



IUPSY S WORK GROUP – IUPSY S RESPONSE TO CRISES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

To outline the Terms of Reference for the Work Group on the IUPsyS Response to Crises.

BACKGROUND

The Work Group on the IUPsyS Response to Crises aims to coordinate, streamline, and facilitate the Union's response to humanitarian crises, ensuring timely and effective engagement in support of affected communities.

COMPOSITION

1. Co-Chair, Executive Committee Member
2. Co-Chair, A National Member

The Committee will comprise additional members, to be recruited from the Executive Committee, National Membership, Regional Membership, Affiliate Organisations, and key stakeholders with relevant expertise. The composition shall be representative, diverse, and inclusive.

APPOINTMENT AND TERM

IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Article 19(f) - The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be:

- To appoint members of the Standing Committees and to establish and appoint members to Committees and Work Groups.

IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Article 21(c) - The duties and powers of the President shall be:

- To appoint Chairs of Committees and Work Groups in consultation with the Secretary-General.
- The Term shall commence from the start of a new quadrennium, and the term shall last for a three-year period.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- To serve an advisory role to the Executive Committee in the fulfillment of its responsibilities as reflected in the *IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Article 19(c)- the duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be to monitor the progress on the organization of International Congresses of Psychology and other activities conducted under the auspices of the Union.*
- To provide clarity on the Union's response to humanitarian crises: develop a clear and comprehensive stance for IUPsyS in response to humanitarian crises globally. This includes defining the principles and values that guide the Union's immediate, short-term actions of the Union in response to crises in line with the Psychological Science Diplomacy framework.



- To ensure that the Union's statements and decisions regarding crises apply uniformly to all National Members, ensuring equitable treatment in times of crisis.
- To develop and establish the necessary infrastructure to enable the Union to respond rapidly and effectively in a variety of concrete ways, including but not limited to, providing support, resources, and expertise.
- To ensure the effective dissemination of information and resources in the face of crises.
- To collaborate with external partners, organizations, and experts involved in crisis response and relief.
- To establish mechanisms for efficient communication and collaboration between IUPsyS and its Membership in response to crises.
- To facilitate a structured dialogue with the membership of IUPsyS on the issuance of statements during crises.
- To meet on a need's basis, with the frequency of meetings to be determined by the co-chairs and in consultation with the members.
- To take minutes of meetings which shall form part of the reports submitted to the Officers.
- To undertake monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the Union's response to crises and draft a report summarising findings.

MANDATE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE IUPsyS OFFICERS/EC

The Work Group will be responsible for the above activities and shall report to the IUPsyS Officers.

REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

This Terms of Reference shall be effective as of November 15, 2023 and be reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.