World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific

Call for applications for members to serve on "The Regional Green Light Committee for the WHO Western Pacific Region (rGLC Western Pacific)" 2018–2019

The Regional Green Light Committee for the Western Pacific Region (rGLC Western Pacific) was established in 2011 in response to the need to scale up the Programmatic Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (PMDT). The rGLC functions as an advisory committee to the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, to WHO's Member States in the Region, and to partners including donors. The Secretariat of the rGLC is hosted by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific.

The WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific announces the new **Call for Applications** to serve on the rGLC Western Pacific from April 2018 to December 2019. Members are expected to serve with the following Terms of Reference:

- Review and provide inputs to the regional and national strategies and/or action plans for scale
 up of Programmatic Management of Drug-Resistant TB;
- Review the rGLC mission reports and DR-TB surveillance data;
- Participate in rGLC meetings and other related technical meetings to contribute to the discussions and share their experiences;
- Provide technical guidance and support for the capacity building in countries based on the identified needs:
- Liaise with the Global Drug-resistant TB Initiative (GDI) to exchange information on regionspecific issues and discuss plans of rGLC activities;
- In collaboration with WHO Regional Office and partners, support advocacy and resource mobilization efforts for PMDT scale-up with the aim to ensure universal access to prevention, diagnosis and treatment services;
- Coordinate and report on progress related to data collection in the Western Pacific Region.

The selection of members will be conducted by a committee convened by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific and WHO Headquarters. The selection of members will be reached through consensus and be based on an equitable distribution of experts across technical areas and constituencies. Given that this is a regional entity, experts from or with extensive experience in the Western Pacific region are strongly encouraged to apply.

One meeting of rGLC Western Pacific will be held per year, depending on the availability of funds and issues to be discussed. Regular meetings via telephone /videoconference or in person will be organized when required. While serving on this advisory committee, members will not be paid for their committee work.

Members are being sought who have expertise in at least two of the following essential technical areas:

1. Technical areas

- Programmatic Management of Drug- Resistant Tuberculosis, including DR-TB prevention, case finding and case management
- Clinical experience with Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis including management of paediatric DR-TB cases
- TB Laboratory
- · Communication, advocacy, patient and community empowerment and engagement
- Health system strengthening, including health financing, health information system and integrated people-centred health services (involvement of private sector as well)
- Multisectoral collaboration

2. Constituencies

Members should also represent at least one of the following constituencies:

- Member States
- · Technical/implementing agencies and partners
- Civil Society Organizations/community based organizations /patient representatives
- · Private sector health care providers
- · Academia and research institutions
- · Development partners

3. Experience

For technical members:

Essential:

- A minimum of seven years of working with Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis at national and/or international levels;
- A minimum of three years of practical experience in the high TB priority countries in the WHO Western Pacific Region;
- A minimum of two years of experience with health system strengthening and/or community engagement and/or multi-sectoral collaboration.

Desirable:

Experience in regional or global DR-TB initiatives

For community members:

Essential:

- A minimum of three years of experience of being involved in patient and community engagement and empowerment activities
- · A minimum of three years of experience in advocacy and resource mobilisation efforts

Desirable:

Experience in regional or global DR-TB initiatives

4. Language

Fluency in English is required.

Closing date of applications: 10 January 2018

Results of selection will be announced by 15 February 2018.

How to apply

Interested individuals are invited to send their applications, consisting of a CV and motivation letter expressing their interest and suitability for membership of rGLC Western Pacific to the rGLC Western Pacific Secretariat to navalm@who.int with a copy to ahmadovasha@who.int. Applicants should emphasize relevant DR-TB experience in their covering letter and highlight the area(s) of technical expertise and the constituencies that they would like to represent on the rGLC Western Pacific. If an applicant is applying to represent a constituency, their application will be strengthened by evidence that they have backing from the respective constituency. Applications should be sent latest by 10 January 2018.