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GE2P2 Global is an integrated non-profit foundation and public benefit corporation formed to advance scientific rigor, ethical resilience, and integrity in research and evidence generation – informing responsible governance, policy, and practice.

In the context of this mission, GE2P2 Global monitors

Monitoring this span of sectors yields a broad variety of public comment opportunities, even though this modality is not employed in any uniform way across the UN system, multilateral agencies, INGOs, member states or their ministerial/regulatory bodies. As we are still exploring this monitoring approach and broadening the range of calls included, we stress that this is an indicative and not an exhaustive digest.

In parallel, GE2P2 Global is striving to respond to public consultation opportunities where the experience and expertise of members of our growing community of practice suggest that a meaningful contribution can be developed. The GE2P2 Global Foundation also functions as the secretariat for the Global Forum for Research Ethics and Integrity – a global group of individuals from over 30 countries who collaborate on analysis and action, including response to selected public consultations.

We welcome information about calls for public consultation – at global or country level – to help enrich this digest. Equally, individuals and organizations/institutions interested in collaborating on joint responses to any of the opportunities listed below are welcome to contact us [David R Curry, GE2P2 Global Foundation, david.r.curry@ge2p2global.org].

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Calls for Public Consultation: Title/Source/Sorted by Due Date

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European Data Protection Board Public consultation reference: 1/2026

Start Date: 16 April 2026 End Date: 25 June 2026

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Deadline: 06 July 2026

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WHO 12 June 2026 Please submit your comments by 10 July 2026

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Issued by Special Rapporteur on the human right to a healthy environment **Deadline: 21 August 2026**

NEW - Leveraging Prior Knowledge in the Development of Human Gene Therapy Products Incorporating Genome Editing

FDA 06/03/2026 FR Document:[2026-11054](#) **Comments on the draft guidance by September 1, 2026**

FDA Rare Disease Innovation Hub Future Programming; Request for Comments

A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 01/30/2026

This document has a **comment period that ends in 328 days. (12/31/2026)**

ISO/AWI 14155 - Biological and clinical evaluation of medical devices

ISO/TC 194 Stage 20.00

Due: Ongoing at national standards bodies level

Contribute a tool - Catalogue of Tools & Metrics for Trustworthy AI

OECD-AI Policy Observatory

Contribute your tools and metrics to our catalogue. No deadline date identified.

This catalogue is a platform where AI practitioners from all over the world can share and compare tools and metrics to help make AI trustworthy, build upon each other's efforts to create global good practices, and speed up the process of implementing the OECD AI Principles. This catalogue can only exist with your contributions and those of AI practitioners from all sectors. You can also share your experience using a tool or metric by submitting a use case.

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- :: [Contribute a tool](#)
- :: [Share your experience using a tool](#)

A framework for evaluating rapidly developing digital and related technologies: AI, large language models and beyond - International Science Council Discussion Paper: Invitation to Comment

International Science Council [ISC]

No submission deadline date identified.

Public Consultation Calls: Purpose/Objective/Scope/Background Information – Sorted by Thematic Area

Biomedical Research/Regulation/Governance

WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

...The [Declaration of Taipei](#) tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

NEW - AI-Enabled Optimization of Early-Phase Clinical Trials Pilot Program; Request for Information; Extension of Comment Period

A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 05/28/2026 **Comment period ends 06/29/2026.**

SUMMARY:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the notice entitled “AI-Enabled Optimization of Early-Phase Clinical Trials Pilot Program; Request for Information” that appeared in the Federal Register of April 29, 2026. In the notice, FDA requested comments to solicit input on a proposed pilot program to assess how artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled technologies can improve efficiency, speed, and quality of decision-making in early phase clinical trials. The Agency is taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.

Impacts of Patient-Focused Drug Development Meetings; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Information and Comments

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A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 05/01/2026 **Comment period ends (06/30/2026)**
SUMMARY:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is establishing a public docket to collect examples about how previous patient-focused drug development (PFDD) meetings have impacted stakeholders' drug development efforts. This includes impacts on community engagement, research priorities, advocacy strategies, medical product development programs, clinical practice, and other areas of interest.

FDA is seeking information that addresses the following:

1. How have PFDD meetings informed patient communities and stakeholder engagement activities?
2. What scientific questions, research initiatives, or identified gaps in the understanding of a disease or condition have resulted from PFDD meetings?
3. In what ways has patient input from PFDD meetings informed medical product development programs or strategies (e.g., endpoint development, clinical trial design, identification of unmet needs, industry partnerships)?
4. How has patient input gathered during PFDD meetings been integrated into or otherwise affected clinical practice?
5. Please describe any other outcomes or effects resulting from PFDD meetings, with examples, that were not addressed in the questions above.

FDA encourages respondents to provide specific examples in their answers where possible.

NEW - Call for public consultation – WHO’s Procedure for prequalification of vaccines

WHO 12 June 2026 **Please submit your comments by 10 July 2026**

Overview

The World Health Organization (WHO), through its Department of Regulation and Prequalification, provides guidance to the United Nations Children’s Fund, other interested United Nations agencies, Member States and international/intergovernmental organizations in their procurement decisions to ensure that vaccines provided through the United Nations and international/intergovernmental agencies for use in national immunization services in different countries are safe, effective and suitable for the target populations at the recommended immunization schedules and with appropriate concomitant products.

Since the last revision published in 2013 in TRS 978, the proposed changes reflect the experience gained through interactions with stakeholders, new regulatory collaborations and implementation of the procedure itself.

You are invited to review the roadmap and input any feedback via this feedback form: [Global Review Survey](#)

Safety Assessment of Genome Editing in Human Gene Therapy Products Using Next-Generation Sequencing; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability

A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 04/15/2026 **Comment period ends (07/14/2026)**
SUMMARY:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled “Safety Assessment of Genome Editing in Human Gene Therapy Products Using Next-Generation Sequencing; Draft Guidance for Industry.” The draft document provides recommendations for next-generation sequencing (NGS)-based methods used in nonclinical studies that will likely be needed to support initiation of clinical trials of investigational human genome editing (GE) products...

This draft guidance is intended for sponsors developing human gene therapy products involving GE technologies. Clinical development programs of human GE products should address both the risks associated with the gene therapy product itself as well as the additional risks associated with GE,

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including off-target editing and unintended consequences. The recommendations in this draft guidance may guide stakeholders on designing nonclinical studies that uses NGS methods and bioinformatics to evaluate the potential safety risks associated with off-target editing and loss of genome integrity in human GE products submitted in support of Investigational New Drug applications and Biologics License Applications.

The recommendations provided in this draft guidance are in addition to the nonclinical, clinical, and CMC considerations discussed in the “Guidance for Industry: Human Gene Therapy Products Incorporating Human Gene Editing” dated January 2024...

NEW - Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; Data and Specimen Hub (DASH) (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development)

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... The potential for public benefit to be achieved through sharing study data and/or biospecimen inventories through DASH for secondary analysis is significant. Additionally, the ability to centralize information regarding where to find study data shared across other public archives further helps to promote information discovery and reuse of data. NICHD DASH supports NICHD's mission to lead research and training to understand human development, improve reproductive health, enhance the lives of children and adolescents, and optimize abilities for all. Study data and biospecimen sharing and reuse will promote testing of new hypotheses from data and biospecimens already collected, facilitate trans-disciplinary collaboration, accelerate scientific findings, and enable NICHD to maximize the return on its investments in research.

Anyone can access NICHD DASH to browse and view descriptive information about the studies and data collections without creating an account. Users who wish to submit studies or request data (stored in DASH) and/or biospecimens (stored in NICHD contracted Biorepository) must register for an account..

NEW - Leveraging Prior Knowledge in the Development of Human Gene Therapy Products Incorporating Genome Editing

FDA 06/03/2026 FR Document:[2026-11054](#) **Comments on the draft guidance by September 1, 2026**
Summary

The draft guidance document provides sponsors engaged in the development of human gene therapy (GT) products incorporating ex-vivo and in vivo genome editing (GE) of human somatic cells (GE products) with FDA's recommendations on the type of prior knowledge that may be scientifically appropriate to leverage to advance product development...This draft guidance also provides recommendations on how sponsors may consider leveraging prior knowledge to increase review efficiency and accelerate product development across multiple programs. These recommendations include how to leverage chemistry, manufacturing, and controls; nonclinical; and clinical prior knowledge. The ability to leverage prior knowledge to expedite product development may be particularly helpful in the context of GE products intended to treat rare diseases. While this draft guidance specifically focuses on GE products, some of the recommendations, when finalized, may also be applicable to other cell and GT products, such as adeno-associated viral vectors, nanoparticle-based GT products, and ex vivo-modified cell-based GTs that do not incorporate GE. However, additional considerations may also apply to these related product types, based on the specific product and manufacturing process, that are beyond those recommended in this draft guidance.

FDA Rare Disease Innovation Hub Future Programming; Request for Comments

A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 01/30/2026

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This document has a **comment period that ends in 328 days. (12/31/2026)**

SUMMARY:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is announcing the following request for comments for a future public workshop series entitled “Rare disease Innovation, Science, and Exploration (RISE) Workshop.” The purpose of the public workshops is to focus on challenges that are common to multiple diseases or a class of diseases, and for which evolving science offers innovative solutions. The workshops will primarily focus on cross-cutting or common issues and will not be focused on any specific product under review by the Agency. The Agency further welcomes comments that highlight general rare disease-related issues of potential interest for the FDA Rare Disease Innovation Hub (Hub) to inform its future activities

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Human Rights

Call for comments - Draft General Comment No. 38 on Article 22 (on the right to freedom of association) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Treaty bodies - Issued by CCPR **Deadline: 30 June 2026**

Purpose:

To provide comments on the draft General Comment No. 38 on Article 22 (right to freedom of association)

Background

At its 144th session, held in July 2025, the Human Rights Committee decided to develop a General Comment on article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and launched a call for input to inform the preparation of the first draft. At its 145th session, held in March 2026, the Committee completed the first reading of draft General Comment 38. The Committee now invites all interested stakeholders, including Member States, UN entities and specialised agencies, regional human rights mechanisms, unions, national human rights institutions, civil society and academia, to submit comments on the draft ahead of its second reading at the next session.

Draft General Comment No. 38 on Article 22 (right to freedom of association) [English](#) |

NEW - Call for input by the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, on "Autonomy, participation and human dignity of older persons with cognitive impairment"

OHCHR - Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

Deadline: 06 July 2026

Background

Human rights frameworks often presume a person who can clearly communicate choices, consistently express preferences, independently assert their will, and actively participate in decisions affecting their life. Yet many older persons live with forms of cognitive impairment that may affect memory, language, communication, orientation, judgment or executive functioning without erasing emotional life, subjective experience, relationships, values or the need for recognition as persons.

...At the centre of this report lies a fundamental question:

What do autonomy, participation and human dignity mean when cognition becomes vulnerable, fluctuating or impaired?

The report will be guided by the recognition that cognitive impairment does not erase personhood, voice, relational identity, emotional life, or entitlement to the full enjoyment of human rights. Rather

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than approaching autonomy as an all-or-nothing capacity, the report will seek to explore how participation, communication, expression of preferences and social recognition may continue to exist in supported, relational and context-dependent forms.

Particular attention will be given to how laws, policies, and practices by State and non-State actors have supported the full enjoyment of human rights by older persons, and what challenges they encounter...

NEW - Consultation Survey: UNESCO Draft Guidance on Fair Compensation for News

UNESCO **Response due July 30th 2026**, 23:59 (all time zones).

Overview

At a time when securing the sustainability of news media is more urgent than ever to protect the future of journalism and safeguard information integrity, UNESCO is launching a consultation process on its Draft Guidance on Fair Compensation for News.

This landmark initiative seeks to ensure that news content is fairly compensated in the age of digital platforms and artificial intelligence. Building on the [UNESCO Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms \(2023\)](#), which recognize media actors as essential stakeholders in the digital information ecosystem and call for greater support for media viability, diversity, and plurality, the Guidance is also informed by UNESCO's work on generative AI governance and human rights impact assessments, as well as global principles on fair compensation for journalism. It further reinforces UNESCO's broader efforts to address the sustainability challenges facing independent media, including through the [International Programme for the Development of Communication \(IPDC\)](#) and the [Media Viability Manifesto](#) initiative, which promotes coordinated action to support sustainable journalism worldwide.

Consultation process

To ensure that the Guidance reflects diverse perspectives, UNESCO, in partnership with ALT Advisory, the Media Leadership Think Tank at GIBS University and the M20 Secretariat, has launched an inclusive global consultation process open to all relevant stakeholders. Member States and stakeholders are invited to [provide feedback through the online survey](#) available below. Submissions can be provided in English, French and Spanish.

Roundtables

Additionally, three online regional roundtables will be convened to facilitate dialogue and input:

:: Asia-Pacific and the Arab States – July 9th, 8:30-10:00 CET

:: Africa and Europe – July 22nd, 14:30-16:00 CET

:: Americas and the Caribbean – July 29th, 17:00-18:30 CET

To express interest in participating, please complete the [registration form](#)

NEW - Call for Input for OHCHR substantive report on enhancing international cooperation and national efforts to facilitate the repatriation of illicit funds and ensure the effective use of repatriated funds for sustainable development and the realization of economic, social and cultural rights

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights **Comments due 17 August 2026**

Background

OHCHR has been mandated, pursuant to Human Rights Council [Resolution 58/7](#), to prepare a substantive report on enhancing international cooperation and national efforts to facilitate the repatriation of illicit funds and ensure the effective use of repatriated funds for sustainable development and the realization of economic, social and cultural rights, and to present the report to the Council at its sixty-fourth session.

Objectives

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OHCHR invites written contributions, from experts across diverse geographic regions, including from States, relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the Advisory Committee, treaty bodies, national human rights institutions and civil society representatives, including relevant local government networks and non-governmental organizations.

To facilitate the submission of inputs, OHCHR is circulating a questionnaire on the topic (see below).

Note verbale: [English](#) | [Français](#) | [Español](#)

Questionnaire: [English](#)

NEW - Call for Input: Environmental human rights defenders and the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Issued by Special Rapporteur on the human right to a healthy environment **Deadline: 21 August 2026**

...*Objectives*

In this report, the Special Rapporteur examines the situation of environmental human rights defenders, working in the context of the triple planetary crises, focusing on how violations against them also affect the realization of the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. The report will outline the obligations of States and non-State actors, under international law and human rights law, to protect EHRDs, as well as States' duty to protect the environment and the climate system, preventing further harms. In doing so, the Special Rapporteur aims to contribute to the understanding of the situation of EHRDs from an individual and a collective perspective, acknowledging that while many of EHRDs are leading and implementing individual actions, these are commonly part of broader community or collective efforts.

The Special Rapporteur will provide concrete recommendations to States and other stakeholders to ensure the protection of environmental human rights defenders and the effective implementation of the right to a healthy environment, including in relation to collective measures from an intersectional approach.

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Emerging/Disruptive Technologies

:: Call for Public Consultation

No new calls identified.

:: Resources, Events

No new resources, events identified.

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Biodiversity/Environment/Climate/Disaster Mitigation

:: Call for Public Consultation

NEW - Invitation to participate in the peer review of the draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

CBD - Convention on Biological Diversity *Notification 2026-047* **No later than 29 June 2026**

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...Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations are invited to participate in the peer review of the draft global report. The draft report and review template are available on this webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/implementation/globalreview>.

Supplementary information relevant to the production of the global report, which is not for peer review, will be added to this page to support the peer review process. Comments should be submitted using the review template as soon as possible but through the following link: <https://chm.cbd.int/en/submit/submission/new?notification=2026-047>.

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity *Notification 2026-050* **Respond by Monday, 6 July 2026.**

The Secretariat is pleased to inform Parties and observers that the first draft of this study is now available for review. In the spirit of fairness, transparency, participation and inclusiveness in the DSI process, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and observers are invited to take part in this peer review process. The draft report is accessible at: www.cbd.int/dsi-gr/16-2-peer-review.

Kindly submit your review comments to the Secretariat using this [template](#) by uploading it to the clearing-house mechanism portal using this [link](#) by Monday, 6 July 2026. Should there be any technical difficulties, please send your comments via e-mail using the template to secretariat@cbd.int.

NEW - Corporate sustainability due diligence – development of guidelines

European Commission **Consultation period: 12 June 2026 - 24 July 2026**

Summary

The European Commission is developing guidelines to support the implementation of Directive 2024/1760 on corporate sustainability due diligence.

The Directive targets very large EU companies as well as non-EU companies with significant business in the EU. It requires them to identify, prevent and bring to an end actual and potential adverse impacts on human rights and the environment in their own operations, those of their subsidiaries and in their value chains.

Overview

The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD, Directive 2024/1760) requires large EU companies and non-EU companies with a significant market presence in the EU to identify, prevent, mitigate and bring to an end adverse impacts on human rights (including labour rights) and the environment in their own operations, those of their subsidiaries and in their value chains. This consultation will inform the development of guidelines to support the effective implementation of the CSDDD. The European Commission will issue guidelines that provide practical orientation to companies on how to fulfil their due diligence obligations, to Member State authorities on how to implement and enforce the Directive, and to stakeholders on how to pursue their rights. The guidelines will also be relevant for companies and other stakeholders in non-EU countries that are linked to the supply chains of companies with obligations under the Directive. The purpose of this questionnaire is to pre-consult stakeholders with a view to collect evidence and assess needs to inform the development of the future guidelines...

:: Resources, Events

No new resources, events identified.

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Science Integrity/Evidence to Policy/ Open Science

:: Calls for Public Consultation

NEW - Guidelines 1/2026 on processing of personal data for scientific research purposes

European Data Protection Board Public consultation reference: 1/2026

Start Date: 16 April 2026 End Date: **25 June 2026**

Executive Summary [excerpt]

..The processing of personal data for scientific research purposes has given rise to a number of important and sometimes difficult questions from controllers, processors and supervisory authorities on how the GDPR should be interpreted and applied. To bring more clarity and guidance for researchers, the European Data Protection Board (the EDPB) decided that it was necessary to issue the present guidelines. This is also in line with the EDPB's commitment in the Helsinki statement, where the EDPB set out to facilitate easier GDPR compliance.

[Selected questions]:

Concept of scientific research:

Only research that is genuinely *scientific* benefits from the specific rules applying to processing of personal for scientific research purposes in the GDPR. To help determine if the processing of personal data is carried out for scientific research within the meaning of the GDPR, the guidelines present six *key-indicative factors* that should be considered, in addition to the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing. If the research activities meet these six factors, they can be presumed to constitute scientific research. If the research activities do not meet all factors, the controller needs to justify and be able to demonstrate why the activities should be considered scientific research, within the meaning of the GDPR (section 2)...

Consent:

Where the purposes of research are not fully known at the time of collecting the personal data, it is possible for controllers to rely on the consent of a data subject to collect and process personal data in a certain area of scientific research (so-called broad consent). To rely on broad consent, the controller should process personal data in accordance with ethical standards for scientific research and put additional safeguards in place to compensate for the lack of purpose specification. Controllers can also ask data subjects to consent to different individual research projects, or parts thereof, separately, as soon as the purposes of those projects become known (so-called dynamic consent). A combination of both approaches to consent is also possible (section 4.1.2)...

NEW - Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Grantee Reporting Requirements for the Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers (IUCRC) Program

A Notice by the National Science Foundation on 06/01/2026 **Comments due July 1,2026**

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Proposed Project:

The IUCRC program provides a structure for academic researchers to conduct fundamental, pre-competitive research of shared interest to industry and government organizations. These organizations pay membership fees to a consortium so that they can collectively envision and fund research, with at least 90% of Member funds allocated to the direct costs of these shared research projects.

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IUCRCs are formed around research areas of strategic interest to U.S. industry. Industry is defined very broadly to include companies (large and small), startups and non-profit organizations. Principal Investigators form a Center around emerging research topics of current research interest, in a pre-competitive space but with clear pathways to applied research and commercial development. Industry partners join at inception, as an existing Center grows, or they inspire the creation of a new Center by recruiting university partners to leverage NSF support. Government agencies participate in IUCRCs as Members or by partnering directly with NSF at the strategic level.

Universities, academic researchers, and students benefit from IUCRC participation through the research funding, the establishment and growth of industry partnerships, and educational and career placement opportunities for students. Industry Members benefit by accessing knowledge, facilities, equipment, and intellectual property in a highly cost-efficient model; leveraging Center research outcomes in their future proprietary projects; interacting in an informal, collaborative way with other private sector and government entities with shared interests; and identifying and recruiting talent. NSF provides funding to support Center administrative costs and a governance framework to manage membership, operations, and evaluation.

Sites within Centers will be required to provide data to NSF and/or its authorized representatives (contractors and/or grantees) annually—after the award expires for their fiscal year of activity—for the life of the Phase I, and if applicable, Phase II, and Phase III award(s).

Information collected are both quantitative and descriptive; they will provide managing Program Directors a means to monitor the operational and financial states of the Centers and ensure that the award is in good standing.

These data will also allow NSF to assess the Centers in terms of intellectual, broader, and commercial impacts that are core to our review criteria. Finally, in compliance with the Evidence Act of 2019, information collected will be used in satisfying congressional requests, and supporting the agency's policymaking and reporting needs.

NEW - NIH - Request for Information on Measuring and Rewarding Scientific Impact

NIH Notice Number: NOT-OD-26-087 Release Date: June 18, 2026 **Response Date: August 19, 2026**
Purpose

Biomedical research has increasingly become a collaborative and interdisciplinary enterprise that relies on transparent reporting, rigorous replication, careful interpretation of methods and analyses, and the iterative refinement of scientific knowledge. In recognition of this evolution, NIH seeks public input on the defining features of modern 21st-century science that should be measured, recognized, and incentivized...

Information Requested

To support efforts, NIH is engaging stakeholders in defining specific, measurable indicators and incentives that reflect the collaborative, rigorous, and mission-driven nature of modern biomedical science. Comments are welcome on all potential possible indicators and incentives, but are specifically encouraged on the following:

- *Rigor and Reproducibility.* Reproducible and replicable biomedical approaches are foundational to rigorous research. New strategies are needed to identify areas ripe for replication and reproducibility efforts, as well as incentives and infrastructure to support the reproduction and replication of existing findings. NIH also seeks comment on rigor, including with regard to defining causal research.
- *Data, Software, and Model Sharing.* Sharing scientific data and tools accelerates biomedical research discovery, in part, by enabling validation of research results, providing accessibility to high-value datasets, and promoting data reuse for future research studies. NIH seeks to incentivize and reward

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these activities to maximize the value of research investments, catalyze collaborations, and accelerate scientific impact.

- *Training and Mentorship.* NIH recognizes that advancing its mission requires promoting the growth and stability of the biomedical research workforce. While NIH supports training and protects time through existing policies and programs, additional indicators are needed to assess and quantify the impact of these efforts.
- *Collaboration.* As biomedical research becomes increasingly interdisciplinary and convergent, collaboration is growing in both scale and complexity. NIH seeks new approaches for assessing and recognizing contributions to team-based science.
- *Entrepreneurship and Translation.* To advance the translation of discoveries into products for people, NIH fosters the maturation of discoveries from bench to bedside and promotes innovation across sectors. More can be done to incentivize, assess, and integrate the impact of innovation and entrepreneurial efforts as critical to the NIH mission.
- *Foundational Scientific Exploration.* Basic research and high-risk, high-reward initiatives represent foundational scientific exploration with an inherent risk of failure but the potential for paradigm-shifting breakthroughs. Further embedding these approaches within the academic enterprise is essential to ensuring continued support for bold and innovative research directions.
- *Public Impact.* NIH seeks approaches for assessing and recognizing the broader public impact of biomedical research, including contributions to health outcomes, economic growth, clinical practice, public trust, accessibility, and societal benefit.

The NIH is particularly interested in comments that include specific examples of measurable indicators, implementation approaches, potential benefits or unintended consequences, and considerations for feasibility across career stages, disciplines, and institution types.

:: Resources, Events

No new resources, events identified.

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Heritage/Cultural Assets

:: Call for Public Consultation

No new calls identified.

:: Resources, Events

No new resources, events identified.

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Governance, Peace, Trade, Global Finance

:: Call for Public Consultation

No new calls identified.

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Selected Final, Published Guidances, Frameworks, Regulations, Meetings Employing Calls for Public Consultation

NEW - M15 General Principles for Model-Informed Drug Development; International Council for Harmonisation; Guidance for Industry; Availability

A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 06/03/2026 **Final Guidance**

SUMMARY:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled “M15 General Principles for Model-Informed Drug Development.” The guidance was prepared under the auspices of the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). The guidance provides general recommendations for the planning, model evaluation, and documentation of evidence derived from model-informed drug development (MIDD). It establishes a harmonized assessment framework (including the associated terminology) for the MIDD evidence. It also provides recommendations for related regulatory interactions, reporting, and submission. This guideline is intended to facilitate a multidisciplinary understanding of MIDD and associated evidence generation. The guidance finalizes the draft guidance of the same title issued on December 30, 2024.

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Selected Peer-reviewed Journal Literature/Gray Lit Integrating Public Consultation

OECD Guidelines for Citizen Participation Processes

Paris: OECD Publishing. 2022

https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/oecd-guidelines-for-citizen-participation-processes_f765caf6-en [Accessed 10 Nov 2023]

The *OECD Guidelines for Citizen Participation Processes* are intended for any public official or public institution interested in carrying out a citizen participation process. The guidelines describe ten steps for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating a citizen participation process, and discuss eight different methods for involving citizens: information and data, open meetings, public consultations, open innovation, citizen science, civic monitoring, participatory budgeting and representative deliberative processes. The guidelines are illustrated with examples as well as practical guidance built on evidence gathered by the OECD. Finally, nine guiding principles are presented to help ensure the quality of these processes.

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Selected Resources for Public Consultation Notices, Calls, Processes

UNHCHR UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – Calls for Input

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input-listing>

UNESCO - Consultations

https://www.unesco.org/en/search?category=UNESCO&text=consultation&category=UNESCO&sort_by=unesco_date#toggle-facets

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WHO – Public Consultations

<https://www.who.int/home/search?indexCatalogue=genericsearchindex1&searchQuery=public%20consultation&wordsMode=AnyWord>

OECD - Consultations and calls for contributions

<https://www.oecd.org/about/civil-society/consultations-and-calls-for-contributions.htm>

IFAD Public Consultations

<https://webapps.ifad.org/members/executive-board-public-consultation>

European Medicines Agency's (EMA) open public consultations

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news-events/open-consultations>

U.S. Federal Register – “Public Comment” or RFI

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/search?conditions%5Bpublication_date%5D%5Bgte%5D=09%2F13%2F2023&conditions%5Bterm%5D=%22public+comment%22+or+RFI#

U.S. HHS – Open Requests for Comments

<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/requests-for-comments/index.html>

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