



WHO-FIC Annual Meeting
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**Highlights reported by representatives from the
WHO-FIC Collaborating Centre for the Africa region**

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Delegates from AFRO region who attended the WHO-FIC Annual meeting in Banff, Canada. Back: Dr Warrick Sive (SA), Dr Hilary Kiprutho (AFRO-WHO), Dr Anthony Ofuso (Ghana), Mr Samuel Cheburet (Kenya), Prof Soraya Maart (SA), Dr Oluwatoyin Awotiwan (SA), Ms Emmy Else Ndevaetela (Namibia), Mr Nenad Kostanjsek (WHO). Front: Prof Debbie Bradshaw (SA), Dr Robert Jakob (WHO).

REFERENCE CLASSIFICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES (ICD)

- ICD-11 was adopted by the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2019 and plans are underway for implementation with the finalisation of the 2020 version.
- Reference guides are being checked and finalised.
- The Education and Implementation sub-committee has created a website carrying various tools for training and will be launched soon.
- The licensing agreement is being formulated for open access and WHO will request the Ministry/Department of Health to disseminate in each country.



- Updating of ICD continues. A total of 116 proposals were considered for voting (from more than 1000 submissions). A further phone meeting will be needed to complete these.
- Content coverage analysis of ICD-11 index and ICD-FIT for primary care settings.
- ICD-11 coding tool currently under testing by WHO. Post coordination available and can point to related conditions.
- The WHO Academy is being set up as an adult learning platform with verifiable credentials. WHO-FIC training is being considered for this platform. Countries will be invited to give input on an expression of interest.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (ICHI)

- ICHI version 2 is currently being field-tested and the content coverage needs to be assessed against lists used in different countries. The public health interventions were difficult to code.
- Version 3 is to be completed in 2020.
- South Africa might be an early adopter and can seek assistance from WHO.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF FUNCTIONING (ICF)

- Work is focused on platforms and updates.
- Phone meeting for remaining CSAC-ICF updates before end of year.
- The linearization of the ICF is continuing.
- Development of KIDDAS is in progress.

COMMITTEES AND REFERENCE GROUPS

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC)

- Report was provided on ICHI. SA contribution to ICHI beta 2 testing was noted. Plans are to complete the testing and have a revised version available late 2020.
- Progress has been made on the development of a comprehensive framework of the classifications to develop a comprehensive framework for digital environment.
- Discussions are underway with WONCA on the Primary Health Care linearisation of ICD for better alignment.
- LOINC (which stands for Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes) is being considered as a related set of codes for laboratory data.
- Initial work on a mapping of the UHC/SDG indicators for coded data was presented by Dr Warrick Sive. This was well received, and a next version will be developed.

VERBAL AUTOPSY REFERENCE GROUP (VARG)

- New group that is working towards improving the WHO VA instruments.
- Planned revision of 2016 WHO VA instrument.
- Ongoing work on guidelines to give more clarity.
- Group workshop of countries suggested.
- Prof Debbie Bradshaw made a presentation on the South African experience with the use of the 2016 WHO VA instrument. This was very well received and there were interests expressed for collaboration.



TRADITIONAL MEDICINE REFERENCE GROUP (TMRG)

- ICD-11 with inclusion of the TM Chapter has been adopted by the WHA.
- The TM Chapter is a supplementary one and not mandatory for international reporting of morbidity and mortality data. It is designed for optional use.
- Aims to facilitate the counting of encounters in order to aggregate the information, and also the effectiveness and non-effectiveness of the services.
- Not about intervention but diagnosis.

WHO AFRO

- There is no strategic plan for implementation of WHO-FIC in the region. However, efforts to strengthen CRVS are prompting the implementation of ICD.
- Advocacy and training are needed.

PLANNED WHO-FIC MEETINGS FOR 2020

The following WHO-FIC midyear meetings are planned for 2020

Committee / Reference Group	Dates	Place
TMRG	April/May (to be announced)	Los Angeles/Stanford
FDRG	18-22 March	St Petersburg, Russia
MbRG	30 March - 4 April (2 days)	Canberra, Australia
EIC	30 March - 4 April (2 days)	Canberra, Australia
MRG	20-22 April	Paris, France
FDC	27-28 April	Geneva, Switzerland (before MIE conference)
CSAC	(to be announced)	phone conference
ITC	(to be announced)	phone conference

The planned annual WHO-FIC meeting is scheduled in Thailand from 17-23 October 2020