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Provisional Agenda

WHO/International Respiratory Coalition (IRC) Multi-country workshop

"Stronger leadership, partnership and national capacity for healthier lungs: chronic respiratory diseases in the focus"

24-25 November 2026

Budapest, Hungary - Barcelo Budapest, Király utca 16. | 1061 Budapest | Hungary

Pre-workshop | 23.11.2026, 19-20:30

Time	Session
19:00–20:30	**Welcome buffet dinner at hotel** *Informal networking and introductions.*

Day 1 | 24.11.2026

Understanding the CRD Landscape and Introducing the Self-Assessment Tool

Time	Session
08:00–09:00	**Check-in and Setup** *Participants sign-in, take name badges, and final technical checks.*
09:00–09:30	**1. Welcome, Introductions & Workshop Objectives** Opening remarks Framing of workshop purpose, expected outcomes, and subregional ambitions **Objective:** Establish a shared purpose for the workshop, clarify the roles of WHO, IRC, ministries and national coalitions, and explain how the two-day process will move from assessment to priority setting and country-level action planning. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants understand the workshop objectives, expected outputs, working methods and the contribution expected from each country team.
09:30–10:00	**2. Keynote – State of CRD (Global, CRD in WHO European Region)** **Chronic Respiratory Diseases in the WHO European Region** Burden, trends, inequalities, risk factors and health system challenges Overview of WHO and international initiatives on asthma, COPD and chronic respiratory diseases; links with UHC, PHC and NCD agendas (WHO) Keynote – 20 min Q&A – 10 min **Objective:** Provide a common evidence and policy baseline, showing why stronger national leadership, integrated health-system responses and coordinated CRD action are needed now. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants to understand how their national health-system challenges connect to CRD priorities relatint to global and regional commitments.
10:00-10:30	**3. Session – Using the workbook - Learning from the Assessment process (Tool 1)** **Objective:** Provide participants with a summary of the the self-assessment process and working group feedback, and demonstrate how the assessment can support structured country dialogue, identification of gaps and prioritisation of action. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants understand how the rapid CRD situation assessment is to be used and are prepared to discuss in smaller groups.
10:30–10:50	**Refreshment Break, Group photo**

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10:50-11:50	**4. Break-outs – Country Assessments** *Country teams discuss their assessment findings with support from designated WHO/IRC experts. Group countries together who have completed their assessments ahead of the event.* **Objective:** Enable each country team to review its CRD situation and identify evidence gaps and build a shared understanding across government, clinical, patient and coalition perspectives. **Expected output / takeaway:** Each country team comes away with an initial assessment summary covering strengths, gaps, unanswered questions and areas requiring further stakeholder input.
11:50-12:20	**5. Break-out discussion in main room – what have we learned** **Objective:** Surface common strengths, gaps and system barriers across participating countries while recognising important differences in national context. **Expected output / takeaway:** A list of cross-country themes and country-specific issues that will inform the afternoon priority-setting work.
12:20-13:00	**6. Panel Discussion – Perspectives from Ministries of Health** *30 min panel discussion* *15 min Q&A* **Objective:** Understand how ministries currently position respiratory health within national priorities, what enables or constrains policy action, and what evidence, partnerships and support are needed to advance CRD strategies. **Expected output / takeaway:** A clearer picture of ministry decision-making needs and practical opportunities for coalitions, WHO and IRC to support policy development and implementation.
13:00–14:00	**Lunch Break**
14:00-14:20	**7. Session: Using the workbook – setting priorities (tool 2)** *Country-level working block: rapid CRD situation scoring, priority identification, filling data gaps, and aligning country team views.* **Objective:** Deliver an overview of the priority identification tools. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants understand how to use the CRD health score card priority tool and how they are to use this to set prioirites in their country.
14:20-15:20	**8. Breakouts – setting priorities (mix up in a different way)** *Country teams discuss their assessment findings with support from designated WHO/IRC experts. Group countries by geographic region ? (Different groupings from first breakout)* **Objective:** Translate the assessment findings into a limited set of high-impact, feasible priorities. **Expected output / takeaway:** Each group proposes 3-5 priority areas, with a short rationale, intended beneficiaries and the principal actors needed to advance them.
15:10-15:30	**Refreshment Break**
15:30-15:50	**9. Breakout discussion in main room** **Objective:** Hear from group breakouts, Compare group proposals, identify areas of convergence and clarify where priorities differ by national context. **Expected output / takeaway:** A consolidated priority framework that country teams can use as the starting point for their roadmap work.
15:50-16:50	**10. Session Coalition voices – challenges/gaps & successes** *Short contributions from all participating coalitions, followed by moderated reflection.* **Objective:** Bring coalition experience into the assessment by identifying practical advocacy, partnership and implementation lessons from national settings. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants gain concrete examples of coalition approaches, understand recurring capacity and engagement needs, and identify practices that may be transferable across countries.

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16:50–17:00	**11. Summary & Closing of Day 1** *Moderator:* Key insights from day 1 and orientation for Day 2.
19:00-21:00	**Dinner offsite - Twentysix Budapest**

Day 2 | 25.11.2026 |

Time	Session
09:00–09:10	**12. Welcome Day 2** *Moderator:* Short recap of Day 1; overview of the Day 2 programme
09:10-09:50	**13. Session panel discussion - Ask the politician – how should we frame health policy asks? Includes Q&A** Moderated discussion with a policymaker/political representative, including audience Q&A. **Objective:** Help participants frame persuasive, realistic and decision-relevant CRD policy asks that connect with government priorities, budgets and delivery responsibilities. **Expected output / takeaway:** Participants can distinguish a broad advocacy ambition from a specific policy ask and can strengthen the language, evidence and audience focus of their own proposals.
09:50-10:10	**14. Using the workbook – developing your national CRD roadmap (Tool 3)** *Introduction to the concept of national CRD health roadmaps, difference between national policy and roadmap, and links to NCD, PHC and UHC.* **Objective:** Clarify how a roadmap differs from a policy or strategy and identify the essential components, governance arrangements and stakeholder processes needed to move from priorities to implementation. **Expected output / takeaway:** Country teams understand the structure and how to use Tool 3 from the workbook and the core elements of a credible roadmap: objectives, actions, ownership, milestones, indicators, resources, stakeholder engagement and review.
10:10–10:30	**Refreshment Break**
10:30-11:30	**15. Brainstorming – creating your road map (in small groups)** *Country Teams (self-led) with expert facilitation* *Country teams start completing the roadmap template:* • *Review of priorities from Day 1 election of focus areas* **Objective:** Convert each country's assessment and agreed priorities into a practical sequence of actions with clear ownership, milestones, partnership needs and measures of progress. **Expected output / takeaway:** Each country team produces a draft 6-18 month action roadmap containing 2-4 priority objectives, immediate next steps, responsible actors, indicative milestones, support needs and an approach to patient and stakeholder involvement. How is it integrated into their national respiratory strategy?
11:30-12:30	**16. Live commitment wall** Each country has 2-3 minutes to share their commitments and put them up on a board.
12:30-13:00	**17. Summary & closing** *Moderator: general input; reflections*
13:00–14:00	**Lunch and departures**