Provisional agenda (annotated)

1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

3. Outcome of the Sixty-eighth 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 twenty-second meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held on 14 and 15 May 2015.

5. Financing dialogue

By decision WHA66(8), the Health Assembly established a financing dialogue on the financing of the programme budget. The Secretariat will submit a report to update the Executive Board on efforts to achieve the objective of a fully funded programme budget, and on plans for the second financing dialogue.

6. Technical and health matters

6.1 Newborn health: draft accountability framework

By resolution WHA67.10 the Health Assembly endorsed the newborn health action plan and requested the Director-General, inter alia, to monitor progress and report, periodically until 2030, to the Health Assembly on progress towards achievement of the global goal and targets using the proposed monitoring framework to guide discussions and future actions. The Secretariat will submit a report to the Executive Board to update members on plans for monitoring progress.

6.2 Mycetoma

At the request of a Member State, the Secretariat will submit a report to the Executive Board on this disease, which commonly affects young adults, particularly men aged between 20 and 40 years, mostly in developing countries, and in respect of which there is massive lack of health education and scarcity of medical care, control and prevention in areas where it is endemic. The Board is requested to note the report.

7. WHO guidelines: development and governance

At the request of a Member State, the Secretariat will submit a report to the Executive Board in order to enable members to review the process for the development, updating and approval of WHO guidelines.

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1 Item added to the provisional agenda of the Executive Board at its 137th session by the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly at its first plenary meeting.
8. **Management and financial matters**

8.1 **Strategic budget space allocation**

In decision EB136(5), the Executive Board requested the Working Group on Strategic Budget Space Allocation to further develop operational segment 1 (technical cooperation at country level) taking into consideration the issues raised during the 136th session of the Executive Board with regards to the proposed methodology, the choice of appropriate indicators and availability of data, and written comments submitted by Member States to the Secretariat by 28 February 2015, and to report to the Executive Board at its 137th session in May 2015.

8.2 **Evaluation: annual report**

In line with decision EB131(1) and the evaluation policy adopted therein, there is an annual report on evaluation to the Executive Board through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee. The report describes progress made in the implementation of the evaluation policy, the lessons learnt from evaluations, and the Organization-wide evaluation work plan for 2014–2015. The Board is requested to note the report.

8.3 **Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies**

This is a standing item.

9. **Staffing matters**

9.1 **Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations**

This is a standing item.

9.2 **Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]**

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, and draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Executive Board**

This is a standing item.

12. **Closure of the session**

**Note:**

*In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General transmitted the draft provisional agenda to Member States for comment on 18 February 2015. No proposals for additional items were received from Member States by the deadline of 18 March 2015.*