



## 1. INTRODUCTIONS

- *Ivan welcomed Alric R  ther and Neuman Dieyi to the group*
  - *Alric is head of international affairs with IQWiG and member of HTAi. Oncologist by training, co-founded Cochrane Germany, led HTA work within German MOH, also member of INAHTA, ISPOR.*
  - *Neuman is trained as nutritionist and currently finishing an MPH degree at Memorial University and has joined COVID-END to provide technical support to working groups*

### *Other participants on call:*

*Ivan Florez  
Jerry Osheroff  
Michael McCaul  
Mireille G  
Newman Dieyi  
Nichole Taske  
Per Olav Vandvik  
Sandra Zelman Lewis  
Tamara Kredo  
Xuan Yu  
Zac Munn*

### *Secretariat:*

*Anna Dion  
Safa Al-Kateeb*

- *Ivan asked everyone to let Safa know if they are not able to access MS Teams*

## 2. FOLLOW-UP ON ACTION ITEMS

- a. *Terms of reference have been shared with John to post on website (see attachment 2)*
  - *Per suggested that item #7 be folded into item #3*

**ACTION:** Secretariat to make change on TORs to be posted on website

## 3. WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

- *Proposed HTA-focused group will meet on Fridays, not to have parallel group, but advance HTA-specific discussion to bring to Recommending working group discussions; may invite additional people with HTA expertise to group.*
- *Group sought clarity about split and emphasized integrated approach to recommending reducing silo-ing between HTA and guideline communities, while also recognizing unique challenges in each field*
- *Working group reviewed the terms of reference, identified items 1,2 (both in Identifying), and 6 (in Undertaking) in Terms of Reference as priorities*

*In Identifying:*

*1) Providing an initial overview of emerging and existing repositories and initiatives for COVID-19 guidance (completed and underway), through mapping and surveying initiatives and organizations (May 2020).*

*2) Identifying and supporting the most useful repository for trustworthy COVID-19 guidance (“Global guidance repository”) that can be re-used, shared and adapted globally and is optimally linked to other repositories of evidence sources (e.g., systematic reviews, evidence tables, economic models) from trustworthy partners such as PAHO, WHO, G-I-N, and others.)*

- *Zac to lead on addressing Identifying objectives as aligned with GIN’s COVID-19 efforts. Michael, Alric, Mireille and others to support*
- *Resources developed for GIN webinar a good starting point, catalogued resources for COVID-19 on evidence retrieval, SRs and guidance (few optimal resources for guidance). Lucy contributed from HTAi’s mapping of HTA resources*
- *Include evaluation of available repositories based on usefulness and relevance together with GIN (with support of COVID-END MPH student).*
- *Registry that is trusted and populated by guideline community critical to Identifying objectives*
- *Many actors already in this space, helpful to understand where we can add value.*
- *Mireille to share information about another group in Europe collecting HTA resources*

*In Undertaking*

*6) Conducting quality assessment of the available CPGs reports to provide a database that provide them along with their quality (Start in June 2020, onwards).*

- *Insight from GIN webinar that it is a challenge to find trustworthy and high-quality CPG; ECRI are not assessing COVID-related guidelines. NIPH evidence map to includes a trustworthiness score.*
- *Working group, with support from MPH student and in collaboration with ECRI and the AGREE collaboration, would assess COVID-19 guidelines for trustworthiness, together with assessment of relevance.*

- *Would like to have similar process for HTA, though more challenging as quality assessment not universally done.*
- *Assessment needs to recognize context within which guidelines were developed, where and why meets AGREE's standards or not*
  - *Balancing quality and answering urgent needs; understanding what is necessary and sufficient in emergency situations to inform an appropriate response*
  - *Helpful to show expected standards, but also understanding what is possible in context*
  - *Ivan shared previous work assessing rapid guidelines, suggest possible to develop rapid quality guidelines; developed checklist of critical components.*

**ACTION:** Ivan to share papers on rapid guideline assessment and continue guideline assessment discussion at next working group meeting