# Methods and tools for Priority-setting for Health Authorities

Backgrounder – Strategizing national health in the 21st century: a handbook (WHO, 2016)

| Priority Setting method or tool | Summary |
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| **Situational Assessment:** "an assessment of the current situation … [that] is fundamental to designing and updating policies, strategies and plans". (WHO, Ch. 3, 1) | |
| Priority Setting & Decision-Making Framework Toolkit  *LHIN (2010)* | The framework toolkit involves a 4-step process for priority setting and an evaluation tool to weigh each priority. |
| National Registry of Evidence-Based Program and Practices De-Implementation Checklist  *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (n.d.)* | This checklist assists users in making the decision to discontinue an existing program. |
| Knowledge Translation Curriculum  *Campbell (2012)* | Module 2 of this resource gives users a comprehensive background to priority setting and explores different avenues for priority setting in service delivery vs. research. |
| **Priority setting overall process**: "activities that follow the situational assessment and proceed decision on resource allocation and planning". (WHO, Cp 4, viii ) | |
| Priority Setting of Health Interventions: Multicriteria Decision Analysis  *Baltussen & Niessen (2006)* | This priority setting method advocates for a multicriteria approach to increase fairness, rationality and transparency in priority setting decision making. |
| Priority Setting Checklist  *Public Health Ontario (2010)* | The PSCL tool is a priority setting checklist that can be used to prepare for the priority setting process, or as a reflection tool once priorities have been determined. |
| Supplemental resources | |
| **Overall Process** (see definition above) | |
| STP 3: Setting Priorities for Supporting Evidence-informed Policymaking  *Lavis et al. (2009)* | This article poses questions supplemented with examples to guide those setting priorities for finding and using research evidence to support evidence-informed policy making. |
| Steps on deciding whether and how to take action  *Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges (2021)* | Understanding problems/causes and selection options to address them for government policymakers. |
| **Situational analysis** (see definition above) | |
| Will It Work Here? A Decisionmaker's Guide to Adopting Innovations  *AHRQ (2008)* | A multi-purpose decision making tool appropriate for priority setting decision making. |
| **Communication:** "informing the public about priority-setting and engaging internal/external stakeholders". (WHO, Ch. 4, 55) | |
| STP 15: Engaging the Public in Evidence-informed Policymaking  *Lavis et al. (2009)* | This tool addresses strategies for engaging the media, civil society and the public to inform/support evidence-informed policymaking. |