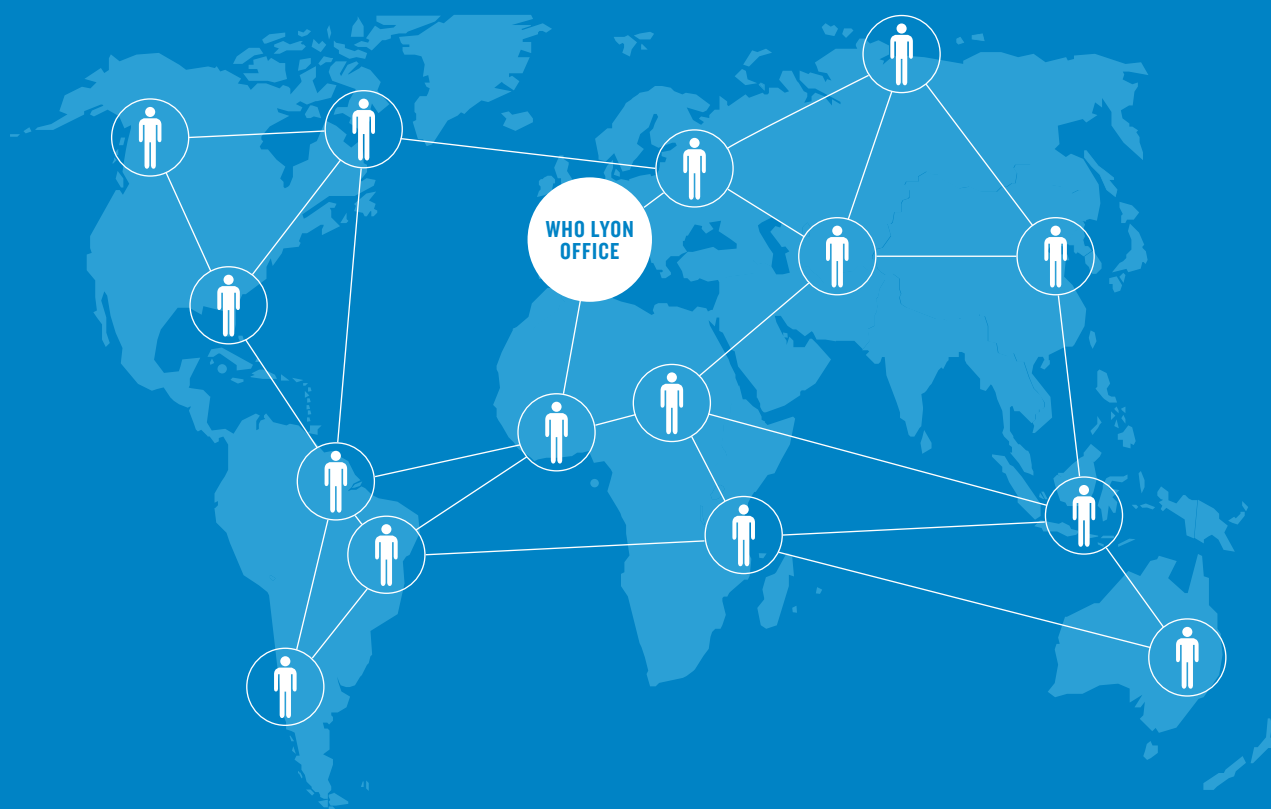


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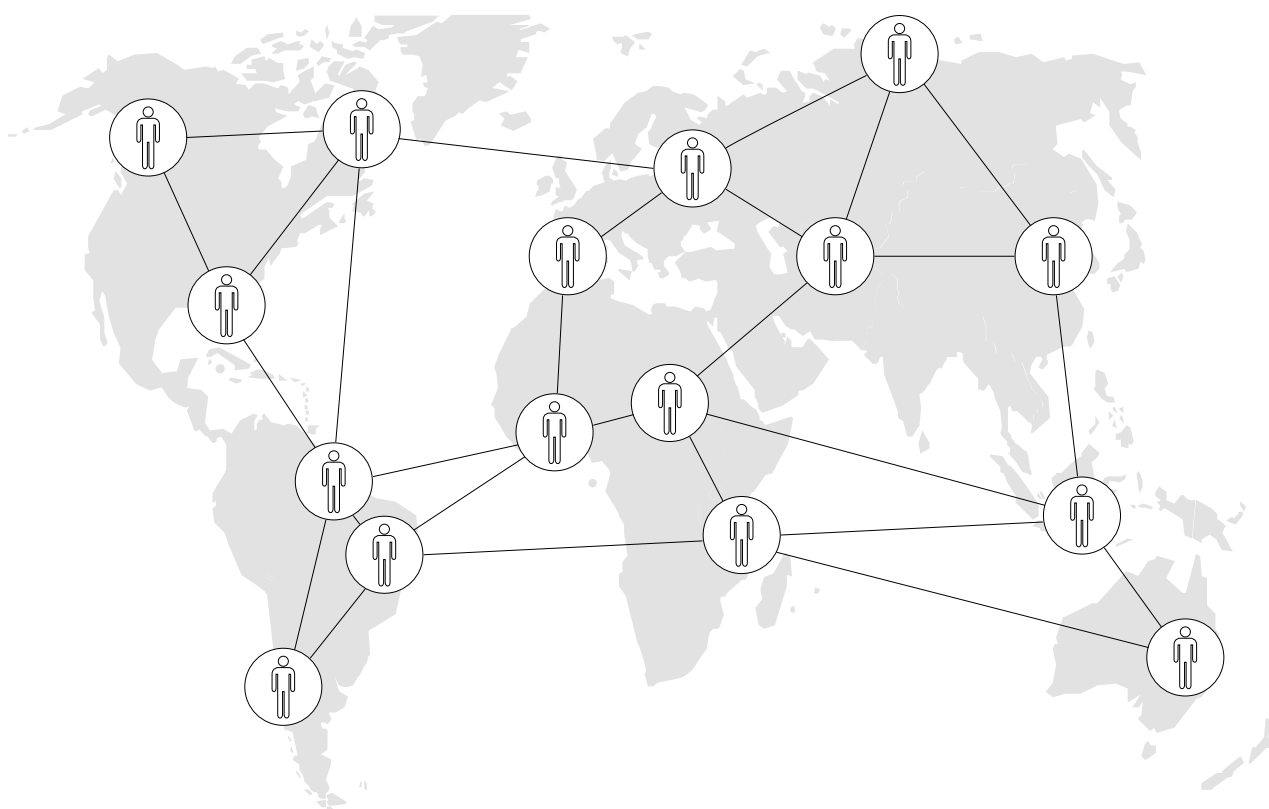
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**AFRO**

WHO Regional Office  
for Africa

**AMRO/PAHO**

WHO Regional Office  
for the Americas

**EMRO**

WHO Regional Office  
for the Eastern  
Mediterranean

**EURO**

WHO Regional Office  
for Europe

**FAO**

Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations

**IAEA**

International Atomic  
Energy Agency

**IATA**

International Air  
Transport Association

**ICAO**

International Civil  
Aviation Organization

**IHR (2005)**

International Health  
Regulations (2005)

**ILO**

International Labour  
Organization

**IMO**

International Maritime  
Organization

**OIE**

International  
Organisation for  
Animal Health

**SEARO**

WHO Regional Office  
for South-East Asia

**UNESCO**

United Nations  
Educational,  
Scientific and Cultural  
Organization

**UNDP**

United Nations  
Development  
Programme

**UNEP**

United Nations  
Environment Programme

**UNFPA**

United Nations  
Population Fund

**UN-HABITAT**

United Nations Human  
Settlements Programme

**UNICEF**

United Nations  
Children's Fund

**UNOPS**

United Nations Office  
for Project Services

**WFP**

World Food Programme

**UNWTO**

United Nations World  
Tourism Organization

**WMO**

World Meteorological  
Organization

**WPRO**

WHO Regional Office  
for the Western Pacific

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# FOREWORD

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**R**ecent epidemics of Ebola virus disease, Yellow fever and Zika virus have underscored the need to accelerate the acquisition by countries of the core public health capacities that are required in order to be able to prevent, detect and respond to an increasingly wide range of infectious and non-infectious hazards. In 2015 the fact that only one third of countries met the minimum requirements called for in the International Health Regulations (IHR (2005)) stimulated an unprecedented global political momentum and commitment to support countries to meet such requirements and for WHO's leadership role in strengthening global health security.

France, the European Union and WHO hosted the *High Level Conference on Global Health Security: Solutions for strengthening State's capacities* in Lyon, France from 22 to 23 March 2016. The 200 participants representing many countries around the world unanimously recognized the intersectoral and cross-cutting nature of health security and the need for skilled personnel. In his closing statement, President François Hollande stressed the commitment of France in support of WHO's activities notably to detect, prevent and respond to public health emergencies and in particular the work of the WHO Lyon Office, whose mission is to provide guidance and support to countries to have in place more effective national public health systems.

As stated by the Kobe Communiqué of the G7 Health ministers meeting, 11-12 September 2016, *"the IHR (2005) core capacities are an essential component of health systems strengthening and we continue to support countries and empower communities in need by strengthening their national health system programs, including addressing IHR core capacities and by ensuring optimal regional arrangements and synergies building on already existing structures, such as the WHO Department of Global Capacities Alert and Response and its Lyon Office and with other relevant global health initiatives, such as Global Health Security Agenda and the Alliance for Country Assessments for Global Health Security and IHR Implementation."*

Within this global context, the WHO Lyon Office constitutes an essential element of the new WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE), particularly of its Department on Country Health Emergency Preparedness & International Health Regulations (CPI).





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