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FDI Members Briefing

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WHO Global Oral Health Meeting: Highlights and outcomes

WHO GOHM: requested by WHO Member States

Global oral health action plan (2023-2030)

World health assembly
WHA76(9)

- Background
- Scope, aim and overarching targets of the global oral health action plan (2023-2030)
- Action areas of the global oral health action plan



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Global strategy and action plan on oral health 2023-2030

Action 7. Phase down the use of dental amalgam: Ratify the Minamata Convention on Mercury and support related national assessments and implementation plans. Accelerate implementation of measures to phase down the use of dental amalgam in accordance with existing and future decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Action 8. Strengthen health emergency preparedness and response: Include oral health in national emergency preparedness and response plans. Ensure safe and uninterrupted essential oral health services during health emergencies or other humanitarian crises, in accordance with WHO operational guidance on maintaining essential health and oral health services.

Action 9. Bolster response to noma, where relevant: In countries affected by noma, develop and implement a national noma action plan that is integrated with existing regional or national programmes, such as those targeting neglected tropical diseases, vaccination and/or nutrition.

Actions for the WHO secretariat

Action 10. Lead and coordinate the Global Oral Health Agenda: Drive initiatives to define and update the Global Oral Health Agenda and monitor its implementation. Coordinate the work of other relevant entities of the United Nations system, development banks and regional and international organizations related to oral health. Set the general direction and priorities for global oral health advocacy, partnerships and networking. Advocate for oral health at relevant high-level meetings and platforms, such as the WHO Global NCD Platform, the United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage and the High Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of NCDs. **Accelerate implementation of the action plan by organizing a WHO global oral health summit involving key stakeholders.**

Action 11. Mobilize resources and funding for oral health: Explore and pursue funding options to strengthen WHO capacities in oral health at global, regional and country levels and enable timely and appropriate technical support to countries. Strive to increase the number of dedicated staff at all levels of the organization, including operational budgets for programmatic work at global, regional and country levels. Advocate to increase resource allocation to oral health within the NCD agenda to ensure adequate staffing and programmatic activities. Include oral health in bi- and multi-lateral conversations with Member States and partners to mobilize resources for WHO oral health activities. Follow WHO's Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors and engage with nongovernmental organizations and philanthropic foundations to increase resources for implementing the Global Oral Health Action Plan, particularly in low- and middle-income settings.

Action 12. Support implementation of the Global Oral Health Agenda: Provide technical assistance upon request of Member States and prioritize support to low- and middle-income settings for developing, implementing and sustaining of their national oral health plans. Create a global technical advisory group on oral health to strengthen international and national action and accelerate implementation

WHO GOHM: format and participants

- November 26–29
- Hosted in Bangkok, by the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand with support from several local stakeholders.
- Participants included Member States, UN agencies, international organizations, philanthropic foundations, civil society organizations, private sector and others.
- Three-day technical meeting plus a half-day high-level segment.
- Over 300 people from 110 countries registered to attend in-person.



Thank you to our member: Dental Association of Thailand



FDI's visibility and impact

FDI President speaking at side event:
“Expanding the NCD framework:
Integrating oral diseases and sugar into
the 6x6 Approach”



Dr Wendy Thompson and other speakers
at the FDI side event titled “Tackling
antimicrobial resistance through oral
health: a global priority”.



FDI President with other panelists at a
side event co-hosted with the WHO
Collaborating Centre on Oral Health and
the Thai Health Promotion Foundation



FDI President speaking at High-Level
Segment of the WHO Global Oral Health
Meeting



WHO GOHM: outcomes

1

National oral health roadmaps aligned with the GOHAP 2023-2030

2

Bangkok Declaration adopted by the Member States reaffirming commitment on oral health & informing WHO DG's report for the UNHLM on NCDs 2025

3

Global Coalition on Oral Health discussed including a platform of commitments from Member States & partners to support the implementation of the GOHAP 2023-2030

4

Meeting report developed with recommendations outlining the potential for countries to achieve UHC for oral health

Bangkok Declaration: A call to action



The Bangkok declaration acts as a “lighthouse” by providing context and reference material for governments when they are writing their oral health policies, regulations and laws

FDI Special Committees

At the World Dental Congress in Istanbul, the General Assembly resolved that the Council establishes 2 Special Committees:

Special Committee on Membership Subscription Formula: to evaluate the membership subscription fee formula and look for suitable alternatives.

Special Committee on World Dental Parliament: to explore ways to facilitate remote participation simultaneously alongside face-to-face participation (hybrid participation) for FDI delegates in the Open Forum, General Assembly and NLO Forum, in situations in which in-person attendance is not feasible or possible for some individuals.

FDI Special Committee on Membership Subscription Formula - eligibility criteria

Call for nominations sent on 28 November 2024

- understanding of FDI diverse membership structure and the current membership calculation formula.
- ability to analyse data and identify trends in member contributions and satisfaction, including quantitative and qualitative analysis.
- flexible and open to discuss and present different ideas and approaches when exploring suitable alternatives for the benefit of both, FDI and FDI member organizations.
- proven experience in finances of membership organization.
- fluency in English is compulsory (there shall be no translation/interpretation at the meetings)

**Closing date for applications:
30 December 2024**

FDI Special Committee on World Dental Parliament – eligibility criteria

Call for nominations sent on 4 December 2024

- Proven experience in organizing and running international meetings, including technical assessment and budgeting.
- Experience in running hybrid parliamentary meetings / general assemblies or elections.
- Fluency in English is compulsory (there shall be no translation/interpretation at the meetings)
- Good understanding of the FDI constitution and elections processes.
- Good understanding of parliamentary procedures and other election processes.
- Knowledge of FDI world dental congress standards and franchise model / experience in

Closing date for applications:
4 January 2025

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