
Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 3. Outcome of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the eighteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held on 16 and 17 May 2013.

5. WHO reform

The Secretariat will report to the Board on the following aspects of governance reform: internal governance related to streamlining the work of the governing bodies; external governance related to WHO's engagement with non-State actors; and WHO's role in global health governance. In addition, an updated version of the high-level reform implementation plan, which incorporates the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit, and a progress report on reform implementation will be presented.

6. Technical and health matters

6.1 Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders

At the request of a Member State, this report describes the need for comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders and the current health sector response as part of a comprehensive global response to address mental health conditions. The Board is invited to note the report.

6.2 Psoriasis

At the request of a Member State, this report describes the global burden of psoriasis and outlines effective strategies within health and social sectors to address psoriasis. The Board is invited to note the report.

6.3 Improving the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons

At the request of two Member States, the report outlines some challenges to the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and proposes ways to address these challenges both in the context of broader health determinants and in relation to the responsiveness of health systems. The Board is invited to consider the report.

6.4 Evaluation of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: report by the Secretariat

This report by the Secretariat suggests an approach to undertake the evaluation and programme review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, given the requirement by the Health Assembly for biennial reporting of progress in implementation in addition to the comprehensive evaluation of the strategy to be undertaken after four years that was stipulated in the plan of action. In addition, the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to conduct an overall programme review of the global strategy and plan of action to the Health Assembly in 2015 through the Executive Board. The Executive Board is requested to note the report and endorse the suggested approach for the evaluation exercise.

7. Management and financial matters

7.1 Evaluation: annual report

In line with decision EB131(1) and the Evaluation Policy adopted therein, the Office of Internal Oversight Services reports annually to the Executive Board through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee on progress in the implementation of evaluation recommendations. Pending the full operationalization of the policy in the 2014–2015 biennium, the document prepared describes the Secretariat's current activities in implementing the evaluation policy. The Board is requested to note the report.

7.2 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

This is a standing item.

7.3 Corporate risk register

The Secretariat committed to provide a first corporate risk register to the Executive Board in May 2013, following discussion of the matter by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its seventeenth meeting, and the noting of the Committee's report on that subject by the Board.¹

7.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

7.5 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal

In 2010, in line with decision EB126(1), the Executive Board appointed the first five members of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee. Since three of its five members were appointed for a non-renewable four-year term from January 2010 to January 2014, there is a need for the Executive Board to decide on the Director-General's proposals in time to conduct the appointment of the three new Committee members who will start their term of office in January 2014.

8. Staffing matters

8.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

This is a standing item.

¹ See document EB132/43, paragraph 76.

8.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General are submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2. The Board is requested to consider the revisions and a draft resolution.

9. Amendments to the Statutes of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel has prepared a revision of the financing mechanism of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize. In line with Article 10 of the Statutes of the Foundation, the Panel will submit the proposed revision to the Executive Board for its approval.

10. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

In compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General submits to the Board for its consideration her report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and her observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

11. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

This is a standing item.

12. Closure of the session

Note:

1. *At their consultation with the Director-General on 2 April 2013, convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Officers of the Board made the following recommendations on the draft provisional agenda that had been transmitted to Member States for comment on 19 February 2013.*

- Having considered the proposals for the deletion of item 6.3 "Improving the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons", as well as the statements of position provided on the matter, on behalf of the Member States of the African Region and the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the Officers of the Board decided to refer the issue to the Executive Board at its first meeting in May 2013, as the action proposed falls under the Board's purview.*
- To convey to the Executive Board the proposal by the Secretariat to remove item 7.4 of the draft provisional agenda "Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]", on the basis that no amendments had been proposed for the Board to consider.*
- To include one additional item proposed by the Secretariat under agenda item 7. Management and financial matters, entitled "Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal". The Officers of the Board commented that this was a welcome proposal to support timely discussion of the membership of this important body and to support the making of such appointments in a transparent manner.*

No proposals for additional items were received from Member States by the deadline of 20 March 2013.

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