8/4/1).

The Conference will be invited to discuss the key issues presented by the NCD Expert Group Chair. It should be noted that the Chair has decided that three minutes will be allocated for each intervention.

Following the discussions, the Conference will be invited to **approve** the NDPHS Action Statement, as appropriate.

## **5. Progress and future of the NDPHS**

The CSR Chair will inform about the NDPHS contribution to the Third Senior Officials Meeting of the Renewed Northern Dimension held on 8 November 2011 in Reykjavik, Iceland (cf. document PAC 8/5/Info 1) and the outcome of the meeting (cf. document PAC 8/5/Info 2).

The Conference will be invited to **take note** of the information provided.

Further, the Conference will be invited to **take note** of the BEAC Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues' 4th Co-operation Programme on Health and Related Social Issues in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region 2012-2015 meeting (cf. document PAC 8/5/Info 3).

### **5.1. Approval of the NDPHS Progress Report for 2011**

The Secretariat will present the NDPHS Progress Report for 2011 (cf. document PAC 8/5.1/1).

The Conference will be invited to discuss and **approve** the NDPHS Progress Report for 2011, as appropriate. Considering that the presented report covers period from January until beginning of November 2011 only, it is proposed that this approval will be done with the understanding that, before posting the report on the NDPHS website, the Secretariat would update it with new relevant information that becomes available during the remaining part of the year.

### **5.2. Adoption of the revised NDPHS goals and mid-term operational targets**

The Secretariat will briefly introduce the proposed revised NDPHS goals and mid-term operational targets (cf. document PAC 8/5.2/1).

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented revised NDPHS goals and mid-term operational targets and **adopt** them, as appropriate.

### **5.3. Adoption of the NDPHS Work Plan for 2012**

The CSR Co-Chair, in her capacity as the incoming CSR Chair, will briefly introduce the proposed NDPHS Work Plan for 2012 (cf. document PAC 8/5.3/1).

While taking into account the outcome of the discussions regarding the revision of the NDPHS goals and mid-term operational targets, the Conference will be invited to consider the presented Work Plan for 2012 and **adopt** it, as appropriate.

## **6. Raising the profile of health and social well-being: Roundtable discussion and adoption of the NDPHS position paper**

The PAC 7 held in October 2010 decided that the NDPHS should develop a position paper aimed to raise the profile of health and social well-being in the next EU financial period's EU funding programmes operating in the ND area. It has been agreed that this profile should be raised, *inter alia*, by ensuring that health and social well-being would be visibly exposed among the priorities of funding programmes that will operate in the Northern Dimension area during the coming multiannual financial framework 2014-2020.

The Secretariat will introduce the proposed revised NDPHS position paper (cf. document PAC 8/6/1/Rev 1).

The Conference will be invited to discuss the proposed paper. It should be noted that the Chair has decided that two minutes will be allocated for each intervention.

Following the discussions, the Conference will be invited to **adopt** the NDPHS position paper, as appropriate.

## **7. Election of the next Chair and Co-Chair Countries**

As stated in the Oslo Declaration, "the PAC will elect a Chair and a co-Chair among its member governments to lead the Partnership for a period of two years." To that end, it should be recalled that, during the CSR Meeting on 27-28 October 2011, Finland informed that she was prepared and willing to take the NDPHS chairmanship for the next term, and Germany confirmed her readiness to become the co-Chair.

In accordance with the above, the Conference will be invited to consider the above and **elect** the Chair and co-Chair for the next term.

## **8. Conclusions by the Chair**

The Chair will introduce the Chair's Conclusions from the Conference.

The Conference will be invited to **endorse** the Conclusions.

## **9. Closing of the Conference**

The Meeting is expected to terminate on 25 November 2011 at 15:00 hours.