

## WHO WORKING MEETING ON TRAINING IN CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### DISCUSSION ON NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS AND IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES

#### FOR THE WHO TRAINING PACKAGE USE

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#### BACKGROUND

A growing number of diseases in children from rural and urban areas are linked to unsafe, degraded environments. However, many health care providers are unable to recognize, assess and manage environmentally-related diseases in children. In order to position and give visibility to these issues, diverse educational and decision-making tools were created by WHO and collaborators.

One of these tools, the WHO Training Package on Children's Environmental Health (CEH) is a collection of "train the trainer" modules with internationally harmonized information and peer-reviewed materials to build the capacity of health care providers and other professionals to better recognize environmental determinants of child health and disease and act on prevention strategies.

There is now a need to review the way this training tool has been delivered and explore how to reach new audiences as well as unexplored key networks under the light of new electronic communication and interactive scenarios, in order to have more outreach and provide innovative training opportunities.

#### Aim

To define new communication strategies (electronic platforms, e-learning, distance education experiences, applications) and opportunities to improve and maximize the dissemination of the WHO Training Package on CEH building on the experience of the last decade.

#### Objectives

- i) To identify the current capacity and experience of WHO and WHO's collaborators to implement long-distance courses and other e-learning tools
- ii) To define a draft roadmap (2017-2019) to be implemented for strengthening capacity building through electronic communication tools
- iii) To identify collaborations and networking opportunities to maximize the impact of the roadmap activities
- iv) Complementing these actions, a plan to review and update the Package will be defined.

## Agenda first day – 25 October

**09:00** Opening. Welcome and introductions

**9.30-10.30** – Short presentations on the capacity and experience with electronic tools and plans for on-going/future activities by all experts (5 minutes each)

- Successful training experiences using electronic tools
- Identification of planned MOOCs, e-learning and online courses

**10:30 – 12.00** – Discussion: how to improve the dissemination of the Package

- Electronic tools available in WHO, collaborating centers and regions for implementing training courses and reaching new key partners
- Indicators to measure effectiveness
- Webinars and creation of communication networks (Facebook, Twitter, others)
- Recent scientific findings of CEH and adding new concepts such as OMICS Analysis, epigenetics, metabolome, intestinal microflora

**12:00 – 15:00 - Lunch and visit organized by ISDE**

**15:00 – 18:00** Suggestions on improvement of capacity-building tools and communication opportunities: Road map planning next steps in electronic dissemination, key partners and communication new strategy

Part one: review of the material

- Timeline for updates in English
- Timelines for availability of different versions in languages as feasible
- Creation of complementary materials (e.g introductory PPT)

Part two: Dissemination and follow up

- Developing a system for following up with trainees
- Developing a pool of train the trainers
- New key networks to be reached: eg EiP, FIGO, regional networks
- International and regional opportunities - Global Strategy for Women and Children, Air pollution
- Potential partnerships, coordination and sources of funding

Part three: Road map for maximizing impact of the modules in communication through traditional and new tools

- Proposing an immediate plan of action – next steps, assignation of responsibilities

## Agenda second day (morning) – 26 October

9:00 – 11:30 - Discussions and planning continued

11-30: Conclusions and closing

12.30 Lunch

## Outcomes

Draft 3-year roadmap for dissemination, impact and updates

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