

The WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean held an expert meeting on the prevention of congenital and genetic disorders (CGDs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, from 29 to 31 July 2016. The meeting was attended by experts from American University of Beirut, Geneva University, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and University College London (UCL), as well as representatives from the March of Dimes Foundation and the PHG Foundation.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- review the magnitude of CGDs, including their main causes, in Member States of the Region;
- agree on key interventions that are evidence-based, high impact, cost-effective and feasible to implement by national health

systems; and

- identify basic requirements for a programme at national level and requirements in terms of capacity to strengthen the prevention and control of CGDs.

## Related links

[Summary report on the expert meeting on the prevention of congenital and genetic disorders in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern, 29–31 July 2016](#)

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