



# **Strengthening WHO's role in providing scientific advice on nutrition**

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## WHO Guideline Development

- ☐ Need for more rigorous processes to use best available research evidence
- ☐ In 2005, the 58<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly requested the Director-General assess *WHO's role and responsibilities in the area of health research and guideline development and report back to EB and WHA in 2006*
- ☐ WHO asked Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) for advice and established the Subcommittee on the Use of Research Evidence (SURE)
- ☐ Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) established in 2007
- ☐ WHO Guideline Development process was implemented in 2008 - 2009

## Strengthening scientific advice in nutrition

1. Establishing the **WHO Nutrition Guideline Steering Committee** consisting of Directors of concerned WHO Departments (December 2009)
2. Establishing and launching of the **WHO Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group (NUGAG)** in accordance with the new WHO guideline development process (February 2010 — June 2010)
3. Establishing of a **Global Network of Institutions for Scientific Advice on Nutrition** (Preliminary meeting in March 2010)

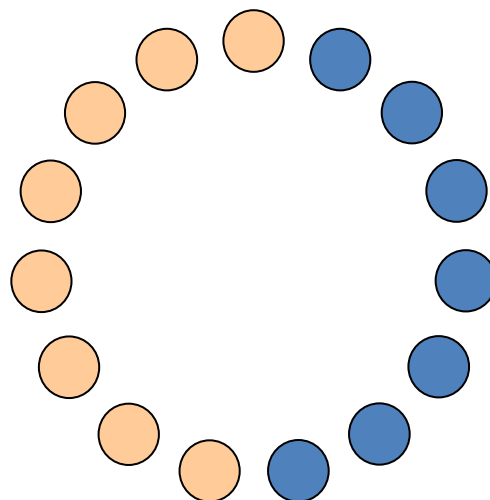
## WHO Nutrition Guideline Development Process 2010-2011



### WHO Nutrition Guideline Steering Committee

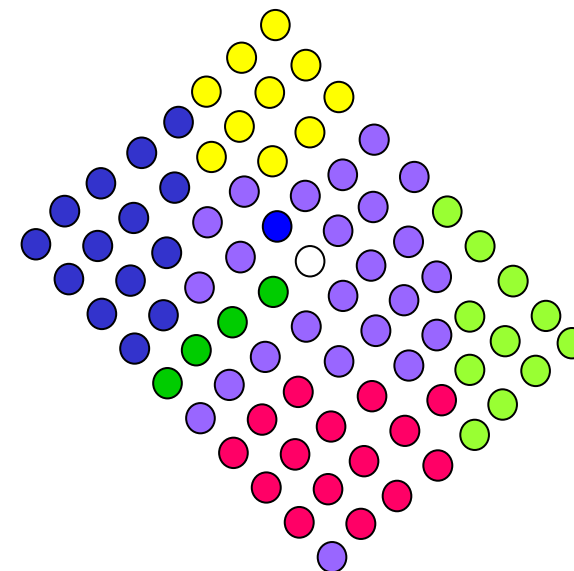
WHO Departments (Directors)

joint recommendations



### WHO Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group

geographic representation  
multi disciplinary  
gender-balanced  
un-conflicted as possible  
40-50 members



### Key Nutrition Stakeholders and Experts Panel

open documented process

- WHO Micronutrients Mailing List
- SCN Mailing List
- WHO Nutrition Website
- Global network of institutions

# NUGAG

- ☐ Established for a 2 year period (2010-2011)
- ☐ Membership includes:
  - Experts from various WHO Expert Advisory Panels
  - Experts from larger roster
- ☐ Meets twice yearly to implement biannual programme of work
  - Geneva, Switzerland, 22 – 25 Feb, 2010
  - Amman, Jordan, 15 – 19 Nov, 2010
  - Geneva, Switzerland, 28 Feb – 4 March 2011
  - 14 – 18 November 2011
- ☐ Four subgroups
  - Micronutrients
  - Diet and health
  - Nutrition in life course and undernutrition
  - Monitoring and evaluation

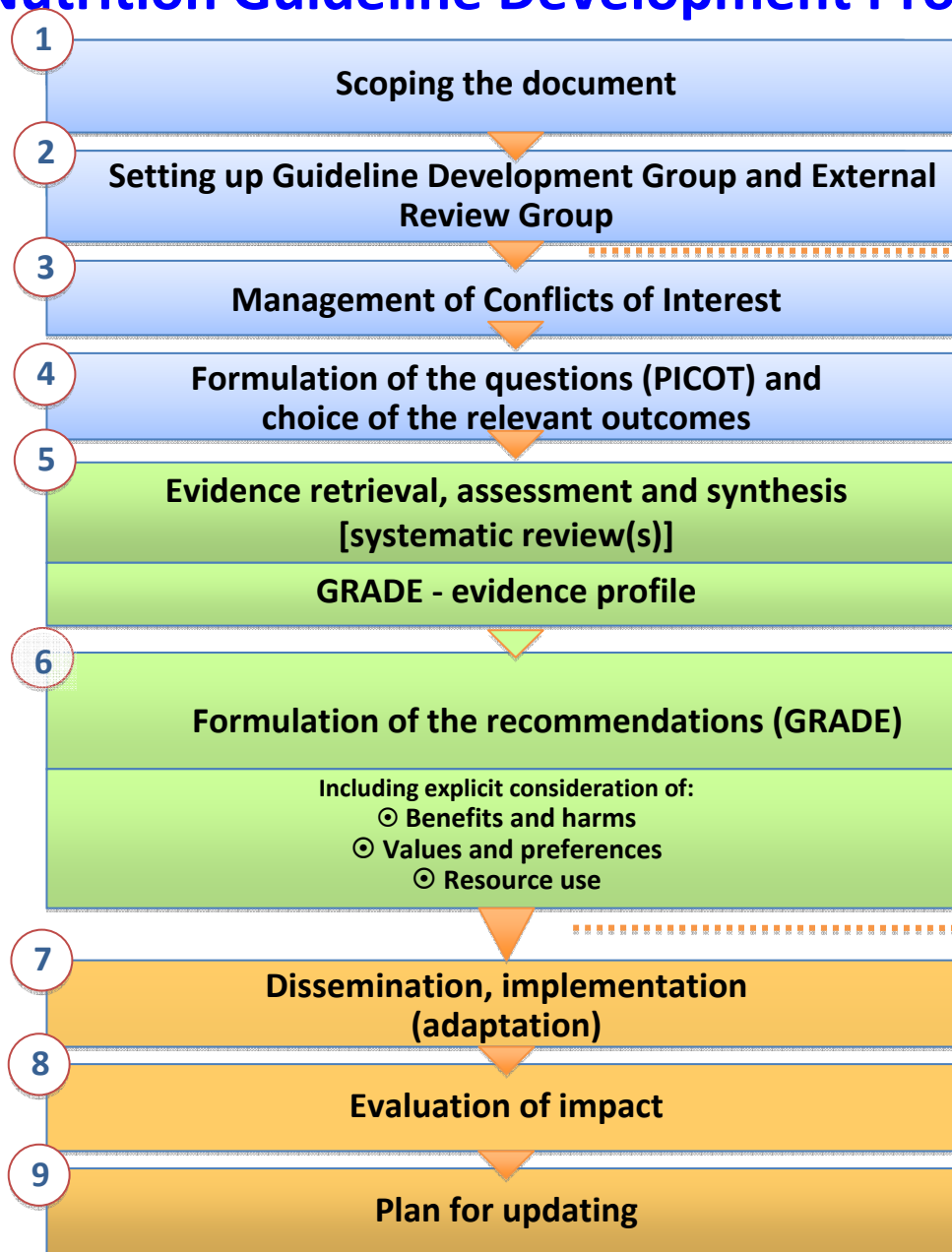
**NUGAG  
will advise WHO on:**

- ☐ The scope of the guidelines and priority questions for which systematic reviews of evidence will be commissioned
- ☐ The choice of important outcomes for decision-making and developing recommendations
- ☐ The interpretation of the evidence with explicit consideration of the overall balance of risks and benefits
- ☐ The final formulation of recommendations, taking into account existing evidence as well as diverse values and preferences



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Oct 2009 – Feb 2010  
Nov 2010 – Feb 2011



## Initial GRC guideline approval

- After completion of 1 and 2
- With draft of 4
- With plan for 3, 5-9

## Final GRC guideline approval

- after completion of 6
- with plan for 7-9

Nov 2010 –  
Nov 2011 –





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