World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific announces

Call for applications for Civil Society Organizations/ Community-Based Organizations/ Patient representatives to serve on the Regional Green Light Committee for the WHO Western Pacific Region (rGLC Western Pacific) 2016–2017.

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.

Members of the initial committee have served for two terms (4 years), and the committee was due for renewal at the end of 2015. Therefore, the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific announced the Call for Applications to renew membership in September 2015; however no applications were received from the civil society and community-based organizations and patient representatives. The purpose of this call is to strengthen the current rGLC WPR by ensuring appropriate engagement of representatives from communities impacted by TB. Members of civil society and community-based organizations, and patient representatives are expected to serve a term of two years, from 2016–2017 with the following Terms of Reference:

- Review and analyse reports of monitoring and technical assistance missions and surveillance data related to Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB;
- Participate in rGLC meetings and other related technical meetings to contribute to the discussions and provide views;
- Contribute to development/update of the National PMDT expansion plans as a part of the National TB strategic plans;
- Provide support for capacity development based on the identified needs;
- Convene advocacy efforts for PMDT scale-up, access to and rational use of qualityassured medicines in collaboration with WHO Regional Office and Partners.

The selection of members will be conducted by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific with support from WHO headquarters. Considering the importance of the socio-cultural aspects in advising the Member States of the Region, members of the civil society and community-based organizations and patient representatives from (or with extensive experience in) the Western Pacific Region are strongly encouraged to apply.

A minimum of two meetings of rGLC Western Pacific will be held per year, depending on the availability of funds and issues to be discussed. Regular and ad-hoc 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.

Newly appointed members will serve until December 2017, renewable for a further consecutive term as appropriate, based on criteria outlined in the standard operating procedures.

Specifically for this additional call, a member should represent the Civil Society Organizations/ Community-Based Organizations/ patient representatives.

Language:

Fluency in English is required.

Closing date for applications: 30 June 2016

Results of selection will be announced by 31 July 2016.

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 at glc_pacific@wpro.who.int with a copy to ahmadovasha@who.int.