

## Virtual webinar on Designation and Redesignation Procedure for WHOCCs

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

### I. Background

WHO-CCs are key institutions with relevant expertise distributed throughout the world. They represent a valuable resource as an extended and integral arm of WHO's capacity to implement its mandated work.

The WHO-CCs represent a highly valued mechanism of cooperation in which selected institutions are recognized by WHO to assist the Organization with implementing its mandated work. This is accomplished by supporting the achievement of planned strategic objectives at the regional and global levels; enhancing the scientific validity of its global health work, and developing and strengthening institutional capacity in countries and regions.

Collaborating with WHO as WHO-CCs is a win-win relationship between WHO and designated institutions. It is a motivational factor for such institutions, and helps it gain increased visibility and recognition by national / regional authorities, and great attention from the public for the health issues on which they work. It also yields opportunities to work together (e.g., sharing objectives, exchanging information, pooling resources and developing technical cooperation), particularly at the international level; and opportunities to mobilize additional and sometimes important resources from funding partners, and on the other hand, it provides WHO with suitable platforms for collaboration with reputable institutions worldwide in support of its programme of work.

There are currently 838 WHO-CCs in the world, while EMRO hosts less than 5% of all WHO-CCs, despite representing about 10% of the world's population. The Islamic Republic of Iran, with 14 centers, has the largest number of WHO-CCs in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR). In this regard, recognizing and supporting WHO-CCs is very important, but familiarity with designation and redesignation procedures is indispensable for the continuity of WHO-CCs cooperation.

### II. Objectives:

- Familiarity with the policies and procedures of WHO-CC work, including designation and redesignation procedures
- Presenting and discussing reporting, monitoring, and evaluation processes

### III. Participants: representatives of:

- Active WHO-CCs in the country

- Discontinued WHO-CCs
- Selected potential institutions by Deputy for Research and Technology/ WHO-CCs secretariat, to be encouraged for consideration for designation as a WHO-CC
- Other interested institutions to become a WHO-CC.

**IV. Language:**

The language of the Webinar will be English and Persian.

**V. Platform:**

The webinar will be held on the Zoom platform through the below link:

<https://who.zoom.us/j/97418801869>

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**Provisional Agenda**

<b>Cairo time</b>	<b>Tehran time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
08:30- 08:45	10:00- 10:15	Opening remarks	Dr Syed Jaffar Hussain, WR
08:45-09:00	10:15-10:30	Importance of WHO-CCs in the country level	TBD
09:00- 09:15	10:30-10:45	Collaboration of non-state actors with WHO: The Framework of engagement with non-State actors (FENSA) (TBC by SID)	Dr Arash Rashidian, Director of Science, Information, and Dissemination, EMRO
09:15- 10:15	10:45-11:45	Designation procedures for becoming WHO-CCs	Dr Ahmed Mandil, Coordinator, Research and Innovation
10:15- 10:30	11:45-12:00	Q/A	All participants
10:30- 10:45	12:00- 12:15	Break	
10:45- 11:45	12:15-13:15	Reporting, monitoring, evaluating and redesignation processes for WHO-CCs	Dr Ahmed Mandil, Coordinator, Research and Innovation
11:45-12:00	13:15- 13:30	Q/A	All participants
12:00- 12:15	13:30- 13:45	Wrap up and way forward	Dr Syed Jaffar Hussain, WR