



A word from the Chair

Dear GHSA-colleague,

It is my pleasure as current Chair for the GHSA to present to you this first GHSA-update of 2019. Throughout the year, we intend to keep the wider GHSA-Community informed of Steering Group meetings, important GHSA events, and upcoming meetings that are important for Global Health Security.

To ensure we do this right, we need your help! Together with the new GHSA-secretariat, we are currently updating the contact information we have for all of the GHSA-members, including the contacts of the various Action Packages and Task forces. If you have not already done so, please send your most up-to-date contact information to the GHSA secretariat (GHSA-NL@minvws.nl)

In the first three months, the GHSA has been busy putting the new GHSA 2024 framework into practice. A Steering Group meeting has been held; and an important deadline has been set for the Work plans for 2019: **April 10**. The GHSA Chair also participated in an excellently organized meeting for the Action Package of Workforce Development in Thailand.

With your help, we look forward to taking the next steps towards a more secure world with regards to health security in the coming months!

Warm regards,

Herbert Barnard,
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands
Chair of the GHSA Steering Group 2019

Activities: Recent Events and Meetings

- **16-18 January 2019 - Bangkok, Thailand**
The 3rd Regional Workshop of GHSA Detect 1 - "GHSA 2024: Advancing Collaborative Efforts Across Relevant GHSA Action Packages"
- **20 February 2019 - The Hague, Netherlands**
GHSA Steering Group Meeting
- **13-15 March 2019 - Bangkok, Thailand** (<http://www.interfetpthailand.net/ghsa.php>)
Workshop on regional strategic framework for workforce development (Workforce Development Action Package: Detect 5)

Important Decisions from the last Steering Group Meeting

- Adjustment to the draft GHSA 2024 Roadmap based on the consultation results. The consolidated version of the Roadmap is sent for one more final round of consultation.
- Request the Task Force and Action Package Working Group leads to complete the work plans by 10 April 2019 and to be presented during the next Steering Group meeting.
- Accept the membership request from Malawi.
- Post the GHSA organogram on the website to show the hierarchy of GHSA to the wide communities and to give clarity on who is doing what.
- Discussion on the possibility to organize a GHSA side event during the World Health Assembly (update: the GHSA side event will not be organized due to time constraints on organization).

UPCOMING DEADLINES & IMPORTANT EVENTS

- **APRIL 10**
Deadline for the completion of the Work Plans of Action Packages and Task Forces
- **MAY 1 - The World Bank, Washington DC**
GHSA Steering Group Meeting
- **JUNE 18-20 - Sydney, Australia**
Global Conference on Health Security 2019
- **NOVEMBER 11-13 - Dakar, Senegal**
GHSA Ministerial Meeting
- **DECEMBER - Caribbean, Netherlands**
GHSA Steering Group Meeting