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Dear Ms Söber,

**1st Regional Traditional Complementary and Integrative Medicine Stakeholders Meeting,
Copenhagen, Denmark, 9 – 10 September 2025**

I have the honor to inform you that the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe is organizing the 1st Regional Traditional Complementary and Integrative Medicine Stakeholders Meeting. This important event will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, from September 9th to 10th, 2025.

I also have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate one participant from your country to contribute their valuable perspective to this important initiative. WHO recognizes that the sustainability and impact of the identified research priorities depend on incorporating diverse viewpoints. Therefore, from the project's inception, we will actively engage a wide range of stakeholders, including TCIM and Indigenous health practitioners and researchers, policymakers and government officials, funding agencies and donors, healthcare providers and patients, academic and research institutions, and civil society organizations. We especially welcome nominations from delegates representing these groups, as their contributions will be crucial to the project's success.

WHO is undertaking a crucial initiative to set the global agenda and priorities for traditional complementary and integrative medicine (TCIM) research. This work is being coordinated by the TCIM research and evidence unit, WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre, and the Emerging Technologies, Research Prioritization, and Support Unit, Research for Health Department, in close collaboration with the Traditional, Complementary, and Integrative Medicine Unit, Integrated Health Services Department and all WHO regional offices.

This TCIM Research Priority Setting Exercise aims to advance the integration of TCIM into health systems worldwide. Recognizing the significant role TCIM plays in providing healthcare to millions and its potential to contribute to more holistic, connected, and personalized healthcare, this initiative seeks to address the current fragmented approach to TCIM research and the lack of cohesive global guidelines for developing actionable evidence. Please note that the working language will be English.

We look forward to receiving your nomination, the name, functional title, and contact details (address, e-mail address, and telephone numbers) of the proposed participants by **1 August 2025**. The required information should be directed to Dorina Pirgari (pirgarid@who.int), Access to Medicines and Health Products (AMP), WHO Regional Office for Europe. We will then communicate with the participants directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time. WHO will cover the cost of travel and per diem in accordance with the WHO travel policy.

Yours sincerely,



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