

CEPI

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Support for CEPI

"Over the last weeks representatives from the founding members of CEPI have advocated for CEPI at high level international meetings like the G7 Health Ministers' Meeting in Kobe, Japan and at the United Nations' General Assembly in New York, USA. I have been very impressed by the way our stakeholders already speak about CEPI as a functioning organization, and not just as a good idea. This happens only a few weeks after CEPI was formally established. I believe this is a proof of a deep common understanding of the need for being better prepared for outbreaks and epidemics in the future. This is encouraging for CEPI and our continued efforts in gathering support for our important work."

John-Arne Røttingen, interim CEO of CEPI



MoU between CEPI and WHO

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CEPI and the World Health Organization was signed in Geneva, 15 September. The agreement aligns with the WHO R&D Blueprint Plan of Action and defines key areas of collaboration between CEPI and WHO. Signing the document are Marie-Paule Kieny, Assistant Director General of WHO and John-Arne Røttingen, Interim CEO of CEPI.

CEPI interim Board

The first meeting of the interim board of CEPI was held in London, 31 August. The board documents and the summary of the board's deliberations are now available on the CEPI website: <http://cepi.net/governance#Interim-Board-Meetings>



2-pager on CEPI

A short document on CEPI, presenting the background for the organization as well as its vision and approach has been developed. It also includes the list of CEPI interim Board members. The 2-pager is available on the CEPI website and is a useful handout when communicating about CEPI: <http://cepi.net/mission>

CEPI permanent secretariat

An invitation to apply to host the permanent CEPI secretariat will be published on the CEPI website shortly. An interim organisational structure has been established to be working in the start-up phase of CEPI until the end of 2017. The interim secretariat is hosted by the Norwegian government in Oslo with technical and human resource support from the other founding CEPI partners; the Wellcome Trust, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Economic Forum and the Government of India. The process of appointing a permanent CEPI CEO will start as soon as the host of the permanent secretariat is decided.

Upcoming activities

- 30. September: Teleconference of the Scientific Advisory Group
- 10 October: Panel discussion at World Health Summit, Berlin
- 20-21 October: First Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting, New York
- 18 November : First meeting of Joint Coordination Group
- 16 December: Second Interim Board Meeting in India
- 17-20 January 2017: Launch Partnership at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland