

Dear colleague,

We are pleased to welcome your organisation as an official member of the <u>National Initiatives</u> <u>Forum</u>. This unique community of global genomics initiatives aims to empower knowledge exchange and collaboration as we pursue the common goal of advancing human health. This letter aims to help you get oriented within our growing community. Please never hesitate to reach out with ideas, questions, or suggestions so that we can best serve your needs.

Meetings

We aim to host 3-4 meetings per year — one in person alongside the annual GA4GH Plenary meeting and two to three virtual workshops — to strengthen international collaboration and advance our collective work. You will receive emails about all upcoming meetings as they are scheduled.

Online Discussions

NIF members will be added to the NIF Google Group and the NIF Slack channel — our two discussion platforms for advancing community discussion between meetings. If you would like additional members of your organization added to these platforms, please <u>send us</u> their contact information.

NIF Focus Areas

Our <u>focus areas</u> serve as the foundation for discussions and pilot projects within the NIF. We encourage you to review these areas and identify the ones that most align with your interests. If you believe there are important focus areas missing, we welcome your input—please email us with your suggestions.

We look forward to working with you!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us.

Sincerely,

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