

**Regional Meeting on WHO Guiding Principles on  
Cell, Tissue and Organ Transplantation  
Jaipur, India, 2-5 February 2009**

## **Recommendations**

The participants unanimously endorsed the updated WHO Guiding Principles on Cell, Tissue and Organ Transplantation and described these as critical fundamental components of a template on which the national policies and programmes can be built.

Following recommendations were made:

### **To Member countries in South-East Asia Region**

1. The Member countries should develop comprehensive national legislation and national programme on transplantation using WHO Guiding Principles as a template.
2. The Member countries should strengthen health system requirements including those of physical infrastructure and skilled human resource to meet the multidisciplinary requirements of transplantation with quality and safety as the fundamental principles and surveillance of adverse events in organ donors and recipients as an integral component of the services
3. The Member countries should institute an effective oversight mechanism to assure compliance with national regulations on organ transplantation
4. The Member countries should develop deceased donor organ programme to enhance availability of the organs

5. The Member countries should promote community awareness to overcome religious, social and cultural myths associated with organ donation and stimulate the community and altruistic feelings
6. The Member countries should seek intercountry cooperation to harmonize cross border activities and regulations

### **To World Health Organization**

1. WHO should undertake advocacy with national authorities to develop and implement national legislations and programmes on organ transplantation to meet the national needs
2. WHO should support capacity building in various aspects of management, technical skills and regulatory mechanism of organ transplantation
3. WHO should develop and disseminate technical guidelines, standards, models and distance learning material to enhance knowledge, promote standardization and assure quality
4. WHO should facilitate intercountry cooperation especially in areas of capacity building, cross border activities and tissue banking
5. WHO should establish a Collaborating Centre on Organ Transplantation in South-east Asia Region to provide continuous technical support from a centre of excellence
6. WHO should collect and share global data on all aspects of transplantation
7. WHO should organize Regional meetings on period and regular basis for exchange of experiences within the Region.