

Objectives of the Inaugural Meeting

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A little background

Meeting Guidelines

- Work through the agenda as distributed (or as modified by the convenor).
- Minimum formality.
- Maximum discussion and interaction:
 - '½ time' presentations strongly encouraged.
 - participant interaction strongly encouraged.
- No insistence on any particular *a priori* objectives
 - only a suggested starting point that participants can modify, extend or enhance as they collectively see fit.

Proposal Concerning Meeting Objectives

1. Convenor's objectives

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2. Participants' views

Convenor's Broad Aim

"To bring together representatives of centres and initiatives from around the world to discuss data linkage methods, applications, the feasibility of comparable linked health data studies and to decide upon the future direction of the consortium."

Convenor's More Specific Objectives

“To identify principles to guide the development of the International Health Data Linkage Consortium during its formative phase in three particular ways:”

1. Purpose of the consortium.
2. How the purpose will be pursued.
3. How consortium members will work together.

Additional Suggestions re 'The Principles'

- Keep them short.
- Express them in general terms with illustrative examples.

Over to you !