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## Sixty-second World Health Assembly

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### Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 19 May 2009

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other <i>Room VII</i>
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	
18:00		Fourth meeting	

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## I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

### Third plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 09:00

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Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

### Second meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

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

Item 12.2 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)  
Document A62/6

Item 12.3 – Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment  
Documents A62/7 and A62/7 Add.1

Item 12.1 (continued) – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits  
Documents A62/5 and A62/5 Add.1

### Committee on Credentials

Room VII – 14:00

### Fourth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 14:30

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Item 4 **Invited speaker**

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

### Third meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – After conclusion of Item 4 in Plenary

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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, 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

### Fourth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 18:00

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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  
Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R5, Annexes 1 and 7 and A62/11

Item 12.8 – Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action  
Documents A62/16, A62/16 Add.1, A62/16 Add.2, A62/16 Add.3

## Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
09:00	Fifth plenary meeting			
On commencement of item 3 in plenary		Fifth meeting	First meeting	
14:30		Sixth meeting	Second meeting	
17:30				General Committee

### Fifth plenary meeting

09:00

- Report of the Committee on Credentials
- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

### Fifth meeting of Committee A

On commencement of item 3 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/A/Conf.Paper No.1
- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.8 (continued) – Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action  
Documents A62/16, A62/16 Add.1, A62/16 Add.2, A62/16 Add.3

### First meeting of Committee B

On commencement of item 3 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, A62/24 Add.1, A62/INF.DOC./1, A62/INF.DOC./2, A62/INF.DOC./3 and A62/B/Conf.Paper No.1

### Sixth meeting of Committee A

14:30

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.9 Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis  
Documents A62/20, and A62/20 Add.1

### Second meeting of Committee B

14:30

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

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		Seventh meeting	
Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A			Third meeting
14:30		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting
17:00	Seventh plenary meeting		

### Sixth plenary meeting

09:00

Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

### Seventh meeting of Committee A

Immediately after Plenary adjourns

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**

Item 12.9 (continued) Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis

### Third meeting of Committee B

Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A

Item 15 (continued) **Programme and budget matters**

Item 16 **Audit and oversight matters**

Report of the Internal Auditor

Item 17 **Financial matters**

Item 18 **Staffing matters**

### Eighth meeting of Committee A

14:30

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

Item 12.10 Progress reports on technical and health matters

**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		Ninth meeting	Fifth meeting
14:30		Tenth meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B	Eighth plenary meeting		

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

For conclusion of any items remaining open

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Fifth meeting of Committee B****09:00**

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Tenth 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. Report of meetings

### First plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Leslie Ramsammy (Guyana)  
President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly

Later: Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva (Sri Lanka)  
President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly

### Item 1

#### **Opening of the session**

Dr Leslie Ramsammy opened the Sixty-second World Health Assembly and welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, the special guests: Mr Serguei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations Office (UN) in Geneva, Mr Pierre-François Unger, Counsellor of State, Head of the Department of Social Action and Health of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, and officials of the Republic, Canton, City and University of Geneva, and of agencies of the UN system, as well as representatives of the Executive Board.

The President called on Mr Serguei Ordzhonikidze, representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who addressed the Assembly.

The President then gave the floor to Mr Pierre-François Unger, Counsellor of State, Department of Social Action and Health, of the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

The President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly made a statement.

### Item 1.1

#### **Appointment of the Committee on Credentials**

On proposal of the President, and in accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedures, the Assembly appointed the Committee on Credentials constituted by the delegates of the following 12 Member States:

Albania	Greece
Andorra	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Belize	Maldives
Brunei Darussalam	Mozambique
Cape Verde	Oman
Chad	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of )

### Item 1.2

#### **Election of the President**

In accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, as revised through WHA resolution WHA61.11 the President invited the Health Assembly to consider the list of names of delegates proposed for the nominations of President and five Vice-Presidents of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure, the Health Assembly approved the nomination of Mr Nimal Siripala de Silva (Sri Lanka) and elected him as President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly by acclamation. Mr Nimal Siripala de Silva took the chair.

## First plenary meeting (resumed)

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Item 1.3

### **Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee**

The President invited the Health Assembly to consider the proposals received for the nomination for the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Dr Oscar Ugarte Ubilluz (Peru)

Mr André Mama Fouda (Cameroon)

Dr Lars-Erik Holm (Sweden)

Dr A. Y. Rasa'a (Yemen)

Dr Amenta Matthew (Marshall Islands)

were elected Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly by acclamation.<sup>1</sup>

Committee A: Dr Fernando Meneses González (Mexico) was elected chairman by acclamation.

Committee B: Mr Stephen McKernan (New Zealand) was elected chairman by acclamation.

In accordance with Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegates of the following 17 countries were elected members of the General Committee, along with the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the main Committees:

Afghanistan	France
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau
Bangladesh	Kenya
China	Russian Federation
Costa Rica	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Swaziland
Cuba	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Czech Republic	United States of America
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## Second plenary meeting

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In the chair: Mr Nimal Siripala De Silva (Sri Lanka)  
President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly

Later: Dr Oscar Ugarte Ubilluz (Peru)  
First Vice-President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly

The President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly opened the second plenary and addressed the Assembly.

Item 1.4

### **Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees**

The President reported that the General Committee considered a proposal from the Director-General, prepared in consultation with the President of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly, the Chair of the 124th session of the Executive Board and Member States, for a shortened duration of the Health Assembly. The General Committee agreed to postpone discussion of the following items of the provisional agenda contained in document A/62/1 as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> The names of the five Vice-Presidents are shown in the order in which they were drawn by lot.

- Provisional agenda items proposed for consideration by the 126th session of the Executive Board in January 2010:
  - 12.14 Strategic approach to international chemicals management
  - 12.16 Food safety
  - 12.17 Viral hepatitis
- Provisional agenda items proposed for consideration by the Sixty-third World Health Assembly:
  - 12.8 WHO's role and responsibilities in health research
  - 12.9 Counterfeit medical products
  - 12.10 Human organ and tissue transplantation
  - 12.12 Chagas disease: control and elimination
  - 12.13 Strengthening the capacity of governments to constructively engage the private sector in providing essential health-care services
  - 18.1 The election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization
  - 19 Management matters, partnerships
  - 20 Collaboration with the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations.

The President also reported on the General Committee's decision to keep provisional agenda item 12.15 (renumbered as item 12.9) "Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis". This item will be considered by Committee A.

The President then reported that the General Committee recommended that the following items be deleted from the provisional agenda as there were no corresponding items of business to deal with under them: item 5, "Admission of new members and associate members" and item 17.6 "Assessment of new members and associate members". The Health Assembly agreed to this proposal.

The provisional agenda was adopted as amended. These changes will be reflected in document A62/1 Rev.1.

The President presented the General Committee's recommendation to close the Sixty-second World Health Assembly on Friday 22 May. This recommendation was accepted by the Health Assembly.

Item 2

### **Reports of the Executive Board on its 123rd and 124th sessions**

The Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, Sir Liam Donaldson, gave his report.

Item 3

### **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**

The Director-General presented her report on the work of WHO.

The President announced that Members who wished to make suggestions regarding the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board should do so not later than 16:00 on Tuesday, 19 May 2009. These should be submitted to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly.



– General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Impact of the economic and financial crisis on global health”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Mexico and the delegate of South Africa (who spoke on behalf of the countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)). These speakers were followed by the delegates of Thailand, the United States of America, China, Czech Republic (who spoke on behalf of the European Union), Jordan (who spoke on behalf of the Arab Health Ministers Council), Kenya, Bangladesh, Brazil, Australia, Norway, Greece, Nigeria, Finland and Canada.

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**First meeting of Committee A**

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Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 10

**Opening of the Committee**

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Mphu Ramatalapeng (Lesotho) and Dr Mohammed Bin Hamad Bin J Al-Thani (Qatar) Vice-Chairmen, and Ms Sevim Aydin (Turkey) Rapporteur.

Item 12

**Technical and health matters**

One delegation proposed the creation of working groups to discuss the issues raised under agenda item 12. This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

Item 12.1

- Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

The agenda item was opened and one delegation took the floor. At the request of the Chairman, the Legal Counsel provided further explanations.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Chair of the *Intergovernmental meeting on pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits* informed the Committee of the outcome of the meeting that took place on 15-16 May 2009.

The floor was opened for discussion and 28 delegations took the floor.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to the representative of the International Organization for Migration who made a statement. The Chairman then gave the floor to the observer of Chinese Taipei.

The Chairman then invited the Secretariat to respond to the issues raised.

It has been decided that this agenda subitem remain open pending further consideration of the report.

### III. Other meetings

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

#### Tuesday, 19 May 2009

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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>
08:00–09:00 Room XXIV	Meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Caucus of Health Ministers
08:15–08:45 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>
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>
08:15–08:45 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>
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>

#### Thursday, 21 May 2009

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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>
08:15–08:45 Room XIV	International Health Partnerships and related Initiatives (IHP+) signing ceremony (Niger)
08:15–08:45 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>
08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
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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>

#### Friday, 22 May 2009

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#### IV. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Indonesia  
Viet Nam  
Myanmar  
Zimbabwe  
Maldives  
Cuba  
Republic of Korea  
Russian Federation  
Afghanistan  
Portugal  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
Paraguay  
Malaysia  
Georgia  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  
Burkina Faso  
Bhutan  
Argentina  
Brunei Darussalam  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
Peru  
Japan  
Turkey  
Pakistan  
Nepal  
Uruguay  
New Zealand  
Spain  
Djibouti  
Plurinational State of Bolivia  
Samoa (The delegate of Samoa will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries)  
Israel  
The Gambia  
Kazakhstan  
Egypt  
The Philippines  
Monaco  
Madagascar  
Sweden  
Serbia  
France  
Belgium  
Cyprus  
Uzbekistan  
Iceland  
Angola  
Belarus  
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela  
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)

Senegal  
Equatorial Guinea  
Cameroon  
Rwanda  
The Congo  
Chile  
Ghana  
Togo  
The Democratic Republic of the Congo  
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
African Union Commission  
Malta  
Holy See  
Chinese Taipei

## V. Announcements

### Lounge and business centre

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