

# THE LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTH (LfH) PROGRAMME

(Second Round)

15 November 2015–30 January 2016

A joint collaboration between

The World Health Organization & The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

## Background

The Leadership for Health (LfH) Programme, an initiative of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, aims at establishing a critical mass of public health leaders capable of addressing global, national and local health challenges. During the first round 25 upcoming leaders from Member State governments successfully completed the Programme. Building on this success, the second round of the Programme (2015-16) is being launched on 15 November 2015 in collaboration with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

## Duration

The Programme comprises two phases. The first phase will be held in Muscat, Oman, from 15 to 27 November 2015 followed by a second phase in Geneva, Switzerland, from 20 to 30 January 2016. In-between, participants will return to their home countries and prepare a paper addressing a specific health sector challenge within their context.

## Methods and approach

The Programme is modular, utilizes non-traditional teaching methods and focuses on building key competencies in public health and leadership including understanding of health systems; politics of well-being and political analysis; organizational dynamics; change management; team building; and effective communication and advocacy.

During the second phase to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, participants will be provided with the opportunity to actively observe the proceedings of the WHO Executive Board Meeting (138<sup>th</sup> Session) and attend seminars on selected topics from its agenda.

## Participants

The number of participants during the current round has been increased to 35. Participants include candidates from Member State governments, academia & research professionals, civil society and the private sector. Selection is based on:

- prior training and qualifications in public health
- experience in responsible management and/or leadership positions, and
- demonstrated capacity of high performance in respective area of work

## Outcomes

The LfH Programme will establish leaders who can:

- proactively tackle national and local health problems that directly impact on the health of populations;
- effectively pursue the five regional health priorities endorsed by Member States of the Region and;
- play pro-active roles in the regional and global public health spheres

## Facilitators

### International experts

Dr Thomas Bossert, Dr Rifat Atun, Dr Illona Kickbush, Dr Andrew Cassels

### Leaders & facilitators from the Region

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### WHO staff

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## Programme schedule

Date	Duration	Location	Module	Activities
14 November		<b>Travel from home country to Muscat, Oman</b>		
15 November	1 day		Introductory module	Introduction to the LfH Programme, 5 Regional Priorities
16-20 November	5 days		Health systems module	How to successfully conduct a health systems reform [Offered by Harvard School of Public Health]
22-26 November	5 days		Leadership and management module	Leadership models and theories; leadership behaviours; building teams; negotiations and partnerships [Offered by Harvard School of Public Health]
27 November	1 day		Special session: Meet the leaders from the first round	Networking with participants from first round. Listening to and discussing changes implemented by participants from the first round; certificate distribution
28 November		<b>Travel from Muscat, Oman to home country</b>		
29 November – 18 January	49 days	<b>Prepare leadership paper</b>		
19 January		<b>Travel from home country to Geneva, Switzerland</b>		
20 January	1 day		WHO module	Work of WHO, Governing Bodies
21-22 January	2 days		Communications module	Practising public speaking, media debriefing etc.
23 January	1 day		Health diplomacy module	Practising diplomacy from local to global levels, conflict resolution, negotiation etc.
25-30 January	6 days		Executive Board Meeting and WHO clusters	Observing and discussing selected sessions Learning about WHO clusters Presenting papers Programme evaluation
31 January		<b>Travel from Geneva, Switzerland to home country</b>		