

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**
- 4. Outcome of the Seventieth World Health Assembly**
- 5. 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-sixth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held on 18 and 19 May 2017.

6. Technical and health matters

6.1 Eradication of malaria

The Secretariat will present a draft WHO position statement on malaria eradication for consideration by the Executive Board in order to clarify the Organization's current position as the Strategic Advisory Group undertakes its work over the next two years. The Eighth World Health Assembly in Mexico City, in 1955 adopted resolution WHA8.30 in which, for the first time, WHO was given the responsibility of taking the initiative in the implementation of a programme whose objective was the worldwide eradication of malaria. The global strategy of malaria eradication had thus come into being. In 1969, in resolution WHA22.39, the Health Assembly reaffirmed "that the complete eradication of malaria from the world remains a primary task of national public health organizations and that even in the regions where eradication does not yet seem feasible, control of malaria with the means available should be encouraged and may be regarded as a necessary and valid step towards the ultimate goal of eradication." More recently, capitalizing on renewed interest in malaria eradication, WHO convened a Strategic Advisory Group on malaria eradication that will address potential strategies for achieving malaria eradication.

6.2 Rheumatic heart disease

At the request of Member States, the Secretariat will submit a report on rheumatic heart disease, which despite being preventable is a serious public health problem in low- and middle-income countries and in marginalized communities in high-income countries, including indigenous populations. The report will discuss the prevention, control and elimination of the disease – an objective that is increasingly being recognized as a development issue – and will give details of the barriers to progress and the Secretariat's response. The Board will be invited to note the report.

7. Management and governance matters

7.1 Governance reform: follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016)

Further to the Officers' proposals submitted to the Executive Board at its 140th session and the Board's discussion thereon, this report will present a set of proposed criteria and associated factors to guide the Officers in their consideration of items for inclusion on the provisional agenda of the Board, as well as a prioritization tool to facilitate their use. The Board will be invited to consider endorsing these criteria and factors, together with the prioritization tool.

7.2 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

In resolution WHA65.15 (2012), the Health Assembly decided, inter alia, that "an evaluation, open to all Member States, will be conducted by the Executive Board within one year from the appointment of the next Director-General of the World Health Organization, to assess the efficacy of the revised process and methods, in order to discuss any need for further enhancing fairness, transparency and equity among the Member States of the six regions of WHO". The WHO Evaluation Office will present a proposal for the conduct of this evaluation by the Executive Board.

7.3 Evaluation: annual report

In line with decision EB131(1) (2012) and the evaluation policy adopted therein, an annual report on evaluation is presented to the Board through the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee. The report will describe progress made in the implementation of the evaluation policy and the Organization-wide evaluation workplan for 2016–2017, and documents organizational learning linked to the findings and recommendations of recent evaluations. The Board will be invited to note the report.

7.4 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]

7.5 Hosted partnerships

In decision EB132(10) (2013), the Executive Board requested the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board, inter alia, to ensure that the arrangements for hosted health partnerships are regularly reviewed on a case-by-case and timely basis in respect of their contributions to improved health outcomes, WHO's interaction with individual hosted partnerships, and the harmonization of their work with the work of WHO; and to make recommendations for the consideration of the Board, as appropriate, through a standing item on the subject on the Board's agenda.

- Report on hosted partnerships

The Secretariat will provide the Board with a general update on hosted partnerships.

- Review of hosted partnerships

The Secretariat will provide the Board with a report on the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research in the context of the periodic review of arrangements for hosted health partnerships mentioned above.

- Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]

7.6 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

This is a standing item.

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

8. Staffing matters

8.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

This is a standing item.

8.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General to implement the provisions of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/244 (2015), relating to the extension of the mandatory age of separation to 65 for staff appointed before 1 January 2014, are submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2.

9. Amendments to the Statutes of the Sasakawa Health Prize [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 their 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:

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 28 February 2017. No proposals for additional items were received from Member States by the deadline of 23 March 2017.

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