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Dear Dr Belkania,

Consultation with Member States in Europe on the "Use of Immunization data for decision-making" Bosnia and Herzegovina, 15-16 May 2018

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, in agreement with the governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, plans to hold the above-mentioned meeting.

The main objective of the workshop will be to discuss the value and mechanism of combining various programme data elements towards critical decision-making in immunization. The workshop envisions determining practical ways of improving the immunization data quality in the Region with a view to monitor the impact of the immunization programme. The meeting will take place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 15-16 May 2018. It is expected that the workshop will be attended by 21 Member States (for each of the two workshops planned; 15-16 and 17-18 May 2018) of the WHO European region as well as WHO Headquarters, international partners and staff from the Regional Office.

The scope and purpose of the meeting and the provisional agenda are enclosed. The working language will be English.

The Regional Office will cover the participation cost of maximum two (2) participants from each Member State. In this respect, I have the pleasure to invite your *National Immunization Programme Manager* and *Immunization Data Manager*. Travel for participants will be arranged and paid for by this office and they will receive a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the meeting in accordance with our travel regulations.

We would highly appreciate your country's participation in the meeting and look forward to receiving your nomination, providing the names, functional titles and contact details (address, email address and telephone) of the proposed participants. We kindly ask you to send this information to our office no later than **30 March 2018** if possible, in order to secure the travel and hotel booking. We shall then communicate with them directly to provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information.

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We would be grateful if you would instruct your staff to send the required information to the WHO Regional Office for Europe, for the attention of Ms Valentina Mingazzini, Vaccine-preventable Diseases and Immunization Programme (email: mingazzini@who.int).

Dr Siddhartha Datta, Vaccine-preventable Diseases and Immunization Programme (tel: +45 4533 7119, email: dattas@who.int) is responsible for the technical implementation of this event

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any enquiries.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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Scope and purpose
Provisional agenda

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**Consultation with Member States of the WHO European Region
on the use of immunization data for decision-making
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
15-16 May 2018**

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Original: English

Scope and purpose

Building upon the WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form (JRF) data meeting held in February 2017, the WHO Regional office for Europe will hold a consultative workshop with the Member States in Europe on use of available immunization data for decision-making at the national and subnational levels. Recognizing the value and need of such data-driven decision-making in immunization, the workshop will highlight the practical challenges and opportunities of the Member States in improving the quality of data to monitor the impact of the immunization programme in the WHO European Region.

In order to discuss the practical issues around decision-making and quality of available immunization data, the national immunization programme managers and immunization data managers in each of the Member States will be invited to discuss, share and set specific strategic actions in the countries towards better use of data to measure the impact of the immunization programme.

The workshop will consist of two days where WHO staff of the Regional Office for Europe and Headquarters and international partners will take part in the deliberations.

Short presentations and statements will set the scene for the planned group discussions. The group discussions will involve discussing issues and opportunities in the countries related to the specific theme areas and agree on specific strategic actions.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- acknowledge how good quality immunization data are an integral part of a well-functioning immunization programme and the benefit of having a strong data driven immunization decision-making
- discuss shared good practices and opportunities on combining immunization data from various sources towards a decision-making process in the country and agree on a pragmatic way forward to address the shared challenges. The discussion will consider, but not be limited to, challenges in combining data at the national and subnational levels and quality of available data, determine practical ways of improving the immunization data quality, and expected challenges in implementation of eJRF in the countries.
- understand the required technical assistance by the countries to improve quality of immunization programme data.



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AGENDA

1. Opening session
2. Overview of data driven decision-making for immunization programme and issues around quality of data influencing the decision-making
3. Group work on understanding the significance of combining immunization data from various sources, challenges in combining data at the national and subnational levels and quality of available data, determine practical ways of improving the immunization data quality, and, expected challenges in implementation of eJRF in the countries
4. Discussion on the outcome of each working group consultations
5. Discussion on technical support to Member States in improving quality of immunization programme data in the Region
6. Recommendations and Wrap-up