

SELF-CARE TRAILBLAZER GROUP

MEMBERSHIP BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF THE COALITION.

Established in 2018, the official name of this coalition is the “Self-Care Trailblazer Group” and is also referred to as the SCTG.

ARTICLE II. COALITION AIMS.

Section 1. Mission: The Self-Care Trailblazer Group is a global coalition dedicated to expanding the safe and effective practice of self-care so that individuals can better manage their own health, health outcomes are improved, and health systems are better equipped to achieve universal health coverage.

Section 2. Vision: A world where the practice of self-care leads to a more inclusive, equitable, and people-centered approach to optimizing health and well-being across the globe.

ARTICLE III. GOALS OF COALITION.

The SCTG coalition goal is to develop a coordinated, diverse and influential self-care constituency mobilized around common goals. By focusing on three major functions — evidence, communications, and advocacy — supported by a strong coalition and shared learning, the SCTG aims to mobilize and engage target audiences and partners to achieve awareness and support for quality, evidence-based self-care, instituted self-care policies and financing, and increased demand and accountability for self-care. For additional details, find our [five-year strategy here](#).

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNANCE.

The SCTG governance structure is made up of a Coalition Steering Committee and Secretariat.

Section 1. Coalition Steering Committee: The SCTG Steering Committee provides oversight of SCTG coalition-building functions, ensuring a strong value proposition for members that is supportive of the SCTG’s strategic priorities. If a member develops a direct financial relationship to the SCTG during their time on the Coalition Steering Committee, thus creating a conflict of interest, they will be asked to resign from the Committee. Any SCTG member can nominate themselves or another member to be considered for Coalition Steering Committee membership. A Nominating Committee made up of members representing the various SCTG working groups and functions are responsible for reviewing all nominees. Additional information can be found in the Coalition Steering Committee Charter.

Section 2. Secretariat: Population Services International (PSI) houses the staff that makes up the SCTG Secretariat. The Secretariat supports the coalition-building functions for the SCTG, including operations, administration, communications, outreach, and global advocacy. The Secretariat also oversees deliverables for the SCTG’s programmatic elements and reporting to donors. The Secretariat’s coalition-building role is guided by the SCTG Steering Committee. Additional information can be found in the Secretariat Charter.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Qualification and Application Process: The SCTG is a voluntary network of individuals with expertise relevant to the group’s remit. The SCTG will represent a broad range of relevant disciplines and effort will be made to ensure adequate balance across types of constituency, domains, stakeholder representation, links with other





relevant initiatives, and North-South parity/localized leadership. Individuals wishing to join the SCTG shall apply through the membership sign-up form available on the SCTG website. Membership approval is dependent upon the individual's active support of the mission and vision of the coalition and their support of the membership obligations listed in Section 3.

Section 2. Financial Remuneration: No financial remuneration is allocated to membership of the SCTG. Members should, in principle, be responsible for meeting their own expenses in relation to activities under the SCTG. A limited amount of subgrants may be made available to certain members of the group for defined scopes of work or participation in consultations.

Section 3. Obligations of members: Members are expected to serve as vocal champions of the collective efforts of the SCTG, actively contribute their expertise to the work of the SCTG, in accordance with its overall strategy, support collaboration and alignment efforts with the SCTG, and support in the amplification of communications campaigns.

Section 4. Suspension and expulsion: A member may be suspended for a period or expelled for cause, such as violation of these bylaws or any guiding principle of the SCTG, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the SCTG. Suspension or expulsion shall be decided by the Secretariat team in conjunction with the Coalition Steering Committee.

ARTICLE VI. WORKING GROUPS.

Section 1. Evidence and Learning Working Group: This member-driven working group contributes to, develops, and promotes evidence (e.g., frameworks, guidance) to fill gaps in information identified and prioritized by implementers, advocates, and policymakers to accelerate the policy and practice of self-care. Additional details and responsibilities can be found in the ELWG Charter.

Section 2. Global Advocacy and Communications Working Group: This member-driven working group leads coordinated advocacy, outreach, and communications efforts to support joint advocacy for the introduction and scale-up of self-care interventions at global and regional levels. Additional details and responsibilities can be found in the Global Advocacy & Communications Working Group Charter.

Section 3. Country Advocacy Working Group: This member-driven working group promotes the sharing of advocacy and accountability practices and lessons learned to advance self-care at national and subnational levels. Additional details and responsibilities can be found in the Country Advocacy Working Group Charter.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT.

The General Membership of the SCTG, as a collective whole, will meet at least once each year. Held in the form of an annual summit, this forum offers an opportunity for members to review the previous year's advances and challenges and inform the next year's opportunities and priorities.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDING BYLAWS.

These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Steering Committee. The proposed change or changes shall be communicated to each member of the Secretariat and Steering Committee at least 10 days before the time of the meeting which is to consider such change or changes.

