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1. INTRODUCTION

**The updating process or answering
six questions:**

Why? How? When?

What? Who? & Where



1. WHY TO UPDATE?

To guarantee the

- (1) Correctness (*exactitude*),
- (2) Timeliness (*actualité*),
- (3) Accuracy (*précision*),
- (4) Completeness (*exhaustivité*),
- (5) Relevance (*pertinence*) and
- (6) Accessibility (*accessibilité*) that make data appropriate for their use.



2. HOW TO UPDATE?

**That is the procedural approach
that should be included in the
Quality Manual & Plan of every
Focal Point.**



3. WHEN TO UPDATE?

Updating frequency is the best (written*) expression of the concern on timeliness.

*** in the Quality Manual & Plan**



4. WHAT TO INCLUDE? (1/3)

Just the organizations passing an admission test (examination):

- **Aims: centered on EMWIS domains**
- **Structure, including**
 - permanent headquarters
 - provision meant for continuity



4. WHAT TO INCLUDE? (2/3)

Just a word on « permanents headquarters and the like:

- **Clearly defined physical address**
- **Clearly defined postal address (No P.O. Box!)**
- **Not just a mobile phone**
- **Not an « anonymous e-mail »**



4. WHAT TO INCLUDE? (3/3)

- **Activities: Action plans & other pertinent documents**
- **Relations with other organizations**



THE FIRST DIVIDE

- **Governmental organizations (GO)**
- **Non-governmental organizations (NGO)**



THE SECOND DIVIDE

- **Profit organizations (PO)**
- **Non-profit organizations (NPO)**



THINKING ALOUD

**Should we shift from NGO to
NGCGFNPO?**

**(Non-Governmentally Controlled
Governmentally Funded Non-profit
Organizations)**



THE THIRD DIVIDE

- **National organizations**
- **International organizations**



ASSIGNING TASKS (1/2)

- **National organizations should be updated by its geographically consistent National Focal Point.**
- **International organizations should be updated by the International Focal Point.**



ASSIGNING TASKS (2/2)

Let us focus on the meaning of the concept
of
« INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION »



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Groups according to the Union of
International Associations (www.uia.org):**

- 1. Conventional**
- 2. Special**
- 3. Minimal information**
- 4. Other**



1. Conventional organizations (1/5)

A. Federations of international organizations

B. Universal membership organizations

C. Intercontinental membership organizations

D. Regionally defined membership organizations



1. Conventional organizations (2/5)

A. Federations of international organizations

e.g.: United Nations



Charting the UN seas

Arabic:

<http://jiamcatt.unsystem.org/ar/unchartar.pdf>

English:

<http://www.un.org/aboutun/chart.html>

French:

<http://www.un.org/french/aboutun/organigramme.html>



1. Conventional organizations (3/5)

B. Universal membership organizations

Non-profit organizations with members in at least 60 countries (30 if « well-balanced distribution »)



1. Conventional organizations (4/5)

C. Intercontinental membership organizations

Non-profit organizations whose membership and preoccupations exceed that of a particular continental region



1. Conventional organizations (5/5)

D. Regionally defined membership organizations

Non-profit organizations whose membership or preoccupations are restricted to a particular continent or subcontinental region



2. Special organizations (1/4)

H. Inactive or dissolved international organizations

M. Multinational enterprises (now Type F)

N. National organizations



2. Special organizations (2/4)

**R. Religious orders, fraternities &
secular institutes**

S. International meeting series

T. Multilateral treaties and agreements



2. Special organizations (3/4)

N. National organizations

**e.g.: Bilateral intergovernmental
bodies**



2. Special organizations (4/4)

T. Multilateral treaties and agreements

Signed by at least 3 parties



3. Minimal information organizations

J. Recently reported bodies – not yet confirmed

**K. Subsidiary and internal bodies of other
internal bodies**

U. Currently inactive non-conventional or
unconfirmed bodies



4. Other organizations (1/4)

E. Organizations emanating from places, persons, proprietary products or other bodies

F. Organizations having a special form, including foundations & funds

G. Internationally-oriented national organizations



4. Other organizations (2/4)

E. Organizations emanating from places, persons, proprietary products or other bodies



4. Other organizations (3/4)

F. Organizations having a special form, including foundations & funds.

This type includes international banks, courts, training institutes, libraries, laboratories, etc.



4. Other organizations (4/4)

G. Internationally-oriented national organizations.

Activity or concern such as research, peace, development or relief.



International non-governmental organizations

Three (3) countries minimum required to be regarded as «international» in:

- **Aims**
- **Members**
- **Finance**



THE GEOGRAPHICAL SCALE

(1/2)

- **Universal (= Global?)**
- **Intercontinental**
- **Continental**
- **Subcontinental (= Regional?)**



THE GEOGRAPHICAL SCALE

(2/2)

- **National (State-nation)**
- **In Europe: NUTS 1 > NUTS 2 > NUTS 3 > NUTS 4 > NUTS 5**



5. WHO UPDATES?

A four-persons (minimum) job:

- 1. Collecting**
- 2. Editing**
- 3. Adding/modifying**
- 4. Quality checking**



6. WHERE TO UPDATE?

**An easy answer: in the EMWIS
Thematic Directory**



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
YOUR ATTENTION**