



# WHO-FIC COLLABORATING CENTRE @ SAMRC

## Feedback to WHO African Region

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The South African Medical Research Council

recognizes the catastrophic and persisting consequences of colonialism and apartheid, including land dispossession and the intentional imposition of educational and health inequities.

Acknowledging the SAMRC's historical role and silence during apartheid, we commit our capacities and resources to the continued promotion of justice and dignity in health research in South Africa.



## OVERVIEW

- *WHO-FIC CC update*
- *WHO-FIC core classifications – updates & current status*
- *2023 Annual meetings (October 2023; Germany & virtual)*
- *2024 Annual meeting and mid-year meetings*

## SA WHO-FIC CC update

- **Based at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), in the Burden of Disease Research Unit**
- Formal status is currently ‘under designation’.
- Ongoing participation in WHO-FIC network activities
  - Dependent on availability of team members
  - Increasing requirements & requests & opportunities.
- **Ongoing liaison with WHO AFRO**
  - **Support WHO AFRO in extending WHO-FIC activities in the Region.**



# WHO-FIC core classifications - updates

## ICD-11

- **ICD-11 2024 ('blue version')** has been formally released by WHO
  - **ICD-11 'the language of health'**
  - [ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/icd-11-for-mortality-and-morbidity-statistics) – January 2024
- Formal reporting on progress with ICD-11 and other WHO-FIC classifications to WHA 2023 (May 2023).
- *Supporting work on IRIS-11 and DORIS for automatic coding and selection of underlying cause of death*
- *Training content development ongoing*
- *ICD-11 implementation forum has been launched through MbRG and EIC.*

## ICF

- **ICF 2024 ('red version') has been released!**
  - [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/classifications/icf/2024) – January 2024

## ICHI

- **Content:** some updates still outstanding; close to finalisation
- ICHI reference guide available | downloadable
  - <https://icd.who.int/dev11/l-ichi/en>
- **Formal country approval process being planned by WHO.**



## WHO-FIC common foundation

- *ICHI and ICF have been successfully migrated to the same platform as ICD-11 - the iCAT browser*
  - **Newly-released production version of ICF**
- *Proposals for ICF and ICHI updates can be posted on the maintenance platform ('orange' browser)*
- *Additional tools and resources released*
- ***Extensive work led by WHO on extending functionality and scope of the common foundation is ongoing.***



# WHO-FIC 2023 Annual Meeting

## WHO-FIC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

- 2023 WHO-FIC Annual Meeting from 16 - 20 October 2023 hosted by German WHO-FIC CC in Bonn.
- Meeting theme: **Empowering healthcare with WHO-FIC standards.**
- Virtual and in-person participation.
  - WHO-FIC CC delegation; WHO AFRO delegation; Region delegates
  - Meeting orientation for WHO African region participants:  
06 October 2023; two sessions: English and French
- *WHO draft meeting report published for comment by the WHO-FIC Network*
- *Updated work programme has been published for comment by the Network.*
- *WHO-FIC CC report in preparation – will be shared via CC website.*

## WHO-FIC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING (cont)

- **Two important proposals about the activities and processes of the WHO-FIC network were accepted by the WHO-FIC Council:**
  - Review the ‘Conduct of the Network’ paper – **to be initiated.**
    - ‘Conduct of the Network’ paper guides processes and activities – similar to the constitution of an organisation.
    - One aspect to be reviewed is participation in work items of the Network.
  - Review CSAC (ICD) proposals processes
    - Process has been initiated | Working group established
    - Most proposal processing is straightforward
    - There are instances where extensive work is required
    - Nearly 40 issues for discussion have been identified.

Issue Category	Issue Subcategory	Issue Topic	What is the Issue?	Example of issue and/or Questions	Solutions/Options to resolve issue	01comment	02comment - Priority ranking of the "Issue"	03comment (not a priority ranking)	Lyn Hanmer	... more comments
Process	Proposal review	Requests to submit new proposal that relates to existing proposal	Missing guidance as to who is responsible for submitting a new proposal when additional "impacts" to the classification are found during Round 1 and 2 of CSAC review of a particular proposal. Inconsistency insomuch that sometimes WHO team will create a proposal based on a comment and other times, voting member asked to submit a new proposal.	Examples from 2022 (similar examples in 2023)- #211K, #2F7A, #231C, #231H, #2G0W	1) Establish clear guidelines and process regarding who is responsible for submitting a new proposal and linking it to the original proposal 2) Establish direction/guidance regarding who is responsible for submitting a new proposal when additional "impacts" to the classification are found during Round 1 and 2 of CSAC review of a particular proposal .	Medium priority, low resource intensive. Agree it would be useful to address this as part of the process. At the moment, it's split between WHO, the original author or the voting member who raises the issue requiring a new proposal.	High	Agree		
Process	Proposal review	Not updating proposal templates	Lack of process for updating proposal template when the author is not a WHO-FIC member. What exactly is CSAC voting on/agreed to is ambiguous sometimes. (In URC, if something needed to be updated based on comments from voting, particularly in the last Round, ... secretariat of URC, was responsible for updating the proposal content ...	Examples: 2M6M, 2E09, 2G0W track change, 2H4P, 2J9B, 2M3Z, 2M4W, 2N3J, 2G06	1) Relates to "CSAC small group role/responsibility" topic. ( Clarify the role of CSAC small group; Don't provide a recommendation on how to vote. If making a modification then proposal template should be updated as opposed to describing the modification in a Comment.) 2) Education to CSAC voters on how to create a track change document/updating a proposal.	High. But resource intensive. With the current volume of proposals for consideration this is not feasible. Suggest this would be a WHO-paid process.	High	Agree		



# WHO-FIC network meetings in 2024

## WHO-FIC 2024 mid-year meetings & Annual meeting

- Mid-year meetings: May 2024
  - In person meetings – 4 committees/reference groups: hosted by Mexican CC; in Mexico City
  - Virtual meetings – as determined by committees/reference groups.
- 2024 WHO-FIC Annual Meeting 14 - 18 October 2024
  - To be hosted in the African Region - Rwanda.

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