

Call for Collaboration International Alliance of AT Organisations

Information session for interested organisations

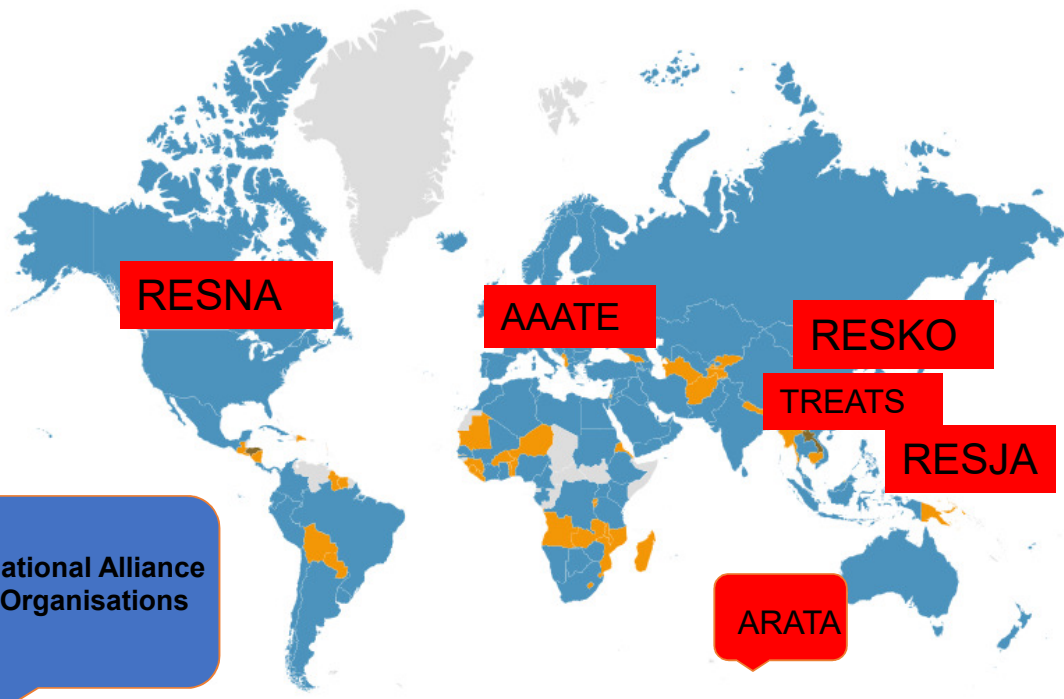
May 24th, 2019

9.00 AM CEST

repeated at 6 PM CEST

Agenda

- Roll call and introductions
- Briefing on history of the International Alliance and global context
- Brief visioning of the future
- Discussion
- Next Steps



International Alliance of Assistive Technology Organisations (IAATO)

A non- profit informal association of legally established membership organisations from different countries or world regions.

International Alliance of AT Organisations

2000 Tokushima Agreement
AAATE, ARATA, RESJA,
RESNA

2016 International Alliance of Assistive Technology Organisations (IAATO)
RESKO and TREATS joining

2019....

International Alliance of Assistive Technology Organisations (IAATO)

Mission

- Our Mission is to advance the field of assistive technology (AT) and rehabilitation engineering (RE) to benefit people with disabilities and functional limitations of all ages.
- As International Alliance members we are committed to working towards equitable and reliable access to assistive technology through research, policy advocacy, educating people and organisations within and outside of the field, teaching, training, and knowledge translation.
- To reach our mission we promote communication and information exchange, support each other's efforts, and speak with a more unified voice on international issues.

Growth

- Now it is time for this Alliance to grow further, to enlarge membership, to make the Alliance a resource for others aiming at similar goals and to increase its impact at global level.

Why?

- AT is increasingly an issue of global concern.
- Still many people that can benefit from it lack access to AT.
- AT is a typical area where we can learn from each other's experiences.
- Together we can support the development of standards, of training, of good practice, of policy.
- Together we can have more influence on choices of governments and international organisations

Proposed Structure

Full membership

Full membership is open to legally established membership organisations that recognize the role of Assistive technology (AT) and/or Rehabilitation engineering (RE) in improving the quality of life and well-being for people, in particular, people with disability or those who are aging.

They share the following characteristics:

- a. Advancing AT/RE is their main reason of existence and their main area of interest.
- b. They have an explicit non-for-profit interest in advancing AT/RE.
- c. They are membership organisations themselves; members may be individuals working with AT or independent institutions/organisations with interests in AT/RE from industry, services, research, academia, consumers of technology, national or international funders, or a mixture of these.
- d. They have at least 50 registered and voting members.
- e. They have an elected board that administers the organisation.
- f. They have a minimum of activities going on (e.g. training activities, conferences, publications, other member services)
- g. They represent AT/RE interests nationally, regionally, or globally to decision-making bodies, etc.

Candidate Membership

Organisations that have the ambition to become full members but that do not meet all the criteria for full membership yet, can apply for Candidate Membership.

Affiliate Membership

Affiliate membership is open to any interested membership organisation that conducts activities surrounding AT/RE, even if these are secondary to other activities, or commercial in nature.

Functioning

The Alliance will establish an annual work programme, based on the voluntary commitment of its **full and candidate** members:

- An annual call for commitments
- A procedure for Calls for collaborative work

An opportunity.....

- To give a new dimension to our efforts
- To increase the visibility and impact of our organisations
- To find partners for collaborative work
- To publish articles and reports and to disseminate these at international level
- To learn from each other (webinars, workshops)
- To network and enhance collaborations
- To develop projects as an Alliance or in smaller groups of members

Possible activities

- Events, such as conferences, workshops, seminars (F2F & remote)
- Collaborative projects/activities to support WHO/GATE and other global/international initiatives
- Collaborative contributions at conferences with a focus on international exchange and comparison
- Exchange of membership benefits (e.g. reduced conference fees, etc.)
- Other activities, as suggested by the members...

Affiliate members

Affiliate members and their members will have the possibility to attend the assemblies as observers.

Some membership benefits will be extended to affiliate members as well.

- reduced fees to events and learning opportunities
- participation in collaborative work upon invitation
- networking opportunities

Membership

- Ask for the membership form
- Complete it
- Send it back to hoogerwerf@aaate.net
- IAATO Board will assess applications and prepare a list of candidate members for the general assembly that will approve
- Board elections will be held in 2020. Until that moment the sitting board will manage the process of growth.

Envisaged fees

The annual membership fee is based on three criteria:

- type of membership
- number of members (3 categories)
- country of registration (LMH income country)

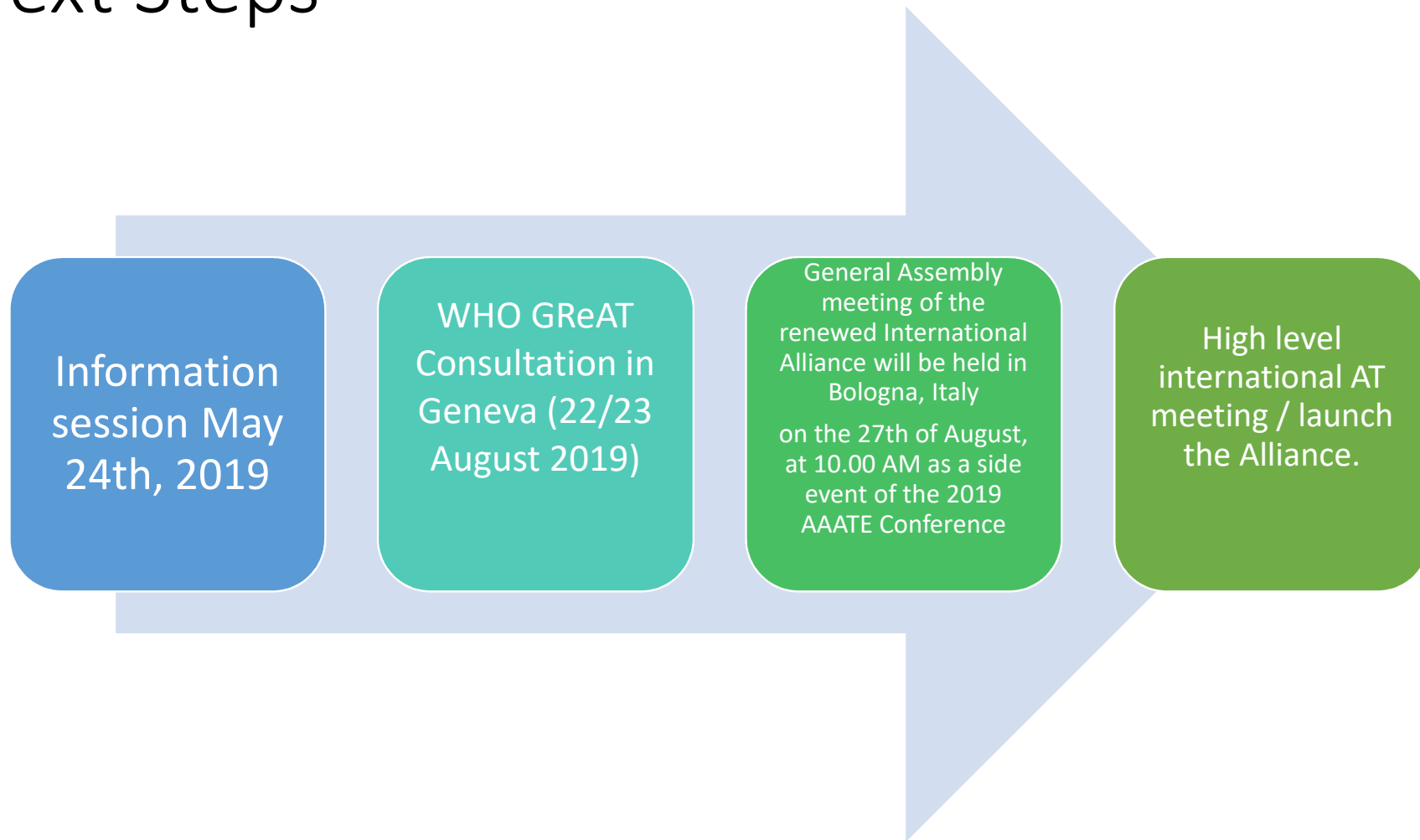
Range:

20 US\$ - 300 US\$

Use of fees: for logistic support and communication costs, etc.

Work is in principle done on a voluntary basis.

Next Steps



Q&A + Discussion

