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Programme of meetings for Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>	Other
09:00	Fifth plenary meeting			
On commencement of item 3 in plenary		Fifth meeting		
Immediately after plenary adjourns			First meeting	
14:30		Sixth meeting	Second meeting	
17:30				General Committee <i>Room XII</i>
18:30		Seventh meeting		

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125th session of the Executive Board, Saturday 23 May 2009

Following the decision to shorten the duration of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly, and for practical purposes, the 125th session of the Executive Board will be held at the Palais des Nations in Salle XVIII. The Executive Board will open on Saturday 23 May 2009 at 9:30. Please note the following administrative arrangements:

Credentials: Delegates are reminded to send their credentials to the Office of the Governing Bodies (Fax No. 022 791 4173), as soon as possible.

Documents: Specific pigeon holes for Executive Board Members' documentation are located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations.

Registration: Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the registration desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais, on Friday, 22 May, from 10:00 to 17:00.

Registration on Saturday, 23 May, will take place at WHO/HQ, from 07:30 till the end of the session.

I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Fifth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 09:00

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- Report of the Committee on Credentials
Document A62/42
 - Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Fifth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – On commencement of item 3 in plenary

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- **Draft first report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A62/48, containing one resolution entitled:
 - *Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment*
 - Item 11 **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011**
Documents MTSP/2008–2013 (Amended (draft)), PPB/2010–2011, A62/4, A62/4 Add.1, A62/4 Add.2, A62/4 Add.3 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.1
 - Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
 - Item 12.5 – Commission on Social Determinants of Health
Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R6, Annex 7; and A62/9
 - Item 12.6 – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
Document A62/10

First meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – Immediately after plenary adjourns

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- 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 Corr.1, 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

Room XVIII – 14:30

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- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
 - 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 and A62/16 Add.3 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.4

Item 15 **Programme and budget matters**

- Item 15.1 – Programme budget 2006–2007: performance assessment
Document A62/25

If time permits

- Item 15.2 – Implementation of Programme budget 2008–2009: interim report
Documents A62/26, A62/26 Corr.1 and A62/43

General Committee**Room XII – 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

Seventh meeting of Committee A**Room XVIII – 18:30**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 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.3
- Item 12.1 – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
Documents A62/5 and A62/5 Add.1 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No. 2
- Item 12.4 (continued) – Primary health care, including health system strengthening
Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolutions EB124.R8, EB124.R9 and Annex 7; A62/8, A62/A/Conf.Paper No.5 and A62/A/Conf.Paper No.6
- Item 12.10 – Progress reports on technical and health matters
Document A62/23
- A. Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication (resolution WHA61.1)
 - B. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)
 - C. Malaria, including proposal for establishment of World Malaria Day (resolution WHA60.18)
 - D. Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors (resolution WHA59.12)
 - E. Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections (resolution WHA59.19)
 - F. Strengthening of health information systems (resolution WHA60.27)
 - G. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)
 - H. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
 - I. Rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)
 - J. Better medicines for children (resolution WHA60.20)
 - K. Health technologies (resolution WHA60.29)
 - L. Multilingualism (resolution WHA61.12)

Thursday, 21 May 2009

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

Sixth plenary meeting

09:00

Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

Eighth 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

Documents MTSP/2008–2013 (Amended (draft)), PPB/2010–2011, A62/4, A62/4 Add.1, A62/4 Add.2 and A62/4 Add.3

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

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

Documents A62/20 and A62/20 Add.1

Item 12.10 (continued) – Progress reports on technical and health matters

Document A62/23

Third meeting of Committee B

Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A

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

Item 15.2 Implementation of Programme budget 2008–2009: interim report

Documents A62/26, A62/26 Corr.1 and A62/43

Item 16 **Audit and oversight matters**

Report of the Internal Auditor

Documents A62/27 and A62/45

Item 17 **Financial matters**

Item 17.1 Unaudited interim financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2008

Documents A62/28, A62/28 Corr.1, A62/44 and A62/INF.DOC./4

Item 17.2 Interim report of the External Auditor

Documents A62/29 and A62/46

- Item 18 **Staffing matters**
- Item 18.1 Human resources: annual report
 Document A62/34
- Item 18.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
 Document A62/35
- Item 18.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolutions EB124.R15 and EB124.R16 and
 A62/36
- Item 18.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
 Document A62/37
- Item 18.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee
 Document A62/38

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

- Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**
- Item 12.10 (continued) Progress reports on technical and health matters
 Document A62/23

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

- Item 17 (continued) **Financial matters**
- Item 17.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in
the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7
of the Constitution
 Documents A62/30 and A62/47
- Item 17.5 Scale of assessments 2010–2011
 Document A62/31
- Item 17.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules
 Documents EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R10 and A62/32

Seventh plenary meeting **17:00**

- Item 7 **Awards**
 Document A62/41
- Item 6 **Executive Board: election**

Friday, 22 May 2009

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

Tenth 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

Eleventh 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

Third plenary meeting

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

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

The Health Assembly resumed general discussion under item 3 of the agenda and the President invited the delegate of Indonesia to the rostrum, followed by the delegates of Viet Nam, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Maldives, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Afghanistan, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Paraguay, Malaysia, Georgia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cameroon (who spoke on behalf of the 46 Member States of the African Region), Bhutan, Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Peru, Japan, Turkey, Nepal, Uruguay, New Zealand, Spain, Samoa (who spoke on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries), Israel, the Gambia and Kazakhstan. The meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 12 **Technical and health matters**

Item 12.2 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman opened this subitem and invited comments from the floor on document A62/6. Thirty-three delegations spoke.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to a representative of the European Commission who made a statement. The floor was then given to the observer of Chinese Taipei.

The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee was invited to note the report contained in document A62/6.

Item 12.3 – Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

The Chairman opened this subitem and drew the Committee's attention to the draft resolution contained in document A62/7. He then gave the floor to 30 delegations, five of whom suggested amendments to the draft action plan and one who suggested amendments to the draft resolution.

In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to representatives of two nongovernmental organizations who made statements.

The Chairman suggested that the subitem remain open for consideration at the next meeting of Committee A.

Fourth plenary meeting

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

Later: Mr André Mama Fouda (Cameroon)
Second Vice-President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly

Item 4

Invited speaker

The President welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly, Mr Ban Ki Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. Mr Ban Ki Moon has been working to strengthen the UN system and has reached out to foundations, research centres, civil society and the private sector to help build partnerships to advance the cause of global public health.

The President then welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly, Mrs Sarah Brown, Patron of the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood. Mrs Sarah Brown has been working to establish a network of national and international champions for the issue of maternal health, focusing on international support to reduce the number of maternal and infant deaths.

Item 3 (continued)

– General discussion

General discussions continued with speakers from the Philippines, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Monaco, Madagascar, Sweden, Serbia, France, Cyprus, Uzbekistan, Iceland, Angola, Belarus, Nicaragua (who spoke on behalf of the group of Countries of the Central American Subregion: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Grenada (who spoke 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, the Congo, Togo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Rwanda, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the African Union Commission, the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta and Chinese Taipei.

Third and fourth meetings of Committee A

Chairman: Dr F. Meneses González (Mexico)

Item 12 (continued)

Technical and health matters

Item 12.3 (continued)

– Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

The Chairman reopened this subitem and invited the Secretariat to respond to the issues raised during the second meeting of Committee A.

The Secretariat then read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution contained in document A62/7, which was approved, as amended.

Item 12.4

– Primary health care, including health system strengthening

The debate opened with consideration of the draft resolutions EB124.R8: Primary health care, including health systems strengthening and EB124.R9: Traditional medicine, contained in document EB124/2009/REC/1.

The floor was opened for discussion and 46 delegations took the floor, 10 of whom suggested amendments to the draft resolutions.

In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Chairman gave the floor to a representative of the European Commission to make a statement. The floor was then given to the observers of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Chinese Taipei. In accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, representatives of seven nongovernmental organizations were invited to make statements.

One delegation took the floor after which the Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

The Chairman proposed that the agenda item remain open for consideration at a subsequent meeting once the revised versions of both draft resolutions are available to Committee members.

III. Other meetings

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

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

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 XVI	"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

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 XXIV	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
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
13:00–14:00 Room IX	National global health policy instruments. Examples discussed in a panel by Brazil, Switzerland, Thailand and the United Kingdom
13:30–14:30 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
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	"Roundtable on eHealth: Universal access to health services in the information age" <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	"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

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

Djibouti
Belgium
Chile
Iraq
Colombia
Yemen
Eritrea
Sao Tome and Principe

V. Announcements

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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