

Sixty-second World Health Assembly

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18 May 2009

Programme of meetings for Monday, 18 May 2008

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other
10:00	First plenary meeting		
10:30			General Committee <i>Room XII</i>
14:30	Second plenary meeting		
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3		First meeting	

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Closing of the Health Assembly

A proposal, in accordance with the Director-General's consultation with the President of the Health Assembly and the Chair of the Executive Board, and meeting with Member States representatives on 7 May, will go before the General Committee to close the Health Assembly no later than Friday, 22 May 2009.

Personal mail

Delegates and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO are kindly requested to collect every day their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

* This number supersedes the preliminary number of the Journal issued on 12 May 2009. The programme of work is subject to decisions taken by the Health Assembly and the General Committee.

I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Monday, 18 May 2009

First plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 10:00

Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “N” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegates and other participants are kindly requested to take their seats a few minutes before 10:00.

- Item 1 **Opening of the Assembly**
- Item 1.1 – Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
- Item 1.2 – Election of the President of the 62nd World Health Assembly
- Item 1.3 – Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

General Committee¹

Room XII – 10:30

Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as:

- Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
- Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda
- Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda
- Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly
- Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Second plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 14:30

- **Presidential address**
- Item 1.4 – Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
 Document A62/1
- Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board
- Item 2 **Report of the Executive Board on its 123rd and 124th sessions**
 Document A62/2
- Item 3 **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**
 Document A62/3 (to be distributed on the following day)
- General discussion

¹ Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee.
Web link: <http://www.who.int/governance>.

First meeting of Committee A

- Item 10 **Opening of the Committee**
- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 12 **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.1 – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- Document A62/5

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Other
09:00	Third plenary meeting	Second meeting	
14:00			Committee on Credentials
14:30	Fourth plenary meeting		
After conclusion of Item 4 in Plenary		Third meeting	

Third plenary meeting **09:00**

- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Second meeting of Committee A **09:00**

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.1 (continued) – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- Document A62/5
- Item 12.2 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
- Document A62/6
- Item 12.3 – Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment
- Document A62/7

Committee on Credentials **14:00**

Fourth plenary meeting **14:30**

- Item 4 **Invited speaker**
- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Third meeting of Committee A**After conclusion of Item 4 in Plenary**

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.4 – Primary health care, including health system strengthening
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolutions EB124.R8 and EB124.R9 and
 Annex 7; and A62/8
- Item 12.5 – Commission on Social Determinants of Health
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R6, Annex 7; and A62/9
 and A62/9 Add.1

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
09:00	Fifth plenary meeting			
After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary		Fourth meeting	First meeting	
14:30		Fifth meeting	Second meeting	
17:30				General Committee

Fifth plenary meeting**09:00**

- Report of the Committee on Credentials
- Item 5 **Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**
- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Fourth meeting of Committee A**After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary**

- Item 11 **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011**
 Documents A62/4, A62/4 Add.1, A62/4 Add.2 and A62/4 Add.3
- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.6 – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development
 Goals
 Document A62/10

First meeting of Committee B**After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary**

- Item 13 **Opening of the Committee**
- Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 14 **Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east
 Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**
 Documents A62/24, A62/INF.DOC./1, A62/INF.DOC./2 and
 A62/INF.DOC./3

Fifth meeting of Committee A**14:30**

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- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.6 – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
 Document A62/10
- Item 12.7 – Climate change and health

Second meeting of Committee B**14:30**

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- Item 15 **Programme and budget matters**
- Item 15.1 – Programme budget 2006–2007: performance assessment
 Document A62/25

General Committee**17:30**

To draw up the list for the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board and review the programme of work

Thursday, 21 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B
09:00	Sixth plenary meeting		
Immediately after Plenary adjourns		Sixth meeting	
Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A			Third meeting
14:30		Seventh meeting	Fourth meeting
17:00	Seventh plenary meeting		

Sixth plenary meeting**09:00**

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- Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

Sixth meeting of Committee A**Immediately after Plenary adjourns**

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- Item 11 (continued) **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010–2011**

 To consider appropriation resolution for financial period 2010-2011
- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Third meeting of Committee B**Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A**

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- Item 15 **Programme and budget matters**
- Item 16 **Audit and oversight matters**

 Report of the Internal Auditor

Item 17 **Financial matters**

Item 18 **Staffing matters**

Seventh meeting of Committee A

14:30

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

For conclusion of any items remaining open

Fourth meeting of Committee B

14:30

Item 17 (continued) **Financial matters**

For conclusion of any items remaining open

Seventh plenary meeting

17:00

Item 7 **Awards**

Item 6 **Executive Board: election**

Friday, 22 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B
09:00		Eighth meeting	Fifth meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B	Eighth plenary meeting		

Eighth meeting of Committee A

09:00

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Fifth meeting of Committee B

09:00

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Ninth meeting of Committee A

14:30

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B

14:30

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Eighth plenary meeting

Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B

Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

Item 9 **Closure of the Assembly**

II. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Health Assembly:

Monday, 18 May 2009

08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the African Region <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–09:00 Room IX	Meeting of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health
08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
08:30–09:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
08:30–10:00 Room XII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
09:00–09:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
11:00–12:00 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of the Caribbean countries
12:00–14:00 Room XVII	High-level Consultation on Influenza A(H1N1) <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room IV	Meeting of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

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08:00–09:00 Room XXIV	Meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Caucus of Health Ministers
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08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
12:30–14:00 Room IV	"The ePORTUGUÊSE network and country cooperation"
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
13:00–14:30 Room IX	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: "Medicines transparency and good governance in Jordan"

17:30–19:00 Room IV	Inter-African Committee meeting. "Local knowledge: a community asset enhancing health promotion capacity and outcomes"
17:30–19:00 Room IX	Public Services International. "Learning from the financial crisis – why governments not markets are key to achieving health care for all". <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room XXII	Alzheimer's Disease International: "The global impact of dementia"

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08:00–09:00 Room VII	CMC Churches' Action for Health and Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network: "A call to action: stimulating local and global actors to respond to the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance". <i>By invitation only.</i>
08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>
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08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
08:30–09:00 Room XXIII	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
11:00–13:00 Room IV	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Gulf Cooperation Council States
13:00–15:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-Aligned Movement <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room IX	Stichting Health Action International: "From education to regulations: innovative tools for the rational use of medicines"
17:30–19:00 Room XII	Impact of the economic and financial crisis on global health <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
18:00–20:00 Room VIII	UNITAID briefing on HIV/AIDS medicines patent pool <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm endemic countries <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>

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13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
17:00–18:00 Room IX	Briefing on Global Fund West and Central Africa Constituency. <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room VIII	Médecins Sans Frontières: "Access to medicines – new solutions?"
17:30–19:00 Room VII	Telemedicine as a means to enhance Universal Access to Quality Health Services <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	WHO meeting on "The role of civil society in primary health care renewal" <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>

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III. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Mexico
South Africa
Thailand
United States of America
China
Czech Republic (The delegate of the Czech Republic will speak on behalf of the European Union)

Jordan (The delegate of Jordan will speak on behalf of the Arab Health Ministers Council)

Kenya
Bangladesh
Brazil
Australia
Norway
Islamic Republic of Iran
Nigeria
Myanmar
Canada
Viet Nam
Greece
Egypt
Zimbabwe
Maldives
Cuba
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Afghanistan
Angola
Sri Lanka
Paraguay
Malaysia
Georgia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Burkina Faso
Bhutan
Argentina
Brunei Darussalam
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Morocco
Seychelles
Indonesia
Peru
Japan
Turkey
Pakistan
Côte d'Ivoire
Nepal
Uruguay
New Zealand

Spain
Djibouti
Plurinational State of Bolivia
Papua New Guinea
Monaco
The Gambia
Kazakhstan
Finland
The Philippines
Israel
Madagascar
Sweden
Serbia
France
Belgium
Cyprus
Uzbekistan
Iceland
Portugal
Belarus
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Malta
Ukraine
The Republic of Moldova

Nicaragua (The delegate of Nicaragua will speak on behalf of the group of Countries of the Central American Subregion: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama)

Grenada (The delegate of Grenada will speak on behalf of the group of Countries of the Caribbean Subregion – CARICOM: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago)

Peru (The delegate of Peru will speak on behalf of the group of Countries of the Convenio Hipolito Unanue Subregion: the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela)

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
African Union Commission
Chinese Taipei

IV. Announcements

Lounge and business centre

- A special lounge is available for Ministers of Health in Hall XIV at the back of the Assembly Hall.
- A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for word processing and photocopying needs.

Internet and wireless connection

Open access to wireless connection is available in the Serpent Bar on the first floor of the E building and between Doors XIII and XV on the ground floor of the A building.

- World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://www.who.int/gb/e/index.html>

WHO information products on sale

- The WHO bookshop located at the Palais des Nations between doors 13 and 15 welcomes the delegates of the World Health Assembly. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 17:00. The WHO bookshop at WHO Headquarters is also open to delegates from 9:00 to 16:30.

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