

TERMS OF REFERENCE

OF

ATACH CLIMATE ACTION AND NUTRITION WORKING GROUP (HEREAFTER I-CAN WORKING GROUP)

1. Mission

With a specific focus on the critical nexus of climate change and nutrition, the I-CAN WG contributes to the attainment of the overall mission of the ATACH, namely “to realize the ambition set at COP26 to build climate-resilient and sustainable health systems, using the collective power of WHO Member States and other stakeholders to drive this agenda forward at pace and scale; and promote the integration for climate change and health nexus into respective national, regional and global plans”.

2. Objectives and functions of the ICAN WG

Climate change and malnutrition are two of the greatest challenges facing humanity today and are intrinsically intertwined. By addressing these priorities in an integrated way, we have one solution to two of our biggest barriers to sustainable development. Climate change is impacting food systems, health systems, social protection systems and water systems - all of which are fundamental for good nutrition. Through coordination and collaboration, the ATACH I-CAN WG strives to help foster collaboration to accelerate transformative action to address the critical nexus of climate change and nutrition.

The I-CAN WG will meet at least every six months, under ATACH auspices.

Key objectives of the I-CAN WG:

- Build a strong alliance across nutrition and climate communities
- Articulate a common, compelling narrative around climate and nutrition
- Develop an evidence base on integrating nutrition and climate action
- Strengthen existing efforts to take action and address gaps

Functions

The key functions of the I-CAN WG are the same as those of the ATACH but through senior technical expert exchange and collaboration, will focus on actions for climate and nutrition actions; namely:

- **Delivering international shift to enhance and prioritize climate and nutrition action:** This function focuses on areas where a global shift can be delivered through the collective power of Member States and other stakeholders, as appropriate. It reflects the collective interest of the I-CAN WG as well as context-specific themes which may be more applicable to smaller groupings of Member States.
- **Monitoring:** Collaborate with partners, in its efforts to collect data on progress against the baseline and target values set for the various I-CAN outcomes.
- **Quality Assurance:** Collaborate with partners in developing quality assurance mechanisms designed to help ensure that assessments, plans and implementation are of the quality required to deliver on commitments made thereby facilitating a common understanding of such commitments and measures of progress. The core aim is to help identify where support is required and to identify good practice.
- **Financing:**
- **Evidence base:** Collaborate with partners in collating, sharing and communicating evidence and options for policies and actions that show co-benefits for climate and nutrition from health systems agrifood systems, water systems, and social protection systems. This function will also communicate evidence on trade-offs and synergies between options for policies and actions.
- **Knowledge sharing and coordinating access to technical assistance:** This function provides a forum for Alliance Participants to share expertise, knowledge and experience on the assessment, planning

implementation, financing, and monitoring of commitments. This supports exchange among Participants and access to information to support evidence-based and cost-effective delivery of commitments.

3. The Secretariat

Subject to the availability of sufficient human and financial resources, WHO serves as the Secretariat of the ATACH and each of its WGs. Further information on the role of the Secretariat is available in the TORs of the ATACH (available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).

4. Participants

The ATACH I-CAN WG is open to Members States and Non-State Actors (NSAs) that have expressed their interest in ATACH. Once participants to the ATACH are confirmed (following the application process specified in the ATACH TORs), they will be requested to confirm the specific WG they are interested in joining by sending an email to attach@who.int. If participants confirm their interest to participate in the I-CAN WG, they will be added to the specific group and automatically invited to relevant WG meetings. They will, at any time, have the possibility to leave the WG.

5. Responsibilities of Participants to the ATACH I-CAN WG

On joining the I-CAN WG, Participants undertake to:

- Adhere to these Terms of Reference;
- Promote the work, vision, goals and objectives of the I-CAN WG;
- Actively initiate and participate in the I-CAN WG on I-CAN activities, discussions and deliberations, and contribute to the implementation of actions and priorities deriving from the agreed workplan and discussions;
- Participate, as appropriate, in the I-CAN WG meetings;
- Share knowledge and information (lessons learned, case studies, programme results, etc.) with other I-CAN and ATACH WGs participants as appropriate.

6. Chairs of the I-CAN WG

Consistent with and building on from the ATACH ToRs, each ATACH WG will have two co-chairs, representing both government institutions with a mandate for climate change and nutrition, and technical agencies/organizations, to provide leadership to the group and progress the WG agenda. The WHO, as ATACH Convener, co-convening countries and WG Chairs, will form a Steering Group to ensure coordination of the work across ATACH and to discuss emerging priorities.

The co-chairs of the Working Groups will be appointed by WHO in consultation with the ATACH co-Convenors for an initial period of one (1 year).

Criteria for the selection of WG chairs:

- Government institutions with a mandate for climate change and nutrition. Countries will be considered as co-chairs based on their proactivity, the priority they give to the specific WG topic, and their capacity to advance the WG objectives and goals.
- Technical agencies/organizations with proven technical experience and records on the subject matter. Motivation to, proactivity in, and capacity to advance the goals and objectives of the WG will also be considered by the Secretariat.

Submission of interest to chair an ATACH WG:

All participants to the ATACH are invited to submit their interest to chair any of the ATACH WGs by sending a message to the Secretariat (attach@who.int). All submissions will be assessed by the WHO Secretariat, who will consult the co-convenors, and decisions will be reported to the Steering Group (SG) and communicated to applicants. The final proposal for Chairs will also take into consideration representation of all WHO Regions in the overall governance mechanism of the ATACH.

Role of the co-chairs of the ATACH WGs:

As included in the TORs of the ATACH, the co-chairs of the ATACH WGs are expected to:

- Chair the discussions during the WG meetings (ensuring action-oriented focus and deliverables);
- Promote active involvement of the Working Group Participants in the development and implementation of its workplan;
- Work with the Secretariat to progress Working Group objectives and plans including in the development of the WG workplan;
- Support the Secretariat and Steering Group in the identification of priorities and/or challenges for the attainment of the objectives relating to the specific Working Group;
- Promote and ensure synergies with other Working Groups;
- Participate in Steering Group meetings, representing the work, issues and views of the wider Working Group;
- Support the Secretariat in the agenda development and active participation in the ATACH WG meeting.

7. Amendments

These Terms of Reference may be amended from time to time by the Secretariat in consultation with the Steering Group.