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Scientific Strategy and Cohort Enhancement Working Group

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Strategic Directions

- Demonstrate that IHCC generates impactful science - Provide “proof of concept” that IHCC generates impactful science through ambitious scientific projects that require scale and diversity and improve health for all
- Make it possible for all cohorts to contribute to IHCC scientific challenges - Promote the development and/or adoption of policies and best practices and enhance cohort capabilities and competencies to improve the practice of collaboration



Specific Responsibilities

1. Oversee launch, execution, and close-out of scientific challenges
2. Design implementation protocol for scientific strategies
3. Coordinate with other working groups to address cohort capability/competency/policy/system gaps related to specific challenges



Action Ideas

- Facilitate existing pilot projects to completion
- Capture and learn from pilot project outcomes, including impact, collaborations, added value, capacity building, challenges/barriers
- Progress the IHCC-DAC collaboration
- Generate funding to (a) launch new projects and (b) extend pilot projects
- Engage LMIC/under-resourced cohorts to enhance participation
- Cross-linking of WGs to enable closer alignment



Breakout questions

1. How can we develop scientific project ideas that allow inclusion of a broader, more diverse set of cohorts?
2. How can we empower IHCC members to develop project ideas and apply for 'bottom-up' funding?
3. How can we capitalise on the industrial links that IHCC has built (e.g. assay providers, pharma partners etc)?