

**RECONSTITUTION OF INDIA COUNTRY
COORDINATING MECHANISM
(2015-2018)**

India Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) for the term 2012-2015 completed its tenure in June 2015. The planning for the renewal of the India CCM for 2015-2018 began with the formation of a sub-committee for CCM Elections in the 59th meeting of India CCM held on 18th July 2014. It comprised of the following members:

1. Sh. Atul Kumar Tiwari, MD, NRHM Karnataka
2. Dr. Oussama Tawil, UNAIDS
3. Mr. Rodolphe Monnet, Embassy of France
4. Dr. Prakash Aher, Magmo Welfare Sansthan

The Election sub-committee meetings were held in the months of November and December, 2014 to draft broad process for conducting the India CCM elections for various constituencies in accordance with the revised Terms of References (ToRs) of India CCM. An Election Monitoring Committee was constituted to oversee and facilitate the conduction of Civil Society constituency elections for the next CCM as recommended by the Sub-committee.

As proposed by Member Secretary, I-CCM, an Election Committee was constituted to oversee and facilitate the conduction of elections for the next CCM, in its 63rd meeting held on 5th June 2015. It comprised of the following members:

- 1) Dr. Jagdish Kaur , CCM-Focal Point
- 2) Dr. Oussama Tawil ,UNAIDS
- 3) Mr. Ravi Verma , ICRW
- 4) Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, USAID

Technical support to meet the Eligibility Requirements by India CCM was provided by USAID through GMS (Grant Management Solution) consultants.

Following were the processes followed by various constituencies to conduct elections for reconstitution of India CCM:

1. As per revised TORs of India CCM the size of its membership was reduced from 40 to 26 members with representation from Government constituency (Centre and State), Civil Society Organizations, Key affected populations, People affected with disease, Private sector and Bilateral and Multilateral development partners.

The break-up of 26 seats of India CCM is as given under:

- Government: (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (5), Other Union Ministries and Governments of States and Union Territories (3): 8
- Civil society organizations (including NGO/CBO/faith-based organizations) including 2 from HIV/AIDS and 1 each from TB and Malaria sectors (2) : 4
- Key affected populations: 3
- People living with or previously living with HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria: 3
- Private sector: 2
- Academic/ educational/research institutions: 2
- Bilateral development partners: 2
- Multilateral development partners: 2

2. The I-CCM Election Committee and I-CCM Secretariat held meetings to decide on the process of elections for India-CCM in consultation with GMS Consultants as per guidelines of the Global Fund.
3. The Global Fund Guidelines clearly mention that the elections for CCM membership must be conducted by the respective constituencies. All the constituencies were conveyed to undertake an appropriate election process for electing members and alternate members adapting fair and democratic means.

GOVERNMENT SECTOR

Secretary Health/ Chair, CCM nominated the other seven members from the government constituency, including the Member Secretary.

The members and alternates members for the 8 seats of Government constituency nominated by Chair India CCM are given under:

| Representatives from MoHFW- 5 seats | | | |
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| Member | | Alternate Member | |
| Position | Name | Position | Name |
| Secretary H&FW/ Chair India CCM | Sh. B P Sharma | | |
| Additional Secretary (Health)/ Member Secretary | Sh. Arun kumar Panda | | |
| Additional Secretary & Directorate General (NACO) | Mr. Navreet Singh Kang | Joint Secretary | Sh. Anshu Prakash |
| Additional Secretary and Finance Advisor | Smt. Vijaya Srivastava | Director (IFD) | Ms Bindu Sharma |
| Special DGHS | Dr. B.D.Athani | DDG (PH) | Dr. Inder Prakash |

| Representatives from Other Central Ministries - 1 seat | | | |
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| Member | | Alternate Member | |
| Position | Name | Position | Name |
| Joint Secretary, Dep. Of Revenue, Ministry of Finance | Sh. Udai Singh Kumawat | Director , Dept. of Revenue | |

| Representatives from State Government – 2 seats | | | |
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| Member | | Alternate Member | |
| Position | Name | Position | Name |
| Director of Health Services | Dr. Kartik Nishing | Additional DHS, ESTT. | Dr. Gyati Tatu |
| Director of Health Services | Dr. A Aruna Kumari | Additional Director (DCP) | Dr. T. Geeta Prasadini |

HIV CONSTITUENCY (CIVIL SOCIETY)

A meeting was scheduled on 19th and 20th August 2015 at UNAIDS Office, in which the Civil Society HIV/AIDS Caucus, various networks and previous CCM Civil Society representatives participated. The meeting was facilitated by GMS consultants acting as an observer. Staff from CCM Secretariat and UNAIDS also acted as observers.

The participants were briefed about the role of CCM Members and GFATM, as well as a detailed explanation was given about the role of the HIV Constituency in electing their candidates and alternate members.

HIV constituency is represented through four seats in the India CCM – 2 seats for Civil Society Organizations, 1 seat for Key Affected Populations and 1 seat for PLHIV. As the Key Affected Populations in HIV sector are more than one, it was decided to assign 3 seats each to Key Affected Populations (FSW, IDU and MSM/TG) and one seat for PLHIV Constituency. It was also decided that the alternate members may represent Civil Society Organizations, depending upon the decision of individual constituency.

Injectible Drug Users

For the PWID community, there was agreement that IDUF, already well established and acknowledged National Network of People Who Use Drugs in the country, would represent the PWID KAP at the CCM. There was support from IHRN members as well as official endorsement from the Asian Network of People Who Use Drugs on the same. The President of IDUF, Mr Abou was nominated and his nomination was accepted unanimously.

The voting was conducted via e-vote on the IDUF e-group – druguserforum@googlegroups.com. This closed group is the forum for free and safe communication between PWID community members from across the country. The ToR announcement was also sent to the IHRN EB Google group so that PWID community members who were not part of the IDUF e-group could get an opportunity to participate. This process ensured that individuals voting were members of the PWID community constituency only. The agreed arrangement was that IDUF and IHRN were the only 2 organizations involved in the process. A total of 235 members were contacted through the IDUF members' e-group and about 27 individual members were sent the communication through the IHRN-EB e-group. The single nomination of the IDUF President Mr Abou Mere, for member was unanimous and uncontested.

There were 4 individuals nominated for the Alternate Member. Of this 2 were from the Harm Reduction Network, 1 from Civil Society partner organization and 1 from the PWID Community.

The Secretary IDUF sent an official communication to the CCM Chair and copying the Civil Society Caucus and IDUF EB members on 15th September announcing the results of the election as Member - Mr Abou Mere (IDUF) and Alternate - Ms Tripti Tandon (Lawyers Collective).

Men who have Sex with Men/ Transgender

For a seat for MSM/TG, election was conducted through Survey Monkey application. There were a total of 242 invitations sent for voting and a total of 114 responses were received. All 114 responses were recorded in voting. The survey closed on 15th September 2015 at 3.00pm.

Elections were done separately for one MSM seat and one TG seat. To bring in parity of votes between the MSM and TG candidates, a weighted average method of vote distribution was made in the MSM vote distribution. It was observed that after applying the weighted average distribution, Ms. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi continued to have higher number of votes compared to the MSM candidate (Mr. Yashvinder Singh) resulting in former being the member and latter as alternate member.

Female Sex Workers

The election was conducted in a manner where a mail was sent to Fifty one member organizations and then Mr. Amit Kumar, Country Coordinator called them up for follow-up. While calling the members he also asked them to suggest names of who would be best suited for the post. Later, Mr. Amit Kumar called up the representatives of states of all regions of India, to discuss on the names which have been decided upon. All the CBO representatives unanimously greeted the decision. After considering all the criteria Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi from Karnataka was elected for the post of 'Primary Representation', and Mrs. Bharati Dey from West Bengal was elected for the post of 'Alternate Member'

People Living with HIV/AIDS

Three national organizations were involved in the planning and election, namely, PWN+, INP+ and NCPI+.

PLHIV constituency decided in 19th and 20th August 2015 meeting that for this constituency, elections would be conducted by voting by seven board members from each organization and one nomination will be received from each organization. The organizations' presidents were given the responsibility to sign all ballot papers to avoid any discrepancies. Entire process was circulated widely within constituency electronically on 2nd and 3rd Sept and also responsibility was given to each organization to communicate it further.

First planning meeting was conducted on 6th September and continued on 7th September 2015 in Chennai, and election was planned on 10th September 2015, with the help for travel and logistic support of India CCM and UNAIDS.

Use of application form was considered, but due to paucity of time, it was decided that nominated members will be given five minutes for talk and later on all open discussion/question/answer session was planned. From each organization one member was nominated for main and one member for alternate, with one seat reserved for woman candidate. Total 19 members voted and elected Ms. Sadhana Jadon, Ex. Board Member, NCPI+, as main member; and Mr. Sharad Chand Jaiswal, NCPI+, General Member, as alternate member.

TUBERCULOSIS CONSTITUENCY (CIVIL SOCIETY)

The India CCM Election Committee requested the Central TB Division to facilitate the election process and send across information to the Civil Society TB Constituency about the ongoing elections for India CCM membership. A basic criteria and format for submission of elected candidates was also shared. TB networks, representatives from the community representing TB Constituency were contacted and India CCM Secretariat made calls to various organizations requesting to disseminate information to their respective constituencies.

The CTD contacted organizations working in the field of TB Control, and present and previous PRs and SRs to disseminate the information among the constituency. A meeting was held on 22nd September 2015 to select the members for next term of CCM from the nominations received from Blossom Trust, Operation ASHA, Gramin Samaj Kalyan Vikas Manch and The Foundation for Medical Research. Nomination from Rainbow TB Forum was suggested by Ms. Blessina Kumar, a representative from TB Constituency. The Foundation of Medical Research was considered for a TB CSO seat, Gramin Samaj

Kalyan Vikas Manch was considered for the KAP seat within the TB constituency and nomination from Rainbow TB Forum was considered for PLWD seat.

MALARIA CONSTITUENCY (CIVIL SOCIETY)

The India CCM Election Committee requested the Malaria Division to facilitate the election process and send across information to the Civil Society Malaria Constituency about the ongoing elections for India CCM membership. A basic criteria and format for submission of elected candidates was also shared. The Malaria Division shared a list of organizations with the I-CCM Secretariat.

The Malaria Division floated an advertisement on its website (www.nvbdc.gov.in) inviting organizations for India CCM – CSO Elections 2015, as well as requested CCM Secretariat to float the same advertisement on their website. The advertisement and the nomination form was put up on India CCM website (www.india-ccm.in)

The Election Committee also contacted current PR from Malaria Constituency, Caritas India, to facilitate the election process and disseminate information to SRs as well as SSRs inviting organizations to be a part of India CCM. The India CCM Secretariat was given contacts of three organizations by Caritas, India.

Caritas, India also contacted Catholic Relief Services and The Catholic Health Association of India, however, former is not registered in India and the latter is a SR with Tuberculosis control programme. The India CCM Secretariat also made calls to many other organizations working in the field of Malaria Control.

A meeting was held on 22nd September 2015 of the Election Committee to select the members for next term of CCM from the few nominations received from Indian Society for Malaria and Other Communicable disease (ISMOCD), Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi, Christian Hospital Bissamcuttack (CHB) and Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Jharkhand.

The nominations were scanned for their eligibility requirements and experience for India-CCM membership. The following were selected:

1. Civil Society Organization seat of Malaria constituency- Christian Hospital Bissamcuttack
2. Key Affected Population seat of Malaria constituency- Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Jharkhand
3. People Living with Disease seat of Malaria constituency- Mr. Swami Shantatmananda from Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi

| Representatives from Civil Society | | |
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| Constituency | Member | Alternate Member |
| KAP-HIV | Mr Abou Mere | Ms Tripti Tandon |
| KAP-HIV | Ms. Laxmi Narayan Tripathi | Mr. Yashvinder Singh |
| KAP-HIV | Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi | Mrs. Bharati Dey |
| PLHIV | Ms. Sadhana Jadon | Mr. Sharad Chand Jaiswal |
| CSO-TB | Dr. Nerges Mistry | Dr. Yatin Dholakia |
| KAP-TB | Md Hashmat Rabbani | Swarnlata Ranjan |
| PLWD-TB | Mr. M. Gokula Rajakumar | Ms. T. Mercy Annapoorani |
| CSO-Malaria | Mr. John Cherian Oommen | Mr. Mathew Abraham |

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| KAP-Malaria | Mr. Nikhilesh Maity | Mr. Sandeep Kumar P |
| PLWD-Malaria | Sh. Swami Shantatmananda | Sh. Swami Satyaswarupananda |

PRIVATE SECTOR

To seek private sector representation in India CCM, two seats were allocated to this constituency: One seat to Business Association and one to Private Medical Practitioner's Association

A list of relevant Private Medical Practitioner's Associations was prepared by the India CCM Secretariat through a thorough internet search. All the listed associations were invited to apply for India CCM Membership by the CCM Election Committee. A basic criteria and format for submission of elected candidates was also shared. Besides, the associations were contacted over phone to seek their nomination for CCM membership. India CCM secretariat received only one formal communication of willingness for India CCM membership from **Indian Academy of Pediatrics** till the last date of submission of interest.

The Federation on India Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Association Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) are the three main private business associations working in India. In order to acquire, a transparent, fair and inclusive representation from Private business association for one seat in I-CCM, the Election Committee recommended to offer India –CCM membership on rotation basis to one of the these associations.

As FICCI had the I-CCM membership in the recent term 2012-2015 and CII had also been a member of I-CCM in the past, therefore **ASSOCHAM** was selected for India-CCM membership for the term 2015-2018.

ACADEMIC/ RESEARCH/ EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

As per India CCM ToRs, two seats of India-CCM were designated to Academic/ Research/ Educational Institutions (Government or Government-affiliated) representing Gender and Health Systems Strengthening. As these seats belong to Government or Government-affiliated institutions, Secretary (HFW)/ Chair, decided the nomination from this constituency. A list of reputed and experienced institutions working in the field of Gender and Health Systems Strengthening in India was prepared. Based on the capacity and experience the following institutes were selected to represent the Academic/ educational/research institutions constituency of India-CCM:

| Representation from Academic/ educational/research institutions | | |
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| Institute | Member | Alternate Member |
| Advanced Centre for Women Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai | Dr. Meena Gopal | Dr. R. Ramkumar |
| Department of Health Research, Indian Council of Medical research, New Delhi | Dr. Soumya Swaminathan | |

MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

For this constituency, the members of the CCM for the term 2012-2015 were contacted to facilitate the election process for 4 seats (two for Multilateral and two for Bilateral development partners).

The Multilateral and Bilateral development partners developed their own transparent, open and documented process to elect the members and alternate members in consultation with their constituency members. The representatives of multilateral agencies namely IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, WHO, and UNAIDS held a meeting to select two members and 2 alternate members. One Member and one alternate member were selected from WHO and UNAIDS each.

| Representation from Multilateral development partners | |
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| Member | Alternate Member |
| Dr. Hendrik Jan Bekedam (WHO) | Dr. Nicole Simone Seguy (WHO) |
| Mr. Oussama Tawil (UNAIDS) | Ms. Nandini Kapoor Dhingra (UNAIDS) |

The bilateral agencies engaged partners from US, France, Germany, UK, Netherlands, Italy and Sweden to select two members and alternate members for India CCM Membership. For one of the seats, member and alternate member were selected from American Embassy and for second seat, member and alternate member were chosen from Embassy of France and Embassy of Italy respectively.

| Representation from Bilateral development partners | |
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| Member | Alternate Member |
| Dr. Pauline Harvey (Embassy of the United States) | Dr. Melissa Freeman (Embassy of the United States) |
| Mr. Francois Richier (Embassy of France) | Ms. Maria Elettra Verrone (Embassy of Italy) |