

COVID-END horizon-scanning panel: What nominators and prospective panelists need to know (Last updated 31 July 2020)

The [COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making](#) (COVID-END) – a time-limited initiative involving nearly 50 partners drawn from many of the best known evidence synthesis, technology assessment and guideline groups around the world – is convening a global panel to proactively identify both long-term and emergent issues that need to be prioritized in efforts to synthesize the best available research evidence to support decision-making about COVID-19.

COVID-END will soon be making available and then updating regularly an inventory of the best available evidence syntheses on the full spectrum of decisions being faced as the pandemic and pandemic response enter different phases. The issues identified by the horizon-scanning panel will be added to the taxonomy and prioritized for future evidence syntheses.

What type of panelists we are looking for?

We are looking for a mix of strategic and ‘out-of-the-box’ thinkers and doers who can collectively bring diverse perspectives to our horizon-scanning work, including:

- 1) a mix of citizens, service providers, policymakers and researchers;
- 2) experience with one or more of public-health measures, clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related conditions like mental-health issues, health-system arrangements, and economic and social responses (e.g., education and food security);
- 3) being based in different regions (e.g., Americas, eastern Mediterranean, Europe, south-east Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and western Pacific); and
- 4) being based in a country or region where one or more of six languages is widely spoken (i.e., Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese or Spanish) while being able to read and either speak or write (even at a basic level) in English.

What we are asking of panelists?

We are asking for **90 minutes of panelist’s time each month** for up to nine months over the next year, which includes:

- 1) 30 minutes to read and reflect on a short briefing note about what the COVID-END secretariat has identified as potential long-term and emergent issues that need to be prioritized (based on a review of horizon-scanning work of other groups around the world); and
- 2) 60 minutes to participate in an online call to share reflections and suggest priorities, which can be done:
 - a. by speaking up during the call,
 - b. by adding comments in the ‘chat box,’ or
 - c. by drafting an email that can be sent immediate after the call ends

What’s in it for panelists?

Participating in the global panel will provide you with the opportunity to:

- 1) keep abreast of the best available evidence about COVID-19;
- 2) learn from fellow doers and thinkers about what you may want to consider in supporting the pandemic response in your own country or region;
- 3) shape the direction of future efforts to synthesize the best available research evidence to support decision-making about COVID-19; and
- 4) be recognized as a panel member on the COVID-END website and in any related COVID-END documents.