

Terms of Reference for Governance Board Members

The purpose of the document is to outline the Emerging Voices (EV) governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of the governance members.

EV Governance board structure:

- The EV governance consists of 7 elected members representing the six World Health Organization Regions South East Asia, Western Pacific, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, the Americas and Africa (two from the African Region) and two non-elected members (liaison with ITM and IPH).
- Only an EV alumnus residing in the region or and/or developing significant work currently in that region shall be elected to the board.
- EV governance team members will choose, within themselves, a chair, and a co-chair.
- There will be a maximum of two terms for all governance members with each term consisting of two years.
- One-third of the governance members will step down every two years to ensure a good mix of new and more experienced governance members.
- EV Elections will take place once every two years between two Health Systems Research (HSR) Symposia and the board will determine the seats that are up for elections.

Role of the EV board

- Oversee the activities of the EV4GH
- Determine the long-term mission, vision and strategies for EV4GH together with EV Alumni
- Prepare EV4GH operational budget
- Engage in fundraising for EV4GH
- Engage with partner institutes and other stakeholders
- Coordinate with Health Systems Global (HSG) for smooth conduct and alignment between the HSR symposium and EV4GH training program
- Plan and set up task forces for the EV4GH training program
- Promote and disseminate the EV call in their respective region
- Participate in the review process and selection of a new cohort of Emerging Voices

- Participate in the design and implementation of the EV4GH training program including the preconference
- Oversee the process of new board member election and orientation

The EV board member is expected to:

- Commit at least 2-5 hours per week for EV related work
- Attend monthly governance meetings
- Attend the annual face-to-face governance meeting
- Lead at least one taskforce related to EV4GH activities