

Meeting called by: Jani Mueller, Chair

Note taker: Akofa Bart- Plange, Technical Officer

LISTS OF DCIG MEMBER REGISTRANTS			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
1. Adeyemi	Sylvester	24. Maia	Maria
2. Agordoh	Percival	25. Muhammad	Lutalo
3. Ahmed	Sulafa	26. Nabukenya	Sylvia
4. Akinyemi	Abimbola	27. Nguyen	Phuong Khanh
5. Alfie	Margarita	28. Niessen	Louis
6. Bart- Plange	Akofa	29. Nsiah-Asare	Anthony
7. Bridger	Perry	30. Ollendorf	Dan
8. Buabeng	Kwame Ohene	31. Omane-Adjekum	William
9. Burrell	Anita	32. Owusu	Richmond
10. Castro	Hector	33. Pozzo	Lorena
11. Chen	Yingyao	34. Rampamba	Enos
12. Dieyi	Newman	35. Rivera Ramirez	Paola Andrea
13. Floriano	Fabiana	36. Ruller	Sydney
14. Fronsdal	Katrine	37. Santos	Marisa
15. Holtorf	Anke	38. Sastroasmoro	Sudigdo
16. Huang	Grace	39. Scamperle	Keely
17. Hylton	Chris	40. Sergiu	Otgon
18. Javadekar	Dr Narendra	41. Simeon	Rosiane
19. Kamaruzaman	Hanin	42. Wong-Rieger	Durhane
20. Kamga	Emmanuel	43. Yegros	César
21. Laranjeira	Fernanda	44. Zhang	Chen
22. Laredo	Fernando	45. Zisovska	Elizabeta
23. Levorsen	Andree	46. Zuniga	Yves Miel

# Minutes of Meeting

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## **Welcome Address from HTAi Secretariat**

**Presenter: Ali Powers**

Points:

- Background to Developing Countries Interest Group (DCIG)
- Purpose of DCIG: To provide a platform to members from developing countries to share experiences, discuss needs, challenges and solutions, raise awareness, share opportunities for education and training and work together.

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## **Agenda item: Introduction of DCIG**

**Presenter: Jani Mueller**

Points:

- DCIG's uniqueness is in its non-thematic objectives. The IG's activities involves work by researchers (in the pharmaceutical, medical device industries, etc.), patients and citizens, HTA bodies, healthcare providers and professionals, and industry.
- The aim is to
  - promote understanding of the concept of HTA and linkage between different organizations
  - provide a platform within HTAi for discussion of HTA needs, challenges and solutions pertaining to developing countries
  - facilitate the initiation of HTA in developing countries
  - strengthen and refine HTA activities already in existence
  - promote linkage between members in developing countries and developed HTA systems
- DCIG members meet face-to-face at least once a year during the Annual Business Meetings which are held as part of the HTAi Annual Meetings, unfortunately, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, this could not happen this year.
- Steering Committee (SC) meets approximately every 6-8 weeks to discuss the IG's activities
- SC Members are
  - Jani Mueller (South Africa), Chair
  - Rabia Kahveci (Ukraine), Outgoing Chair
  - Akofa Bart- Plange (Ghana), Technical Officer
  - Andres Pichon Riviere (Argentina)
  - Joseph L. Mathew (India), Former Chair
  - Paulo Picon (Brazil), Former Chair
  - Temirkhan Kulkhan (Kazakhstan)
  - Yinyao Chen (China)
  - Alima Almadiyeva (Kazakhstan)

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**Agenda item: Approval of Minutes from ABM Cologne 2019**    **Presenter: Jani Mueller**

Discussion:

- All attendees (100%) approved of the 2019 minutes as an accurate record of the events of that day.
- Minutes will be posted on DCIG website for members to refer to.

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**Agenda item: Action Points Arising from ABM Cologne 2019**

Discussion:

- Newsletter
  - Aim is to share different projects, experiences, news going around concerning developing countries, stories, publications, journals, etc.
  - Maiden edition released in May 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition was released in July 2020
  - Releases will be done bi-monthly
- Mapping of HTA Development
  - Activity is in progress now till next ABM
  - Results to be reported on during ABM 2021 in Manchester
- Project about DCIG Joint Assignment with Patient & Citizen Involvement IG
  - Aim: To explore current routes of patient involvement in LMICs
  - Key Achievements/ Deliverables: Manuscript resubmitted on 30 August 2020 to International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care (IJTAHC) covering Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria and South Africa
  - Next Steps:
    - Expansion of analysis of current state of Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in other LMICs
    - Analysis of existing tools, issues and gaps
    - Collection and formulation of best practices for PPI in LMICs
  - Next Phase to include more countries from LMICs
  - Interested DCIG Members are invited to join by sending an email to [dcig.htai@gmail.com](mailto:dcig.htai@gmail.com)
- Regional Activities and Webinars
  - Members are invited to send in topics of interest to them for which webinars could be organized to [dcig.htai@gmail.com](mailto:dcig.htai@gmail.com)
  - Regional Meeting in Ukraine from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 had to be conducted virtually due to the global pandemic. Members are highly encouraged to register and participate actively.
- Next HTAi Annual Meeting will be held in Manchester, United Kingdom in 2021
- Social Media Presence

- DCIG intends to boost its social medial presence to foster better member engagement and invite new members to join the society and the Interest Group.

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**Agenda item: Newsletter**

**Presenter: Akofa Bart- Plange**

Discussion:

- DCIG Newsletter was launched in May 2020
- It is a bi-monthly publication.
- Sections:
  - Message from the Chair
  - SC Member introduction
  - HTAi Society news, adverts, information
  - Network Section
    - News
    - Stories
    - Activities
    - Publications and journals
- Members in the Early Career Network are especially invited to share their activities, posters from conferences, stories, and so on.
- In the future editions, focus will be drawn towards Regional Activities which will form the content for "Regional Newsletter Editions"
- All contributions, suggestions, content, request to join editorial team should be sent to [dcig.htai@gmail.com](mailto:dcig.htai@gmail.com)

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**Agenda item: Questions**

1. *Narendra Javadekar shared his thoughts on HTA adoption in India*
  - About 80% of Indians pay for healthcare out of pockets
  - There exists a wide range of household Income
  - There must be a way the public are involved in the HTA process so that decisions on healthcare interventions will include their concerns
2. *Hector Castro introduced a project*
  - Has been involved in developing a roadmap for the implementation of HTA in LMICs with funding from USAID targeting countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America
  - Can there be an opportunity to discuss the usage of this framework document from experts from different LMIC settings mentioned on topics such as pricing, reimbursement, disinvestment, adoption.
  - Training methods, measuring and evaluating impact of HTA, challenges, opportunities, etc. could also be elaborated upon.

- More collaborations between HTA agencies in LMICs should be encouraged
3. *Grace Huang asked about how to join the joint project between DCIG and PCIG*
- An email can be shared directly with Jani Mueller. She will facilitate the process
4. *Dan Ollendorf confirmed "**the importance of context in adopting HTA from HICs to LMICs**" as a potential workshop topic for discussion next year in Manchester*
- Local context is very critical in adopting HTA. Countries should work on creating their own bespoke HTA systems.
  - The topic of adapting HTA for LMICs from tools from HICs should be discussed in Manchester 2021.
  - Dan to share a link for the HIP tool with Jani

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### **DCIG ABM Audio Recording**

- The audio recording of the meeting can be accessed at [DCIG ABM Audio](#).

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### **Next Meeting Date**

- The next meeting date will be during the HTAi Annual Meeting in Manchester in 2021