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Dear Ms Sõber,

WHO Training on ICD-11 for Interoperable Mortality and Morbidity Reporting 9 – 13 November 2026, Copenhagen, Denmark

The Eleventh Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) is a digital-first, multilingual, and interoperable international standard essential for improving the national health information systems including data quality, comparability, and reuse of mortality and morbidity data.

To support coordinated implementation of ICD-11 and other WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC), the WHO Regional Office for Europe established the **WHO-FIC European Network** in 2021. The Network brings together national focal points and experts to support experience exchange, capacity building, and harmonized use of international classifications across the Region.

In this context, the WHO Regional Office for Europe, with support from the European Union, is organizing an **in-person training** entitled “*ICD-11 for Interoperable Mortality and Morbidity Reporting*”, to be held in **Copenhagen, Denmark**, from **9 to 13 November 2026**. The training will strengthen national capacity for ICD-11 implementation within interoperable digital health information systems and support alignment with the regulatory aspects. It will combine ICD-11 technical content with sessions on semantic interoperability, digital integration of WHO-FIC classifications, governance, and secondary use of health data. Additional information about the training is provided in the attached scope and purpose document and provisional program.

In this context, we kindly invite you to nominate **two national focal points for ICD-11** to join the **WHO-FIC European Network** and attend the above-mentioned **training**. The nominated participants should have responsibility or decision-making authority related to ICD-11, mortality and morbidity reporting, semantic interoperability, or health data governance.

Given the technical nature of the workshop and in view of strategic discussion regarding ICD-11 implementation planning we would kindly suggest that your nominations include your ICD country

focal point, or that you identify within the MoH participants at a senior level with ICD competency, responsibility and authority. **WHO will cover the travel and accommodation costs for two nominated participants**, in accordance with WHO rules.

We are also working closely with Health Information Network members to raise awareness of ICD-11 and have recently asked them to support completion of the WHO-FIC Implementation and Information Tracker (iMINT) survey, with a focus on ICD-11. Where possible, we strongly recommend that one of the nominated participants be the person coordinating the iMINT survey in the country.

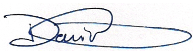
Please submit the nominations (including names, functional titles, institutions, addresses and email addresses) by **11 September 2026** to the focal point of this activity, Dr Karapet Davtyan, Technical Officer, Data, AI and Digital Health Unit, WHO Regional Office for Europe, at euhiudata@who.int.

After we have received this information, the WHO Secretariat will follow up with the participants directly for travel arrangements and to provide more information about the training.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Karapet Davtyan at euhiudata@who.int.

We thank you for your continued collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Yours sincerely,



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